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Myanmar’s political and economic reforms are emerging unevenly

Despite a series of rapid and dramatic reforms since electing a civilian government in 2010, Myanmar’s transition remains fragile, according to new research from the global humanitarian agency Mercy Corps. (Read More)

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2. Develop conflict management skills.
3. Support responsible civil society leadership.
5. Invest in smallholder farmers.
AfDB and WHO sign US $60 million MoU to strengthen Ebola response in West Africa

The President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), Donald Kaberuka, and the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Africa, Dr. Luis Sambo, on Tuesday, August 26 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) cementing a US $60 million Bank grant to help strengthen West Africa’s public health systems in response to the Ebola crisis. (Read More)

USAID Airlifts Medical Supplies, Emergency Equipment For Ebola Response

The U.S. Agency For International Development (Usaid) Airlifted More Than 16 Tons Of Medical Supplies And Emergency Equipment To Monrovia, Liberia On August 24 As Part Of Its Ongoing Efforts To Combat The West Africa Ebola Outbreak. (Read More)
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The Government of Lao PDR and the World Bank signed a grant agreement for US$ 3.6 million provided by the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF).

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