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GLOBAL

MALNUTRITION - Governments, businesses and civil society have committed to spending more than \$4 billion at a summit in London to help end global malnutrition among the world's poorest children, as well as agreeing new targets for improving nutrition.

CLIMATE CHANGE - Climate change is likely to worsen floods on rivers such as the Ganges, the Nile and the Amazon this century while a few, including the now-inundated Danube, may become less prone, a Japanese-led scientific study says.

AFRICA

CAR - More than 15,000 people living with HIV in the Central African Republic had their life-prolonging antiretroviral (ARV) treatment interrupted as a result of the instability before, during and after the 24 March coup by the rebel group. NGOs are now struggling to ensure these people resume their regimens to reduce the risk of illness, drug resistance and death.

DR CONGO - The Orientale province in the Democratic Republic of Congo has been hit by malaria and measles epidemics, which have left over 140 people dead.

NIGERIA's military offensive against Islamist militants in its northeast has forced more than 6,000 refugees - mostly women, children and the elderly - to flee to neighbouring Niger, the UN refugee agency says.

SIERRA LEONE - As the fleeting storms of May give way to the persistent downpours of June, the National Cholera Taskforce in Freetown, Sierra Leone, is working to prevent a repeat of last year's cholera outbreak.

SUDAN - Around 60,000 people are thought to be mining gold in South Sudan, using the bare hands they once used to harvest crops. In the new nation's east, where poor rains have caused widespread hunger, women, children and the elderly have joined the hordes of people seeking their fortune through this back-breaking labour.

UGANDA is struggling to resolve a countrywide shortage of blood caused by interruptions in the supply of blood donor kits and testing reagents.

ASIA & PACIFIC

REFUGEES - An increasing number of refugees in Jordan have returned to Syria in recent weeks, abandoning the harsh life of a refugee camp for Syrian villages short of bread and safety.

THAILAND - With more than 40 deaths and almost 40,000 cases of dengue fever reported in Thailand so far this year, health experts are warning this could be the largest-ever epidemic.

TIMOR LESTE - An increase in new, higher-yield seed varieties is helping some rural communities produce more food in Timor-Leste, but greater support is still needed, aid agencies say.

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