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Asylum seekers/ IDPs/ Migrants / Refugees:

Chad: The UN Office for Humanitarian Affairs refers to a lack of funds for the inadequate number of latrines available in camps in the Southern part of Eastern Chad, where over 100,000 displaced people are currently living. Irin (1 June):

Thailand: Aid workers have discovered the first cases of "extensively drug resistant" (XDR) TB among migrants from Myanmar. According to Reuters, ad hoc self-treatment is often the norm amongst refugees and desperately poor migrant workers, and this can lead to the mutation of the TB bacterium, and the building up of immunity. Reuters (11 June):
http://uk.reuters.com/article/homepageCrisis/idUKBKK21768._CH_.242020070611

Children:

Australia. A Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse was established in the Northern Territory, Australia on 8 August 2006. It has now reported and the press release, summary and full report are available at:

Death Penalty:

Iran: Un Iranien gé de 20 ans, et identifié par son seul prénom Mohammad, a été pendu à Shiraz, dans le sud, pour un crime commis lorsqu'il était mineur, rapporte samedi la presse iranienne. Cette pendaison porte à au moins 88 le nombre de personnes exécutées en Iran depuis le début de l'année. AFP (9 June):
http://www.csdhi.org/m/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=791&Itemid=69

Libya: According to Al Jazeera, following a meeting with a high-level EU mission, Saif al-Islam, the son of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, indicated that the case against foreign health professionals currently under sentence of death may be near a conclusion after a 'positive' European initiative. Al Jazeera (11 June) and Independent (12 June):
http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/0F11E2D2-6E6F-4875-9862-8875921B7722.htm?FRAMELESS=true&NRNODEGUID=%7b0F11E2D2-6E6F-4875-9862-8875921B7722%7d
http://news.independent.co.uk/europe/article2646276.ece
Elder Abuse:

UK. The first thorough survey of elder abuse in Britain found 4% of people over 66 are victims of repeated neglect, financial exploitation or physical, psychological or sexual abuse reports the Guardian (15 June):
http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,,2103700,00.html

Health Services:

Central African Republic: NGOs in Paoua, north-western Central African Republic have suspended operations following the killing of a Médecins Sans Frontières volunteer. In May, the Italian charity, Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) decided to suspend activities in the nearby town of Bozoum after the abduction of two health workers.

USA: Black people were far less likely than whites to get specialized procedures after a heart attack and were more likely to die within a year, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, showing persistent racial disparities in U.S. medical care.
http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/heart_blacks_dc;_ylt=AkBZgig7Yi35KTIHrHBVnhGs0NUE

Zimbabwe: The International Committee of the Red Cross has likened the state of health provision in Zimbabwe to that of a war zone. The Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights is quoted as saying that in their view health services had now “collapsed”. Irin (8 June):

HIV/AIDS:

China: The AIDS campaigner Zang Jinyan has had her passport retained by officials, and was prevented from leaving the country to attend a human rights meeting in Switzerland, according to her own account. This follows Zang Jinyan’s earlier detention by Chinese authorities in May, along with her husband and fellow AIDS campaigner Hu Jia. The New York Sun (12 June):
http://www.nysun.com/article/56321

India: Five HIV positive children were refused entry to their school for the second time, after protests from the parents of other children attending the school. The children are being given private tuition. Reuters (6 June):
http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSDEL17111120070606

USA: Poor management of money provided for AIDS care has disrupted the supply of drugs to AIDS patients in Puerto Rico, according to Federal officials and many local doctors. The New York Times (5 June):
http://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/05/health/05puerto.html?_r=2&hp=&adxnnl=1&oref=slogin&adxnnlx=1181047274-ORMYBtlvA4yVSAaCpQjVg&pagewanted=all&oref=slogin

Mental Health:

Japan: The Japanese government has announced it will support measures to bring down the suicide rate, which is the second highest in the industrialised world after Russia. The suicide of the Japanese agriculture minister a few weeks ago focused attention on the pressures that drive many in Japan to take their own life. Taipei Times (9 June):
Research:

**Nigeria:** Nigeria has filed charges against the pharmaceutical company Pfizer, accusing it of carrying out improper trials for an anti-meningitis drug. *BBC* (5 June):
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/6719141.stm

**Sexual and Reproductive Health:**

**India:** Health officials in western India have started distributing condoms free outside pornographic cinemas. Screening pornography is illegal in India but officials in Gujarat see the campaign as a way to encourage safe sex amongst groups such as migrant workers. *Reuters* (6 June):
http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSDEL724120070606

**Mozambique:** Mozambique is set to end its blanket ban on abortion after the government acknowledged that current legislation was endangering the lives of women in one of Africa's most impoverished nations, according to AFP. AFP (10 June):

**Sudan:** Southern Sudan has the highest rate of maternal mortality in the world at 2,030 per 100,000 births, according to UN Population Fund figures. *Reuters* (6 June):
http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSL0666311520070606?pageNumber=1

**Uruguay:** Campaigners have launched an internet petition to change Uruguay’s strict abortion laws, which allow termination only in cases of danger to the mother’s life, rape, or extreme economic hardship. *Reuters* (11 June):
http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N11429054.htm

Más de tres mil uruguayos impulsaban este sábado una campaña en internet en protesta por el procesamiento de una joven que se realizó un aborto, en momentos en que un proyecto de ley que despenaliza el procedimiento espera para ser discutido en el Congreso.

**USA:** Democrats in Congress aim to loosen restrictions that deny aid to groups abroad that provide family planning services, including advice on abortions. *Reuters* (6 June):
http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSN0629775320070606?pageNumber=1

Violence Against Women:

**Eritrea.** Eritrea banned female genital mutilation (FGM) in April 2007, and the government has warned anyone taking part in or promoting the practice faces a fine of several hundred dollars or up to 10 years in jail. *Reuters* (11 June):
http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSL1612364520070611

Events:

**20 June:** World Refugee Day (UNHCR)

**26 June:** International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (UN)

**01 July:** The deadline for applications for “Course 8E07: Introduction to Human Rights Education” (Human Rights Education Associates) has been extended to 1st July. The course runs from 12th September to 4th December 2007. For more information see website.
http://www.hrea.org/courses/index.html

Publications:

http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/176/12/1726

BMA press release, ‘Prison healthcare under strain as overcrowding crisis worsens’, 8 June  

Culbert, H. et al, ‘HIV treatment in a conflict setting: outcomes and experiences from Bukavu, DRC’, PLoS Medicine, 29 May  
http://medicine.plosjournals.org/perlserv/?request=get-document&doi=10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.0040129

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