

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **AFRICA**

**ANGOLA** - Angolan refugees living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are on their way home. The refugees fled Angola during the civil war in the south-west African country which ended almost a decade ago.

**ETHIOPIA** - Regional authorities in southern Ethiopia are working with humanitarian and development groups to end the tribal practice of killing children deemed "mingi," cursed. Superstitious villagers believe physical deformity or being born of an illegitimate relationship turns a child into a beacon for evil spirits.

**UGANDA** - To small-scale farmers, this year is likely to rank among the worst as their returns continue to nosedive due to escalating costs of inputs among others. Uganda has experienced high food prices since this year began, with prices of some commodities like sugar, fish and milk rising by over 200 per cent, as the inflation rate has risen to a record 30.5 per cent.

**TANZANIA** - Food prices will continue to rise in the country due to absence of remedial measures to control environmental degradation, the UN in Tanzania has said.

## **ASIA**

**BANGLADESH** has built its first disaster-resilient settlement, designed to minimize damage during natural disasters.

**CAMBODIA** - Nearly 3 million insecticide-treated mosquito nets were distributed Monday in Cambodia in the first stage of a three-pronged effort by the country's government to eliminate malaria by 2025.

**MYANMAR / THAILAND** - While the Burmese government has re-opened a key border checkpoint between Thailand and Myanmar to accommodate thousands of migrants fleeing Thailand's flooded factories, undocumented - and now unemployed - migrants face extortion and abuse as they try to return home, according to migrants and activists.

## **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

**BRAZIL** - The Brazilian government is extending its fight against hunger to the world stage, by inaugurating a Centre of Excellence Against Hunger to transmit its positive experiences to other developing countries with the help of United Nations agencies.

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