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GLOBAL

FOOD SECURITY - Population growth, rising affluence, water shortages and climate change are combining to create unprecedented pressure on the world's food supply - pressure that is likely to play out both as slow rises in hunger and as famines linked to extreme weather events, a leading agriculture expert says.

AFRICA

CAR - The precarious security situation in the Central African Republic (CAR) is worsening seasonal food insecurity and increasing the burden of disease, especially among children, warns a humanitarian official.

KENYA - The Kenyan government is planning to introduce large-scale irrigation in the country's dry lands to improve food security and unlock agricultural potential - but critics have blasted the US\$170 million scheme as unviable, and a threat to the pastoralist economy.

SUDAN - South Sudan marks two years of independence today, but the millions who continue to face displacement, hunger, disease and extreme poverty will be hard pressed to find any reason to celebrate.

UGANDA - A deteriorating food security situation in Uganda's northeastern region of Karamoja could affect an estimated 1.2 million people, according to reports from the government and aid agencies.

ZIMBABWE - Funds for the male circumcision programme in Zimbabwe are lying idle, as the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare says not enough men are coming forward to use the service, which was launched as part of an HIV-prevention package.

ASIA & PACIFIC

NEPAL - Landslides in Nepal are the country's costliest and most deadly type of natural disaster, but their management is still seen as low priority, say experts.

TIMOR LESTE - Greater efforts are now needed to tackle the many challenges women face in accessing health care in Timor-Leste, which has one of the highest maternal mortality ratios (MMR) in the world, experts say.

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