BURKINA FASO

**DENGUE FEVER OUTBREAK DECLARED**

The Ministry of Health on 28 September declared a dengue fever outbreak with 1,055 suspected cases and four deaths registered since the start of the year. Cases have been on the rise since late July with the Central region having the highest number of infections. Surveillance has been bolstered since last year’s epidemic in which 2,526 suspected cases and 20 deaths were registered. Rapid diagnostic tests have been provided at health facilities since January 2017.

CAMEROON

**DIALOGUE URGED OVER ANGOLOPHONE REGION CRISIS**

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on 2 October voiced concern over the crisis in Cameroon’s South-West and North-West regions where clashes between security forces and protesters reportedly claimed several lives on 1 October. The two English-speaking regions have been gripped by months-long tension over protests against alleged Government marginalization. The Secretary-General called for dialogue between the authorities and leaders from the two regions.

**FOUR REFUGEES KILLED IN ATTACK**

Unidentified armed men on 21 September attacked a site hosting Central African refugees in eastern Cameroon, killing four refugees and forcing several others to flee for safety in Gamboula and Amada Gaza towns near the Central African Republic’s border with Cameroon. The attackers also kidnapped four refugees and are demanding ransom.

DR CONGO

**OVER 800 SCHOOLS FAIL TO OPEN DUE TO INSECURITY**

More than half of the 1,600 schools in the south-eastern Tanganyika Province have not reopened since the new school year begun in September owing to insecurity triggered by ethnic clashes. Several schools have been torched and teachers fled during the unrest, notably in Kalemie, Nyunzu and Kabalo areas. There are concerns that the children left without education are exposed to risks of being lured into the ranks of the armed fighters.

TOGO

**MORE THAN 400 FLEE POLITICAL UNREST**

More than 400 people have fled to Ghana from northern Togo following unrest and protests to press for constitutional reform. Tensions have risen since demonstrations by opposition parties begun in August, with security forces clashing with marchers in the capital Lomé and other towns. Those who have fled to Ghana are receiving some assistance. Aid organizations are beginning to step up emergency preparedness.

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