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GLOBAL

HEALTH - Vaccination efforts worldwide are raising hopes that polio, like smallpox, could be eradicated. Still, whereas a massive, well-funded program in India reaches some 172 million children, kids also at risk in neighboring Pakistan are difficult to reach, complicating the fight against the disease.

AFRICA

Africa region - Developing countries like Kenya will achieve higher growth by moving into what is known as Green Economy, a new UN report says. The model challenges a long-held view that developing countries may not industrialise without large-scale environmental pollution.

ANGOLA - The deputy governor of Luanda for social affairs, said that HIV/AIDS currently is one of the biggest obstacles to development and is a "serious" threat to progress and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

KENYA - Billions of shillings from developed countries are expected to end up in the hands of small scale farmers in Kenya as the world shifts attention to agriculture as the next frontier in the campaigns against climate change.

NIGERIA - Climate expert has alerted that women, children, the physically challenged and the poor in Nigeria would suffer the severe consequences of landslides, floods and other climate-induced weather outcomes unless urgent measures are taken to address, in advance, all issues raised in a recent prediction of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency.

SUDAN - Only 37 percent of Sudan's population has access to clean water, making it extremely hard to grow food, and give families the resources they need to live. This problem is particularly acute in the southern area of Sudan, which is mostly desert with temperatures reaching over 120 degrees in the dry season. Now that southern Sudan has broken away from the north, getting citizens access to clean water poses even more challenges.

ZIMBABWE's government recently announced that the country had run out of the critical painkiller morphine. It was just the latest development in a debilitating health care crisis that has seen hospitals turn away patients because of drug shortages.

ASIA & PACIFIC

VIETNAM's inflation rate is among Southeast Asia's highest and its population is struggling to keep up with sharp increases in food, fuel and electricity prices.

MIDDLE EAST

Middle East Region - Egyptian charities and international organizations have stepped up efforts to deliver aid to people affected by the growing humanitarian crisis in Libya, where violence has forced hundreds of thousands to flee to neighbouring countries.

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