

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **GLOBAL**

**UNITED NATIONS** - Fiscal austerity measures being adopted by governments to combat the global economic downturn are heaping misery upon the world's poor, especially children, who already are suffering from food, fuel and financial shocks, according to a study by the United Nations Children's Fund.

**HEALTH** - A United Nations-backed scheme that delivers vital immunizations to those who need them the most announced today that it will provide funding for 37 more developing countries to introduce vaccines against the two leading causes of death among children – diarrhoea and pneumonia.

**WATER** - Competing claims on major river basins in Africa, Asia and Latin America may prevent those regions from ramping up food production to meet demand over the coming decades, according to a report from water experts. The basins could help provide sustainable increases to food production that would double current available supply.

## **AFRICA**

**KENYA** - Flash floods in northwest Kenya are hampering the delivery of emergency relief aid to thousands of pastoralists hard hit by a severe drought there, say officials.

**SUDAN** - UN agencies are warning that newly independent South Sudan will face chronic food shortages next year due to internal and border insecurity, erratic rains and a huge influx of returnees from the North.

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