

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **GLOBAL**

**HEALTH** - A new report by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon released Thursday found progress in combating HIV/AIDS worldwide to be promising, yet inadequate to meet the needs of the 33.3 million people estimated to be living with HIV in 2009.

**TECHNOLOGY** - Farmers in the developing world need information about environmental factors more than ever in light of the growing influence of climate change. Cellphones, as well as other mobile technologies, provide a potentially powerful platform for the dissemination of such information, according to a report.

## **AFRICA**

**GHANA** - Health officials in Ghana are worried the rainy season, due to start in April, will fuel the spread of cholera, which has killed at least 69 people and stricken more than 5,000 in the past few months.

**MALAWI** - Post-partum haemorrhage is the leading cause of maternal mortality worldwide, according to the UNWHO. A decade of applying research to midwifery practice in one Malawi district demonstrates that PPH is quite easy to prevent.

## **ASIA & PACIFIC**

**DISASTER** - Two back-to-back earthquakes in Japan and Myanmar, which left more than 27,000 people dead and thousands more injured, underscore the need for greater disaster preparedness in the region, experts say.

**FOOD** - High food prices prevented more than 19 million people in the Asia-Pacific region from lifting themselves out of poverty last year, the United Nations said in a new study released today, warning that soaring food and fuel inflation will keep large sections of the region's population below the poverty threshold.

## **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

**ARGENTINA** - Governments, environmentalists and private companies have just under four years to establish joint management of 43 protected areas on Argentina's Atlantic coast, one of the world's most productive and best preserved biomes.

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