

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **AFRICA**

**COTE D'IVOIRE** - The new school year began at the end of October in Côte d'Ivoire but is getting off to slow start as students struggle to return to study after post-election violence disrupted education in many schools for months.

**MALAWI** - Changing weather patterns are undermining the ability of smallholder producers in Malawi's southern region to grow tea, a crop that usually brings in 70 percent of their income, according to a recent study.

## **ASIA**

**NORTH KOREA** - Malnutrition is stalking millions of women and children in North Korea, and a lack of donor contributions is hampering efforts to deliver aid, UN Children's Fund warns.

**THAILAND** - The floodwaters that have streamed into Bangkok from northern Thailand, killing nearly 400, are presenting leaders with a set of bad choices, save people, or protect the country's economic foundations. More than 1,000 factories have been closed, and waters continue to rise.

## **MIDDLE EAST**

**YEMEN** - Several dozen families in the Arhab region of Yemen have fled violence in their home areas and sought shelter in nearby caves, but the move has left them desperately needing aid, especially food.

## **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

**ARGENTINA** - Although microfinance is more deeply rooted in Latin America than in other regions, in Argentina the sector is less developed, but has enormous potential, experts say.

**BRAZIL** - Rural women and small-scale producers play a key role in providing food security and food sovereignty, but many large multinational corporations threaten that progress by undermining populations' independence when it comes to food.

**CUBA** - Cubans are still waiting for changes and measures implemented in agriculture to translate into cheaper food. Meanwhile, the government is adjusting its budget, because more than the 1.6 billion dollars initially allocated for food spending will likely be needed.

**HAITI** - More than 18 months since the earthquake struck Haiti in January 2010, women and girls living in makeshift camps remain vulnerable to sexual violence.

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