

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **GLOBAL**

**DEVELOPMENT** - Developing and transition economies were the source of most of the global foreign direct investment (FDI) last year, with 70 per cent of their investments flowing to other emerging economies, according to a new report by the United Nations agency that promotes the integration of developing countries into the world economy.

## **AFRICA**

**EDUCATION** - Countries in sub-Saharan Africa have been increasing expenditure on education by six per cent every year over the past decade, but many are still lagging in efforts to provide children with quality primary education, the United Nations agency tasked with promoting universal education says in a report.

**HEALTH** - Eleven African countries have slashed malaria deaths by more than 50% and additional countries are on track to do the same, Liberian President and World Bank President write. Africa still accounts for more than 90% of malaria-related deaths, but three-quarters of those most at risk of infection had access to insecticide-treated bed nets by the end of 2010.

**LIBYA** - Tens of thousands of African migrants fleeing from the conflict in Libya into northern Niger and Chad need urgent help but there is no infrastructure to manage the influx into the small border towns, the International Organisation for Migration says. Hundreds of thousands of sub-Saharan Africans have been working for years in Libya, mainly as low-paid labourers in the oil industry as well as in agriculture, construction and as domestic servants

## **ASIA & PACIFIC**

**FOOD** - Domestic food price inflation in developing Asia averaged about 10 percent in the first two months of 2011, while international prices were up more than 30 percent in annual terms, the Manila-based ADB said in a report. A sustained 10 percent rise in domestic food prices could push an additional 64 million people - or nearly 2 percent of Asia's 3.3 billion people - below the poverty line of \$1.25 a day.

**BANGLADESH** - The Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord has yet to be fully implemented, with human rights violations continuing more than a decade after it was signed in December 1997 says the UN.

**INDIA** - Poor women in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh are again turning to traditional village moneylenders as a result of the crisis among the country's private micro-credit companies, which are facing legal repercussions after accusations of abusive lending practices that the state government attributes to at least 93 suicides of borrowers.

## **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

**GUATEMALA** - Poverty, lack of access to education and taboos about sexuality have hampered campaigns for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS among indigenous communities in Guatemala.

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