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GLOBAL

CLIMATE CHANGE and the world's addiction to polluting fuels are costing nearly 5 million lives each year and lowering global output by some \$1.2 trillion annually, demonstrating the need for swift action to stem mounting losses, a study has said. Migration linked with climate change is more likely to involve a steady step-up in existing patterns of movement around the world than the sudden surges of desperate refugees many governments fear, climate and migration experts say.

AFRICA

KENYA - After years of devastating crop failures due to drought and erratic rainfall, smallholders in Kenya - who comprise the bulk of the country's farmers - are increasingly taking up irrigation to boost their yields.

MALI / CHAD - A large scale malaria prevention programme in Mali and Chad has resulted in a "spectacular" drop in the number of new cases of the disease among children during the peak transmission season, officials says.

UGANDA - Family planning advocates in Uganda have scored some major financial and policy wins this year, but experts remain concerned that inadequate political commitment and poor health services will continue to impede women's and girls' access to contraceptives.

ASIA & PACIFIC

INDIA - Floods and landslides caused by relentless rain in northeast India have killed at least 33 people and displaced more than a million over the past week, officials say.

MYANMAR - Human rights groups are calling for the final release of hundreds of political prisoners still being held in Myanmar.

VIETNAM - Lack of funding to monitor migrant patterns in Vietnam risks worsening the spread of drug-resistant malaria, health experts said on the sidelines of a UN World Health Organization, annual regional meeting in Hanoi, which closed on 28 September.

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