

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## AFRICA

**DR CONGO** - The outlook for people living with disabilities in the Democratic Republic of Congo remains bleak, despite a variety of efforts to improve their lot and bring them in from the margins of society.

**SOUTH AFRICA** - After seven years of research, the world's largest study of preventative tuberculosis (TB) therapy has found that untargeted, community-wide distribution of TB prevention drugs did not improve TB control on South African gold mines.

**UGANDA** - A cholera outbreak in Uganda that has claimed eight lives among 280 cases since 14 February could escalate as predicted heavy rains are likely to lead to flooding, the Health Minister warned.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**INDIA** - The Indian government, in a bid to boost lagging agricultural output, is on the verge of approving a program that would unify the land of small farmers to create parcels large enough for commercial-scale production of wheat, corn and other crops in partnership with private companies. The program could revolutionize the country's agricultural sector, which employs about half its workforce.

## MIDDLE EAST

**WOMEN** - The rise of religious political ideology in the wake of the Arab Spring poses a threat to personal freedoms, notably among women in North Africa and the Middle East, who describe uneven changes that could leave many worse off than before the revolutions.

## LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**HAITI** should focus on stemming the cholera outbreak that has killed more than 7,000 people and sickened more than 526,000 others since 2010, not on levying blame against the source of the disease, UN special envoy to Haiti, said Wednesday. While studies have suggested that the cholera came from a Nepalese soldier serving as a peacekeeper, Mr. Clinton pointed out that the disease spread because of poor sanitation system.

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