

### Recent news from WHO

- WHO launched the **World Malaria Report 2008**, containing an update on the global situation for the disease, on 18 September. Read the report here: <http://www.who.int/malaria/wmr2008/>
- WHO and its partners appealed for US\$ 4.2 million to provide health care for many of the 800 000 people – including children and pregnant women – affected by **tropical storms in Haiti**. On 8 September, WHO and its partners appealed for US\$ 9.76 million to respond to the humanitarian crisis following recent **conflict and flooding in Pakistan**.
- Health ministers from countries of the African meningitis belt, on 4 September, committed themselves to introduce a **highly promising candidate meningitis vaccine**. The vaccine is designed to prevent periodic epidemics of the deadly disease in these countries.
- **WHO's Commission on the Social Determinants of Health** presented its findings to the Director-General, Dr Margaret Chan, on 28 August. Read the report here: [http://www.who.int/social\\_determinants/en/](http://www.who.int/social_determinants/en/)

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