



# NEWS BULLETIN



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## AFRICA

**HIV / AIDS** - Seven countries in sub-Saharan Africa, the world's worst-hit region in the global AIDS epidemic, have cut the number of new HIV infections in children by 50 percent since 2009, the United Nations AIDS programme said.

**REFUGEES** - Though Côte d'Ivoire has officially been at peace for over two years, many of the nearly 60,000 refugees who remain in Liberia are settling in for the long haul, citing continuing instability, violence and fear of political persecution in their home country.

**DRC** - Every year, for nearly two decades, the humanitarian community has responded to large-scale and complex crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This year, on the assumption that the crises are likely to continue, donors have agreed to fund longer-term and more flexible humanitarian projects in DRC.

**SOMALIA** - As plans to facilitate the return of hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees from neighbouring Kenya gather steam, serious doubts persist about whether conditions in Somalia are conducive to such a large-scale repatriation operation.

**UGANDA** - As scientists continue to search for the cause of and cure for nodding syndrome - a debilitating condition that causes seizures and stunting in children - health centres say they need better funding to continue to feed and treat those affected.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**BANGLADESH** - Changing weather patterns, poor maintenance and lack of investment are taking their toll on Bangladesh's extensive polder system, viewed by many as a first line of defence for coastal communities against tidal surges, experts say

**PAKISTAN** - Hunger in Pakistan is at emergency levels after years of conflict and floods, but funding has dwindled as new crises such as Syria grab donors' attention, the United Nations food aid chief says.

**SRI LANKA** - Four years after the end of a 26-year civil war and with donor assistance dwindling, tens of thousands of female-headed households in northern Sri Lanka face a difficult future, though many are developing innovative coping strategies.

## MIDDLE EAST

**MIGRANTS** - In temperatures in the high forties around 1,000 Ethiopian migrants, sweating profusely, turn their backs to Saudi Arabia and start the walk south - away from the Yemeni border town of Haradh and their dreams of a new life.

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