



# News Bulletin

## ■GLOBAL

HIV/AIDS - New modelling has offered governments and donors a glimpse into the future of HIV epidemics - and what it will cost to prevent and treat them. Researchers warn of hard choices ahead and a need for some countries to take more responsibility for their national programmes.

HEALTH - The World Health Organization is increasing efforts to address mental health issues around the world, creating new tools such as diagnosis and treatment guides for medical care providers in developing countries, WHO chief says. Public health experts believe about 75% of people in poor and middle income countries grappling with mental health issues go without treatment as a result of social stigma, ignorance and a lack of funding for programs.

ENVIRONMENT - Pollution levels from a red sludge spill in Hungary have declined and the Danube, one of Europe's longest rivers, has suffered no damage, a spokesman for Hungarian disaster crews said.

## ■AFRICA

CONGO - Congolese forces have moved into the southern Pool region, which witnessed several civil wars between 1998 and 2003, in a move aimed at helping to restore state control ahead of plans to rehabilitate basic infrastructure, say officials.

KENYAN authorities revealed that more than 1,000 teachers from across the country have been fired in the past two years for sexually abusing schoolgirls. Ahmed Hussein, a senior government official from the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, told that most cases had occurred in rural primary schools and involved students aged between 12 and 15.

LIBERIA - "Voice for the voiceless" is the slogan adorning the walls of Liberia's first and Africa's second radio station for women. The Liberia Women Democracy Radio (LWDR), claims it wants to advance women and promote change. In a country trying to rebuild itself after 14 years of civil war in which women bore the brunt of the violence, they remain the most vulnerable group in society.

MALAWI - In Malawi, if both a girl and boy are born into a poor family, it will naturally be the boy in whom all the financial resources are invested.

UGANDAN health workers are concerned by the growing number of HIV-positive teens who are abandoning their HIV treatment after turning to bogus religious leaders.

## ■ASIA

PAKISTAN - It was meant as an appeal to generous souls, but a suggestion for a one-time tax to help raise funds for Pakistan's millions of flood victims has instead reminded many Pakistanis of their country's faulty tax system.

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