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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - Political, private sector and civil society leaders from around the world gathered on Tuesday to recommit to a year-old initiative, Every Woman Every Child, which aims to prevent 16 million maternal and child deaths by 2015. Though much progress has been made, they said, much more remains to be done. Each day, over 21,000 children under the age of five around the world die, while 350,000 women die annually from complications in pregnancy and childbirth.

DEVELOPMENT - The combined global food, fuel and economic crises of recent years have led the development community to re-examine the thinking behind international development efforts. The Institute of Development Studies has been assessing the roles of economic growth, politics and the nation state, civil society and psychological well-being.

AFRICA

KENYA - Community relief workers in the Isiolo district of Kenya are using mobile phones charged by the sun to share information, such as the prices of livestock, or food staples, with multiple recipients in an effort to fend off food insecurity brought on by drought.

SOMALIA - The threat of cholera, measles and other disease outbreaks in Somalia is rising and threatens hundreds of thousands of people displaced within the country, aid groups warn. Four million people are coping with drought-caused famine, and groups warn 750,000 people may die in the coming months.

ASIA

PAKISTAN - An outbreak of dengue fever, which has killed over 20 people and infected thousands of others in the last two months, has spread in Pakistan's most populous province of Punjab, especially in the capital, Lahore, medical workers say.

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