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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - A report by a subscription-based service that advises businesses on clean energy and carbon markets recommends that the Green Climate Fund, an outgrowth of UN climate talks last year in Cancun, Mexico, seek private donations to raise billions in climate aid instead of relying on funds from cash-strapped industrialized countries. Without a network of treaties and financial incentives designed to lower risks, and attract private investors, the pledge to channel \$100 billion annually by 2020 is "a recipe for failure," says Michael Liebreich, chief executive officer of Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

AFRICA

HORN OF AFRICA - The race to feed more than 12 million people facing severe food shortages in the Horn of Africa has seen humanitarian agencies make several funding appeals. Donor governments have contributed US\$1.46 billion out of the required \$2.48 billion.

KENYA - Drought conditions in parts of Kenya have worsened an already poor food security situation, which has been exacerbated by high food and fuel prices.

LIBYA - Recent fighting in Libya, especially in the capital Tripoli, has taken a toll on medical services with overstretched personnel working under very difficult conditions, and seriously ill and injured patients unable to reach hospitals and clinics, health workers say.

ZAMBIA - While most pregnant women in Zambia are now tested for HIV, other sexually transmitted infections such as syphilis are not being diagnosed, placing the lives of thousands of women at risk.

ASIA

INDONESIA - Guidelines on how to perform female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) issued by the Indonesian Ministry of Health could cause an increase in the practice, medical experts and rights groups fear.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

HAITI - Women and girls continue to pay a heavy physical price in post-earthquake Haiti as a result of abuse and neglect, Human Rights Watch says in a report. Women's rights advocates are lobbying to support a proposed bill to penalize those who commit violence acts against women.

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