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AFRICA

ENERGY ACCESS - The potential for hydroelectric power in Africa is so great that it could meet the electricity needs of the entire continent, according to the latest UN World Water Development Report. While technological challenges are significant, the report says the greatest impediment to Africa-wide electricity projects is cooperation among governments.

KENYA - Changes in government policy open the door for women to play a bigger role in climate adaptation efforts.

KENYA / SOMALIA - Somalis fleeing drought and persecution are living in terrible conditions on the outskirts of Kenya's massive Dadaab refugee camp, following the government's decision to stop registering new arrivals, a rights group says.

SAHEL - Children in western Chad have started dying from malnutrition as a major hunger crisis threatening West Africa begins to take hold, an international charity warns.

SOUTHERN AFRICA - Tuberculosis (TB) is the leading killer of HIV-positive people globally. Almost 15 years ago the UN World Health Organization and UNAIDS recommended that people living with HIV be given isoniazid preventative TB therapy, to prevent active TB.

UGANDA's Minister of Health, has suspended several senior health officials, including the managers of the national HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis programmes, for poor performance and drug shortages.

WEST AFRICA - Health volunteers, aid agency and health authority staff are trying to immunize 111.1 million children under five across 20 countries in West and Central Africa against polio. The four-day campaign started today, but instability in some of the target countries could hamper the effort.

ASIA & PACIFIC

INDIA - A community water-filtration plant in Chuddani, India, is one of more than 400 similar centers across the country that serve some 1.5 million people among the tens of millions who still lack access to clean water. Village governments provide land and electricity, states and donors finance construction, and villagers pay monthly for 20 liters of clean water a day.

PHILIPPINES - Celebrities are working with the Philippines government in a recently launched nationwide media campaign to lift the consumption of fresh produce and fight malnutrition among young people.

SRI LANKA - Coastal erosion has been occurring for generations in Sri Lanka's Southern Province, with no lasting solutions. But experts now worry changing climate patterns and rising sea level could aggravate the sea's advance.

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