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GLOBAL

DEVELOPMENT - Countries around the globe are celebrating the arrival of the world's 7 billionth person as the United Nations uses today to symbolically mark the milestone. Population experts warn the rapid expansion and aging of the global population put strains on resources and governments should work together to promote sustainable consumption and development.

CLIMATE CHANGE caused by human activity is behind a surge in severe weather events around the world, according to a draft report being reviewed by scientists for the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Heat waves, floods and other natural disasters are likely to increase, the report warns.

HEALTH - The successful manufacture of a new, semi-synthetic form of artemisinin by a public-private partnership in northern California is projected to make global treatment for malaria more reliable, and affordable, as early as next year. Shortages of the ingredient in malaria drugs, extracted primarily, until now, from sweet wormwood, a fernlike plant grown mostly in China and Vietnam, have also meant shortages in first-line medicines.

AFRICA

EDUCATION - African teachers share their thoughts on the accomplishments and challenges their countries face in increasing education services as part of this Guardian feature on development. Education is a prominent component of the Millennium Development Goals with targets on enrollment in primary school and reducing illiteracy.

UGANDAN men have been seeking medical male circumcision in droves since the government launched a national policy in 2010, but the health system is not equipped to handle the caseload, slowing down the potential HIV prevention benefits of the campaign.

SWAZILAND's economic crisis has forced the government to put on ice the agricultural input scheme that has made the survival of many subsistence farmers and their families less precarious on communal Swazi Nation Land, where 70 percent of the 1.1 million population live.

ASIA

THAILAND - Weeks of flood threats during one of Thailand's most destructive monsoon seasons on record have given residents in the capital of more than eight million people time to prepare for the worst.

MIDDLE EAST

YEMEN - The political upheaval in Yemen has made it harder for ordinary people to find enough food to eat, raising the prospect of increasing malnutrition, a top official in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation said.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

JAMAICA - The success Jamaican farmers have had growing vegetables in greenhouses over the past several years has meant that the environmentally vulnerable country, which imports more than half its food, is even considering exporting food grown in the greenhouses.

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