



News Bulletin

■GLOBAL

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (Goal 3) - While the goal of gender equality is embraced by almost all countries, the perception that men are - and should be - favoured in employment and education remains widespread, especially in poor nations or predominantly Muslim countries.

CLIMATE CHANGE- Environmental scientists are calling on policy-makers to help vulnerable communities adapt to climate change, rather than focus resources on reducing carbon emissions alone.

HEALTH - Fish nets join mosquito nets against malaria - New drugs to fight malaria may well lie at the bottom of the ocean, according to researchers studying over 2,500 samples from marine organisms collected at depths of over 900 metres. They have already found 300 that contain substances that can kill the parasite.

■AFRICA

Africa Region - A new study has challenged widely held assumptions about income level in relation to HIV, finding that neither wealth nor poverty are reliable predictors of HIV infection in Africa.

KENYA - Efforts to upgrade one of the largest slums in Africa remain in limbo because of legal action, leaving hundreds of families wondering when they will be able to quit their "temporary" apartments.

SOMALIA - Heavy fighting in the northern areas of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, has trapped many residents in their homes, with some unable to bury their dead, civil society sources said on 6 July.

WEST AFRICA - Another food crisis is unfolding in West Africa's arid Sahel region, putting 10 million people at risk of hunger. Preventing such a scenario, or even better, avoiding it altogether, would be a noteworthy goal.

■ASIA

SRI LANKA - Decades of fighting between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and the Sri Lankan government battered the tourism industry, but a year after the war ended, tourists are returning in record numbers and efforts are being made to lure visitors to the worst-hit north to rebuild the economy.

■MIDDLE EAST

IRAQ - Turkish and Iranian shelling of rebel positions in northern Iraq has forced hundreds of Iraqi Kurdish families out of their border villages into tent camps, local officials said on 5 July.

OPT - Thousands of Palestinian refugee children in the Gaza Strip are unable to receive adequate education, according to the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA).

■LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

LAC Region - Nine million more people have fallen into poverty in Latin American and Caribbean countries since the global financial crisis struck, threatening the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the 2015 deadline, according to a report released by 18 UN agencies.

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