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GLOBAL

HEALTH and DISEASE - Scientists have found an alarming number of cases of the lung disease tuberculosis in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America that are resistant to up to four powerful antibiotic drugs. TB is already a worldwide pandemic that infected 8.8 million people and killed 1.4 million in 2010.

AFRICA

CHAD - Tens of thousands of people have been affected by flooding in parts of central, eastern and southern Chad following heavy rains in August. Thousands of hectares of crops and hundreds of houses have also been destroyed.

KENYA - Thousands of people have been displaced in parts of Kenya's Rift Valley Province as floodwaters continue to submerge houses and schools and destroy crops.

SOUTH SUDAN - Five decades of war and upheaval in South Sudan has had an inevitable impact on education - almost three-quarters of adults in the world's newest country are unable to read or write.

UGANDA - The government of Uganda has launched a vaccination campaign against cervical cancer - the most common type of cancer among Ugandan women - but there are already fears a nationwide rollout might be jeopardized by lack of funds.

ASIA & PACIFIC

HEALTH - Most countries in Asia have yet to make the rotavirus vaccine part of their national immunization programme (NIP), despite a World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation to do so.

BANGLADESH - Children in Bangladesh who have been abandoned by their parents are vulnerable to traffickers, but tackling the problem is hampered by the lack of data on missing children, say aid workers.

MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL / OPT - An increasing number of Palestinian citizens of Israel are moving to Ramallah in the West Bank in search of jobs, education or what they perceive as a more congenial environment.

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