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UN Warns of Food Insecurity in 20 Countries and Regions



By Jaya Ramachandran

ROME (IDN) — A new report by two UN agencies has identified "hunger hotspots" across 20 countries and regions where parts of the

population are expected to face a significant deterioration of acute food insecurity in the coming months that will put their lives and livelihoods at risk. This warning of spiralling uncertainty relates to areas where conflict, economic shocks, natural hazards, political instability, and limited humanitarian access, are hard-hitting. [Read More](#)

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By Jeffrey Moyo

HARARE (INPS) — There are over 228 000 coronavirus cases in Zimbabwe, with more than 5000 deaths while north of this country stands Zambia laden with over 300 000 coronavirus cases and more than 3000 COVID-related deaths

and not to be left out, is Mozambique east of Zimbabwe, contending with more than 200 000 coronavirus cases, this with over 2000 deaths related to the feared pandemic. (P28) [INDONESIAN](#) | [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION PDF](#) | [SWAHILI](#)

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By Jaya Ramachandran

GENEVA (IDN) — The World Health Organization ([WHO](#)) a specialized agency of the United Nations, has warned that fundamental and life-saving primary health care services in Afghanistan are under

severe threat. It is, therefore, making an urgent appeal to international donors to rapidly finance the Sehatmandi programme, as they have done for almost two decades.

The programme is the backbone of Afghanistan's health system, providing care for millions of people through 2 331 health facilities.

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By Radwan Jakeem

NEW YORK (IDN) — A new United Nations report shows that the rapid spread of the Omicron COVID-19 variant has halted a rapid recovery, countering signs of solid growth at the end of 2021. The report titled, [2022 World Economic Situation and Prospects](#) (WESP) by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) cites problems contributing to the slowing down of the economy: new waves of COVID-19 infections, persistent labour market and lingering supply-chain challenges, as well as rising inflationary pressures. [Read More](#)

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By UN News

NEW YORK (IDN) — Amid record global displacement, the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, has urged European countries to prioritize the better protection of people fleeing war, conflict, and persecution.

[UNHCR](#) made the appeal in [recommendations](#) to France, which holds the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU), and the Czech Republic, which assumes the presidency in July.

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By Kalinga Seneviratne

SYDNEY (IDN) — This [fourth issue of Sustainable Development Observer](#) focuses on the global health crisis that has been exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and pharmaceutical industry's greed—at the cost of peoples' health. While the world's media has gone berserk about a new "Omicron" variant of the COVID virus, the World Trade Organisation has quietly postponed a ministerial conference that had as its main agenda item, an Indian and South African initiative supported by over 100 countries to waive patents on COVID vaccines and other medical testing systems and equipment. [Read More](#)

[UN Report Concerned About Hunger and Food Insecurity in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)



By Jaya Ramachandran

ROME (IDN) — The rise in hunger and food insecurity levels that have been occurring in Latin America and the Caribbean since 2015, were exacerbated by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The region is now even further off-track to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 2.1 to end hunger and achieve food security, according to the latest [Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition](#). (P27) [JAPANESE TEXT](#)
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