

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## GLOBAL

**URBAN POVERTY** - The world's rapid urbanisation means hundreds of millions of children are not getting even their most basic needs met, the United Nations children agency has warned in a report. Children in slums and poor urban communities lack access to clean water, sanitation and education, as services struggle to keep up with fast urban growth, has said the aid agency's flagship State of the World's Children report which this year focuses on urban poverty.

## AFRICA

**BURKINA FASO** - With nearly 20,000 Malian refugees now in Burkina Faso, according to Burkina Minister of Communications, and up to 800 more crossing the border each day, the government says it urgently needs more help.

**BURUNDI** - Hundreds of families forced from their homes in the 1990s, as well as former refugees, who are living in informal settlements on the outskirts of Bujumbura, the capital, are seeking a lasting shelter alternative to cramped temporary sites.

**CAMEROON** - Drought-hit Cameroon is seeing a fall in government income as a result of climate change as food imports grow and harvests and income from exports falls.

**HORN OF AFRICA** - Drought is likely to return to Somalia and other parts of the Horn of Africa over the next three months, say regional climate scientists meeting in the Rwandan capital, Kigali. The forecast comes just weeks after the UN declared the Somali "famine" over.

**SUDAN** - Aid agencies have called on Sudan to urgently extend a looming deadline for up to 700,000 southern Sudanese to quit the country, with one rights group warning it could create a "logistical nightmare and humanitarian catastrophe".

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**AFGHANISTAN**'s decade-long conflict has forced more than half a million people to flee their homes, many of whom are at risk of disease, hunger and possible death in city slums across the impoverished country.

**CAMBODIA** - Thousands of Cambodian flood survivors are now, "drowning" in debt after flooding that affected more than 10 percent of the population.

**PHILIPPINES** - Children growing up in the poorest urban areas in the Philippines are increasingly worse off than those in rural regions and face greater risks from natural disasters, exploitation and HIV, the United Nations's children agency has warned.

## LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**HAITI** - Efforts to resettle homeless Haitian quake survivors to new housing or to repaired homes has been hampered by political uncertainty, poor coordination and a cholera epidemic, along with age-old land tenure problems.

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