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GLOBAL

ENVIRONMENT - Many of the countries that have contributed the least to greenhouse gas emissions will be the worst affected by global warming, a "climate injustice" that highlights the link to human rights, experts told a gathering in Geneva.

AFRICA

LESOTHO is facing a food security crisis as changing weather patterns and poverty leave some smallholder farmers with no option but to abandon farming and sell their land.

SAHEL - Heads of United Nations agencies and donor organisations have called for a rapid and robust response to rising levels of hunger and malnutrition in West Africa's Sahel region where drought and insect infestation led to poor harvests. The U.N. has said between 8 and 11 million people need food and nutrition assistance.

SOMALIA - The world must end its "stop-start" approach to helping Somalia and should not abandon the country as the hunger emergency eases. Drought and conflict have left some 2.3 million people - a third of the country - in need of aid. The United Nations declared Somalia's famine over earlier this month.

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INDIA - A government-supported survey has said 42 percent of children under five are underweight - almost double that of sub-Saharan Africa - compared to 43 percent five years ago. India's efforts to reduce the number of undernourished kids have been largely hampered by blighting poverty where many cannot afford the amount and types of food they need.

INDONESIA - Efforts in Indonesia to save a volunteer-led community health initiative are working, but more is needed to boost the programme, shown to improve child and maternal health, say health officials.

MYANMAR - Lack of access to anti-retroviral therapy (ARV) to treat HIV has left thousands of patients in Myanmar with deteriorating immunity and increased vulnerability to tuberculosis (TB), say health workers.

PAKISTAN - Six months after floods devastated large parts of southern Pakistan, the emergency is "far from over", with at least 2.5 million people lacking essentials such as clean water, enough food and durable shelter, a report from a coalition of Pakistani and international aid agencies has said.

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