

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## GLOBAL

**HEALTH** - Polio cases in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan threaten efforts to eradicate the disease, according to the UN World Health Organization. The number of new infections, while small, is creeping up, and budget cuts at the UNWHO could endanger the campaign.

## AFRICA

**GHANA** - Booming construction, a burgeoning middle-class, gleaming shopping malls. Ghana's oil-driven economic expansion is transforming the country, but uneven development also means many are being outpaced and slipping further into poverty.

**SOUTH AFRICA** will increasingly move towards nurse-initiated treatment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) in the next five years, and a programme in KwaZulu-Natal Province, which has a high HIV/TB burden, is already training nurses to manage MDR-TB patients.

**TOGO** - Out of fear, shame and strong traditional beliefs, disabled children in Togo are often ridiculed, hidden indoors for years and neglected, cutting them off from normal life and worsening their plight.

**UGANDA's** Ministry of Health will enrol 100,000 more people infected with HIV on life-prolonging antiretroviral treatment in the 2012/13 financial year, Minister of Finance announced in her budget speech on 14 June.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**BANGLADESH** - Rapid urbanization and the demise of wetlands around Dhaka, the mushrooming capital of Bangladesh, has made the city more vulnerable to flooding and other natural disasters.

**MYANMAR** - The United Nations is ready to assist thousands of people displaced by recent ethnic and sectarian violence in Myanmar's northern Rakhine State, and a UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights has visited the region to assess the situation.

**NEPAL** - The seasonal influx of migrant harvesters into Nepal's Himalaya Mountains seeking a caterpillar fungus used as a traditional medicine and believed to have aphrodisiac properties is causing environmental damage along the rural border with Tibet.

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