



# NEWS BULLETIN



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## GLOBAL

**DEVELOPMENT** - After nine months of consultations, the UN High Level Panel on determining the world's post-2015 development agenda has issued a report calling for a path to sustainable development which will transform the lives of the very poorest.

**HEALTH AND DISEASE** - The H7N9 bird flu virus may be capable of spreading from human to human and can be transmitted not only through direct contact but also through airborne exposure, researchers at the University of Hong Kong have found.

**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION** - The world is still not doing enough to protect people from disasters and prevent them happening, despite taking steps in the right direction in recent years, senior officials tell an international conference in Geneva.

## AFRICA

**JOB** - Although Africa's economy has expanded rapidly in recent years, it has not kept pace with the growth of its youth population or their need for jobs.

**GUINEA-BISSAU**'s chronic political turmoil is depriving children of quality education. Access to education remains low, learning is often disrupted by teachers' strikes and the country spends the lowest portion of its budget on education in West Africa.

**NAMIBIA** already the driest country in sub-Saharan Africa, is experiencing a severe drought, with some regions receiving the lowest seasonal rainfall in three decades, according to figures released by the country's meteorological service this week.

**SAHEL Region** - Northern Nigeria's grain trade, which supplies almost half of the Sahel's cereals, has slowed severely, while abnormally high prices of staple grains across the Sahel are causing serious food security concerns in this chronically vulnerable region.

**SUDAN** - About 300.000 people have fled their homes due to a surge in fighting in Sudan's Darfur region this year and are now living in terrible conditions and short of food, the United Nations aid chief says.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**MYANMAR** - Aid workers are calling for better health access for an estimated 140,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Myanmar's western Rakhine State.

## MIDDLE EAST

**SYRIA** - Many women in Syria, displaced by more than two years of conflict and living in common shelters, do not want to get pregnant. Yet, the UN Population Fund estimates that a quarter of a million women in Syria and in refugee settings will become pregnant by the end of the year, due in part to a lack of access to birth control, as the Syrian health system breaks down.

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