

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## GLOBAL

**UNITED NATIONS** - Women remain second-class citizens in too many countries, deprived of basic rights or legitimate opportunities, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said, calling on universities to help in the fight to overcome discrimination and change perceptions about what women can and should do.

**HEALTH** - A fruit sugar bait could be used to sharply reduce mosquito populations and the spread of malaria in certain semi-arid parts of the world, researchers have found. The sugars are required for healthy mosquito breeding and can serve as a strong lure to poison the pests in places where such nutrients are otherwise rare.

**HIV/AIDS** - Progress towards an HIV-free generation has been slow, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, as he released a report on achievements in combating HIV and AIDS in the past three decades.

## AFRICA

**BURUNDI** - Hundreds of Burundians living with HIV/AIDS recently staged a demonstration in the capital, Bujumbura, to protest against a lack of treatment.

**GHANA** - Health officials in Ghana are worried the rainy season, due to start in April, will fuel the spread of cholera, which has killed at least 69 people and stricken more than 5,000 in the past few months.

**TANZANIA** - As thousands of people flock to the north of Tanzania in search of a popular herbal "miracle" cure, authorities are urging HIV-positive people to continue taking their antiretroviral medication.

## LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**HAITI** - Security is nearly nonexistent for the many thousands of women and girls living in Haiti's homeless encampments. Rapists prey with impunity as police rarely patrol unlit, sprawling camps.

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