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GLOBAL

MALARIA - Research shows that improvements in vaccination save more lives each year than those that would be saved by global peace. This holds true, too, for malaria treatment, in which reduced costs for combination therapies, increasingly crucial in light of growing resistance to older drugs, would prevent hundreds of thousands of child deaths

AFRICA

MALI - A new law adopted in patriarchal Mali was supposed to improve the rights of women, but the watered-down version introduced this year has actually set women back, by 50 years, according to some observers. Nearly 70% of women aged 15 to 24 are illiterate, compared with 53% of men, according to UN Children's Fund.

ASIA & PACIFIC

INDIA - Sustainable water and energy resources are increasingly critical to India's economic growth and political stability. Solar power appears to be emerging as the main solution to the country's energy demands, while the government is devising a strategy to manage water resources.

INDONESIA - The "pro-poor" biogas systems being implemented in a suburb of East Java, in Indonesia, and supported by the UN Development Programme, are fueling stoves and lamps and saving time and labor. Users purchase the biogas setups through a microcredit payment scheme.

PAKISTAN - A large number of people displaced by the conflict between militants and security forces in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtoonkh'wa (KP) Province and tribal areas are staying outside the camps set up to house them, but many require urgent shelter, and health and education assistance, according to aid workers.

MIDDEL EAST

OPT - From factories to the fishing industry, the Gaza Strip economy is being affected by more than two months of fuel shortages and power outages, taking a toll on the livelihoods of its 1.6 million inhabitants.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

COLOMBIA - Severe flooding and landslides caused by torrential rains have killed 36 people, officials say, as Colombia struggles to cope with the onset of the rainy season.

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