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GLOBAL

FOOD AND HUNGER - The world will see many more food crises like those in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel unless there is a radical change in government and aid policies, an ONG says in a report.

CLIMATE CHANGE - Extreme global warming is less likely in coming decades after a slowdown in the pace of temperature rises so far this century, an international team of scientists has said. Warming is still on track, however, to breach a goal set by governments around the world of limiting the increase in temperatures to below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial times, unless tough action is taken to limit rising greenhouse gas emissions.

AFRICA

DRC - Gaps in the healthcare system in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are hampering the fight against malaria, a leading killer of children, say experts.

NIGER - Cholera has struck 248 people in Ayorou in the Tillabéry Region of northwestern Niger, killing six, two of them Malian refugees.

SOMALIA - Over one million people in Somalia are currently food insecure, according to a May report by the FEWSNET. This number is a significant drop from the 3.7 million considered food insecure in mid-2011.

SWAZILAND - Mounds of food aid intended for Swaziland's food insecure were recently found rotting in the government's main storage warehouses at the Matsapha Industrial Estate.

ASIA & PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN's parliament has failed to pass a law banning violence against women, a severe blow to progress made in women's rights in the conservative Muslim country since the Islamist Taliban was toppled over a decade ago.

PHILIPPINES - Varied implementation of a Department of Health (DOH) policy advocating health facility-based delivery under the care of a skilled birth attendant (SBA) has health officials and advocates worried that the policy may be doing more harm than good.

MIDDLE EAST

SYRIA - Thousands of people are gathering in villages in southern Syria, unable to seek refuge in Jordan either because of insecurity along the border or, according to some, new Jordanian security measures. In the meantime, some of them are living "between the mosques and the streets" without enough food and water, amid daily violence.

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