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AFRICA

KENYA - With changing climatic conditions making it harder to figure out where to sell crops for the best price, Kenyan farmers are turning to SMS technologies for help. West African farmers could have saved 2.1 million hectares of tropical forest from being cleared or de-graded if they used more fertiliser to grow crops such as cocoa, cassava and oil palm, according to a study by the IITA.

LIBYA - The Libyan government's reported use of cluster munitions and heavy weapons in Misrata has caused substantial civilian casualties and may amount to crimes under international law, the United Nations has said.

NIGERIA - As many as 800,000 Nigerian women suffer from fistula brought on by lack of access to proper medical care during childbirth.

UGANDA - The sudden rise in food and fuel prices in the past four months in Uganda is raising concerns, with residents agitating for the government to intervene and curb the increases.

ASIA & PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN's government and foreign donors spend barely \$10 a person on health, despite pointing to it as key to winning back support against a worsening insurgency that has dragged on for nearly a decade, a new study says

INDONESIA - Six months after Indonesia's Mount Merapi sent out a flood of gases and white-hot ash that killed more than 300 people, the government in one of the world's most disaster-prone countries still faces three key tasks – to find a livelihood for people like Sudariya, to minimise the threat from large unstable mounds of dumped ash, and to stop history repeating itself by preventing settlements so close to danger.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

HIV/AIDS - Despite the great strides many countries have made, however, inequalities are still evident across the region. Nowhere is this more evident than in access to health care, with HIV and AIDS remaining a major public health issue.

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