



# News Bulletin

## ■GLOBAL

WFWO is pleased to share with you the launch of the Human Development Report 2010 by the United Nations Development Programme on 4 November 2010. The **Human Development Report 2010** "The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development" will be launched at the United Nations by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, UNDP Administrator Helen Clark, and Nobel laureate Amartya Sen. The 2010 Human Development Report's lead author, Jeni Klugman, will present its main findings, including its revealing review of global development data and trends of recent decades, and the introduction of new human development indices.

**ENVIRONMENT** - From creating mass markets for solar water heaters to planting trees and protecting forests, the United Nations Environment Programme will be releasing 30 case studies in the run up to the UN climate convention in Mexico to prove that solutions to combat Climate Change are available, accessible and replicable.

**HIV/AIDS** - Donor countries and private corporations pledged a record US\$11.7 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria at the end of a funding conference in New York on 5 October, allowing another two million people access to HIV treatment by 2015, but still falling short of the amounts organizers had hoped to raise.

## ■AFRICA

**HORN OF AFRICA** - A booming trade in livestock has thrived for more than two decades between Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, despite rampant insecurity in the former and drought in the latter two, a testimony to resilience in extreme circumstances.

**SUDAN** - Darfur, described recently by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as still "dangerous, difficult, not stable", is among the world's most challenging environments for humanitarian workers.

**ZIMBABWE** - Rampant corruption in the provision of life-prolonging antiretroviral (ARV) drugs and other HIV services is threatening Zimbabwe's national AIDS response according to a recently released report by a local human rights group.

## ■ASIA

**INDONESIA** - Relief agencies are bracing for more floods after flash flooding and mudslides in eastern Indonesia killed at least 80 and injured another 90 on 4-5 October.

**PAKISTAN** - More than 2 million Pakistanis are expected to be stricken with malaria in the coming months as mosquitoes hatch in the standing pools of water that still remain after floods devastated the country. The United Nations has requested more than \$2 billion in aid to deal with this and other issues, but only about a third of the amount has been raised.

**THAILAND** - Seven years ago, rice farmers in northeastern Thailand agreed to the dredging and widening of the Lampaniang River by 15m - allegedly to improve irrigation and mitigate monsoon flooding.

## ■MIDDLE EAST

**YEMEN** - Tribal conflicts, roadblocks, hijacking and unexploded mines are hindering effective aid delivery to thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Al-Jawf governorate, say aid workers and community leaders.

## ■LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**HAITI** - Property owners across Port-au-Prince are increasingly putting pressure on earthquake survivors to evacuate tent camps, with more than 144,000 people reporting eviction threats since March. Humanitarian organizations have appealed to the Haitian government to issue a moratorium on evictions to prevent conflict, but property owners say they are tired of waiting for the government to resettle people.

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