



## ■GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - The United Nations on Tuesday issued its largest-ever request for consolidated humanitarian aid, some \$7.4 billion. The money would be used in 2011 to feed, clothe and otherwise assist an estimated 50 million people affected by 14 of the world's most severe crises.

CLIMATE CHANGE - Negotiators at the UN climate talks in Mexico are trying to break the gridlock over agreement by extending the responsibility for cutting greenhouse gases to developing countries. Currently only wealthy countries must curb carbon emissions from 2008 to 2012.

## ■AFRICA

Africa Region - Programs in Tanzania and Malawi to pay people to avoid engaging in risky sexual behavior have helped decrease infection rates and could be replicated on a broader scale to achieve HIV/AIDS reduction goals, the World Bank says.

KENYA - Correct and consistent condom use is one of the bedrocks of Kenya's HIV/AIDS prevention programme but many people in rural areas have limited access to condoms.

RWANDA - In a region with some of the world's worst indicators for maternal and child mortality, Rwanda is working hard to ensure mothers and their children have access to life-saving medical interventions.

SENEGAL - Anti-gay violence is rising in Senegal and is likely to intensify ahead of presidential election in 2012, Human Rights Watch warns in a report. Gays are facing arbitrary arrests, lynchings and mob assaults in Senegal, where homosexuality remains a criminal offense, HRW said.

ZAMBIA is a poor country with a severe shortage of health workers, but it is closer to achieving universal access to antiretroviral treatment by the end of 2010 than many of its equally resource-limited neighbours.

UGANDA - Life-prolonging antiretroviral (ARV) medication is reaching more HIV-positive Ugandans than ever before, but health workers are concerned about how they will deal with the inevitable rise in drug resistance.

## ■ASIA & PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN - Uncertain harvests are a perennial risk for rural Afghans, but two events stand out as exacerbating poverty - ill health, and the high cost of getting married, according to a new report.

BANGLADESH - Indigenous groups are questioning the political will to implement a peace accord signed 13 years ago to resolve land disputes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of southeastern Bangladesh.

KYRGYZSTAN - With night-time temperatures currently hovering around zero and forecast to drop to minus 15 degrees Celsius in a few days time, communities badly affected by the June violence in southern Kyrgyzstan are worried about how they will manage over the winter.

PHILIPPINES - Population and sustainable development experts warn that the Philippine population could reach levels that will prevent the country from ever breaking free from a cycle of poverty.

## ■LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

LAC Region - As the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean get back on track with the economic growth and poverty reduction they were achieving prior to the global economic crisis, improvements in education and cash transfers to households with children are emerging as key tools to begin to defeat inequality.

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