

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## GLOBAL

**FOOD SECURITY** - A new report by ONE Campaign encourages the Group of Eight world's largest economies to do more to support investments in agriculture in 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Central America in order to alleviate hunger and malnutrition among an estimated 50 million people.

## AFRICA

**MALARIA** - Abruptly discontinuing cotrimoxazole - an antibiotic used to prevent opportunistic infections in HIV-positive people - can lead to a higher incidence of malaria and diarrhoea compared with patients who keep on taking the drug, a new study has found.

**KENYA** - A mix of cultural practices, such as early and forced marriage, as well as child labour, are depriving girls of education in the Dadaab refugee complex in eastern Kenya.

**MALI** - One week after the regions of Gao, Kidal and Timbuktu in northern Mali were captured by rebel and Islamist groups, many Malians are trapped and have limited access to food and other basic necessities, while aid operations remain largely suspended.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**BANGLADESH** - Decades of successive governments of Bangladesh, working in tandem with development organizations, have done a great deal, in part through microlending, and lately through the growing garment industry, to improve the lives of women nationwide, notably through expanded access to health care and basic education.

**PAKISTAN** - A quarter of a million Pakistanis are in desperate need of food, water and medicine after being forced to flee their homes due to intensified fighting between the army and militants near Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, a leading aid group warns.

**SRI LANKAN** health personnel have reported a three-fold increase in the number of recorded dengue fever cases in the first quarter of this year.

## LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**MEXICO** - Vertical gardens are helping to transform notoriously polluted Mexico City into a leader in reduced levels of ozone, and other pollution, in the developing world. Citizen-driven efforts, such as eco-sculptures, are combining with government policies that, since the 1980s, have shuttered toxic factories and expanded bicycle and public transportation.

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