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AFRICA

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - Humanitarian agencies are warning of a looming food crisis in parts of the Central African Republic (CAR), a result of the insecurity that has displaced thousands of people and disrupted cultivation and trade.

REPUBLIC OF CONGO - Indigenous women in the Republic of Congo, better known as pygmies, are virtually excluded from reproductive health services. They mostly give birth at home and are exposed to related health risks, according to a 2012 study conducted by the Ministry of Health with support from the UN Population Fund.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO - A measles epidemic has affected tens of thousands of children in northern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), overwhelming health facilities, says a medical charity.

KENYA - A small team of HIV/AIDS activists is trailing Kenyan presidential candidates as they crisscross the country, pressing them to increase their commitment to the care and treatment of people living with HIV.

RWANDA will begin to vaccinate children against rubella thanks to the successful implementation of its measles-vaccination program.

SOMALIA - The Somali government plans to relocate thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) currently living in Mogadishu to camps on the outskirts of the city, but there are concerns over inadequate government capacity as well as security and access to services in the proposed relocation areas.

UGANDA - The condom has played a central role in Uganda's official HIV prevention strategy for over two decades, but the country has yet to get it right, with condom use declining and the government unable to meet what demand does exist.

ZIMBABWE - The number of people being treated and dying of malaria is now decreasing with four deaths recorded in one week compared to previous weeks when deaths as high as 10 per week were recorded.

ASIA & PACIFIC

INDONESIA - Scientists in Indonesia are experimenting with cloud seeding, or firing salt-based chemicals into clouds to force out rain, to try and prevent flooding in the capital Jakarta, home to increasingly destructive rains.

PHILIPPINES - Historically, as countries have industrialized, the number of small farms has dwindled, with workers opting for city life. But the Philippines government is concerned that this trend could exacerbate food insecurity in an import-dependent country already struggling to meet current food demand.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

HAITI faces an enormous challenge to combat a cholera epidemic amid waning aid commitments and a fragile government.

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