

# NEWS BULLETIN



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## GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon commented on the protests in Egypt. "With respect to Egypt, I once again make a call for restraint, nonviolence and respect for fundamental freedoms and human rights," he said.

DEVELOPMENT - Business and government leaders attending the annual Davos World Economic Forum have called for increased efforts to help the world's poor rebound from the effects of the recent global financial crisis. Rising food prices and unemployment have triggered protests across Asia and the Middle East.

HEALTH - A suite of new tools against malaria will be needed to fulfil the ambitious new goal of total eradications, according to a report by 250 scientists published this week.

## AFRICA

Africa Region - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today highlighted the success achieved by the African Leaders Malaria Alliance in saving thousands of lives across the continent, saying it offers a good model for tackling other social ills.

COTE D'IVOIRE - Health experts and residents say poor hygiene exacerbated by growing piles of rubbish is largely to blame for a dry-season cholera outbreak in Côte d'Ivoire's main city of Abidjan, which has killed eight people of 41 infected.

KENYA - AIDS activists are demanding a full apology from a Kenyan cabinet minister who recently suggested that isolating HIV-positive people may be the way to eradicate the pandemic.

TANZANIA - As local and foreign investment is concentrated in the urban areas, hundreds of thousands of young Tanzanians are leaving the rural areas annually to seek employment in the towns.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN - Tens of thousands of the internally displaced persons in Afghanistan are vulnerable to cold-related diseases but have little or no access to health services, according to aid agencies.

## MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT - Large-scale protests across Egypt since 25 January have led to deaths and injuries, food and petrol shortages, and transport chaos.

## LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

BRAZIL - Mothers' milk banks that are helping reduce infant mortality in Guatemala and are starting to be set up in Africa as well form part of the numerous social technologies developed by Brazil that are driving the fast growth of its international development cooperation.

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