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AFRICA

Health - Eliminating malaria by controlling mosquitoes may prove impossible unless control programmes consider that mosquitoes reproduce faster as their numbers dwindle, says a study.

Environment - Africa is well poised to take advantage of a host of opportunities on the continent for building a 'green economy,' one that generates decent jobs in an environmentally sustainable way, a senior United Nations official said today.

DRC - A cholera outbreak in Katanga Province is likely to exacerbate the measles epidemic that for the past six months has been sweeping through the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Aid workers warn it is now likely to get out of control and spread from five provinces to the rest of the country.

KENYA - Medical practitioners have raised concern that more than half of expectant mothers in the region risk contracting HIV/Aids during child birth in the hands of traditional birth attendants.

NIGERIA - According the UNWHO, IRS remains a valuable intervention in malaria control as it reduces the survival of malaria vectors entering houses or sleeping units. But experts have maintained that IRS would only remain valuable when conditions such as high percentage of the structures in an operational a arhave adequate spraying surfaces and can be expected to be well sprayed.

UGANDA's TB cases have been rising in the last few years. From 80,000 cases which were reported in 2007, TB cases in Uganda rose to 99,000 in 2010, an increase of 24%. Due to this high prevalence, in 2007 UNWHO urged Uganda to declare TB a national emergency.

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MYANMAR - Four days after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar's eastern Shan State, information about the true scale of the disaster has been slow to emerge given the region's mountainous terrain, linguistic barriers and security concerns, an aid agency with dozens of volunteer surveyors in affected areas, said.

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