

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **GLOBAL**

**HEALTH** - Gains have been made in stopping multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB), a largely undiagnosed killer, but not enough. By 2015 there will be two million new cases, says a new report by the UN World Health Organization.

## **AFRICA**

**Africa Region** - Climate change has become an important part of the development agenda. In Africa, farmers and consumers alike are feeling its effects on productivity and food security.

**KENYA** - Over the past few years the Kenyan government has significantly scaled up its diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis with positive results, but officials say diagnosis of children lags behind.

**SUDAN** - More than 70.000 people have fled fighting in Sudan's western Darfur region in the last three months, swelling numbers at a major refugee camp by more than third, UN humanitarian officials have said

## **ASIA & PACIFIC**

**INDIA's** introduction of gender quotas in the 1990s for local and state governments has contributed to gradual opening of political space for women in a traditionally male-dominated society. While women initially assumed office on a quota-only basis, many have returned to office after competing against men in general elections.

**MYANMAR** - According to the most recent national tuberculosis (TB) prevalence survey in Myanmar conducted from 2009-2010 and still undergoing analysis, preliminary data show a large proportion of TB cases are going undetected.

**NEPAL** - Nearly 5,000 Bhutanese refugees have been left homeless after a fire swept through two United Nations-run camps in eastern Nepal, government and U.N. officials have said.

## **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

**BOLIVIA** - The spike in global popularity of quinoa, an Andean plant virtually unrivaled for its life-sustaining balance of protein and amino acids, has helped raise the incomes of farmers in Bolivia - while also making the crop unaffordable for many others in Bolivia. Observers fear the corresponding 34% drop in domestic consumption could lead to the spread of cheap processed foods and malnutrition.

**HAITI** - The International Organisation for Migration has said that the number of homeless quake survivors living in camps in and around Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince has fallen by 56 percent to around 680,000, but half of those who have left camps have moved to inadequate housing.

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