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GLOBAL

CLIMATE - Rising carbon dioxide emissions will cause a global average temperature rise of 2 degrees Celsius by 2052 and a 2.8 degree rise by 2080, as governments and markets are unlikely to do enough against climate change, the Club of Rome think tank has said. Failing to tackle climate change in the first half of this century will put the world on a dangerous track to warming in the second half, the Switzerland-based body said in a report.

HIV/AIDS - The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has announced that it will have US\$1.6 billion more to invest in life-saving programmes between 2012 and 2014.

AFRICA

GHANA has taken a major step towards reducing its under-five mortality rate by becoming the first African country to introduce two new vaccines for rotavirus and pneumococcal disease.

KENYA - About 3,000 households in the semi-arid Yatta region of Kenya have organized to conserve water and invest in dry-land farming. They have eliminated hunger and the need for food aid.

NIGER - The ranking comes in the charity's annual index (SdC) which compares conditions for mothers in 165 countries. It considers a number of factors including health, education, economic status and nutrition.

SENEGAL - Aid groups have been raising funds for Senegal hunger victims since the new president, Macky Sall, publicly acknowledged the food crisis that is affecting some 810,000 people. Locally grown crops are being touted as a option to combat child malnutrition in the country.

ASIA & PACIFIC

NEPAL - The Nepalese government has launched an ambitious plan to curb the spread of malaria in high-risk parts of the country, where some 3,000 people were infected last year.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

BRAZIL plans to build at least 20 major hydroelectric projects in the Amazon basin over 10 years, spurring environmental concerns and resistance from laborers and indigenous peoples.

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