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GLOBAL

DISASTERS - A new disaster risk index launched by the UN University Institute for Environment and Human Security in Bonn could help donors and aid organizations better understand why some countries are more at risk of calamity than others, and shape their responses when disaster strikes.

AFRICA

ANGOLA - At least 8.114 people died from malaria in Angola, throughout the year 2010, against the 10.505 of the previous year, says a health source. According to the source, the African country recorded 3.6 suspected cases of this illness on the mentioned period, in opposition to the 3.7 cases of 2009.

SOMALIA - Masses of food meant for famine victims in Somalia are being stolen, an investigation has revealed. The Somali government intends to fire all of Mogadishu's 16 district commissioners amidst reports of food aid theft and insecurity. The government is planning to set up a special police force tasked with providing security during food aid distribution.

SOUTH AFRICA - HIV-positive people in South Africa will be able to access antiretrovirals (ARVs) sooner after the government raised the CD4 count necessary to access treatment. But some warn the victory is only half the battle.

SUDAN - Armed conflict and air raids, blocked humanitarian aid and potential food shortages: conditions for civilians in two states on the border with South Sudan are giving increasing cause for concern.

ASIA

CAMBODIAN efforts to contain the spread of malaria have been strengthened by a pilot project using text messaging and web-based technology.

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