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GLOBAL

FOOD AND HUNGER - The world can feed itself with less food output than previously forecast if it turns to sustainable farming, cuts waste and stops excessive consumption, the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation says.

HEALTH - A global initiative to rid the world of polio launch an emergency action plan because gaps in funding and vaccination coverage threaten to derail a final push towards stamping out the paralyzing disease.

CLIMATE CHANGE - More than 180 countries have agreed on an agenda for work on a new climate treaty by 2015 at United Nations climate talks, breaking a deadlock over procedure, but mistrust remains that could threaten progress for the rest of the year.

AFRICA

CHAD - The world must act now to save thousands of children at risk of dying from malnutrition in Chad, an aid agency warns, adding that the window for helping is rapidly closing.

KENYA - Clashes between two communities in western Kenya's Rift Valley Province have led to the displacement of thousands of people, the closure of several schools and calls for the government to beef up security.

MALI - Malian refugees fleeing conflict in the north of their country face tough conditions on arrival in neighbouring Burkina Faso and Niger with shortages of food aid, water and shelter affecting thousands of people, Refugees International says.

SAHEL - The next three weeks will be crucial in bringing much needed relief to about 18 million people facing hunger across eight countries in West Africa, the United Nations' humanitarian chief warns.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

COLOMBIA - Acid attacks by men against women are more commonly reported in Pakistan and Bangladesh, but medical authorities in Colombia say such attacks may be even more common per-capita there and are on the rise across the Latin American country.

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