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GLOBAL

CLIMATE CHANGE - UN climate change talks in Doha could be on the verge of adding a focus on "loss and damage" to its framing of the global response to climate change. The new issue area would supplement existing emphases on the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change - underscoring the growing realization that simply adjusting to a warmer world may no longer be an option.

HIV/AIDS - The world is not on track to meet ambitious targets to significantly reduce sexual transmission of HIV, virtually eliminate mother-to-child HIV transmission and achieve universal access to treatment by 2015, according to a new report.

AFRICA

DRC - The Republic of Congo, which imports over US\$240 million worth of food a year, has seen sharply rising staple food and fuel prices since the beginning of 2012, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and a local consumer rights body.

DJIBOUTI - Successive years of poor rains have eroded the coping mechanisms of pastoralists in Djibouti's rural regions, even as high food prices and unemployment rates afflict the country's urban areas. These factors are increasing the vulnerability to food insecurity and spurring migration.

SOUTH SUDAN - Decades of war and a lack of development have left a majority of South Sudan's population without access to any form of healthcare, resulting in some of the world's worst health indicators. In a country where only one in four people has access to medical facilities, virtually everyone qualifies as "hard to reach", and those attempting to expand healthcare access face daunting challenges.

UGANDA - Fishing communities in in Uganda do not have adequate access to life-prolonging antiretroviral drugs (ARVs), posing a possible setback to the country's fight against HIV, new statistics reveal.

ASIA & PACIFIC

PHILIPPINES - The Philippines is making headway in integrating disaster preparedness into primary and high school curricula, say officials.

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