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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - Armed conflict is depriving 28 million children of an education worldwide, yet donors are failing to provide funds for more schooling, a UN report says. In total 67 million children are out of school. But in countries suffering insecurity and conflict, it is the fear of children being raped on their way to school or bombed in the classroom that keeps millions away, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization says.

CLIMATE CHANGE - Climate envoys will begin work on implementing agreed measures to combat climate change - such as the Green Climate Fund - even though the future of the Kyoto Treaty remains uncertain, said Christiana Figueres, head of the United Nations climate secretariat. Governments have so far failed to agree on an extension of the Kyoto Treaty, which expires in 2012.

AFRICA

EAST AFRICA - East African environmental specialists have questioned new research that concludes that that climate change will bring increased drought, rather than more rain, to the region. The new research, predicts that the droughts common in eastern Africa over the past 20 years are likely to continue if global temperatures rise further.

NIGERIA - Minister of State for Education, has re-echoed the determination of Federal Government to continue promoting awareness on HIV/AIDS among school children as he also commended Global Fund's efforts in promoting HIV/AIDS Education in primary and secondary school levels world-wide.

TANZANIAN authorities are bracing for increased occurrences of malaria in the country's southern highlands as warmer weather associated with climate change and environmental degradation help bring the disease into areas previous unaffected by the disease. Malaria cases in some districts increased 25% between 2006 and 2009.

ASIA & PACIFIC

NEPAL - The United Nations World Health Organization has declared Nepal polio-free following a six-month period of no reported infections.

MIDDLE EAST

Several Middle Eastern countries such as Iraq and Yemen are unlikely to achieve the education-for-all Millennium Development Goals by 2015 because of insecurity and conflict, according to a new report by the UNESCO.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

BRAZIL - Thousands of women farmers in Brazil demonstrated this week against the use of toxic weedkillers and pesticides on crops and in favour of agricultural techniques that protect their families' health.

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