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Rapid urbanization grows global health threat, says Global Population Education

Basye, VA – The cholera epidemic in Haiti goes much deeper than disease control; it's the consequence of two factors: rapid birthrates and urbanization. **Global Population Education**, a nonprofit organization raising awareness on the global population crisis, aims to reverse rapid growth through proactive measures such as empowering women.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that virtually all population growth over the next 30 years will be in urban areas. These numbers represent a paradigm shift in the global lifestyle because, for the first time in history, over half of the world's population will reside in cities.

These urban areas were once thought of as centralized hubs of wealth, employment and community services. But now, rapid population growth purges these resources and promotes a breeding ground for diseases, high unemployment and un-sustainability.

United States' highest ranking area, New York City, isn't showing signs of slowing down any time soon. The city's overcrowded streets boast 8 million at the same time global demand for food is ever-increasing and the lack of access to stable water supplies continues to worsen.

By 2011, it's estimated that the planet could cross the critical threshold of 7 billion people, leaving families on an already overpopulated world at an even greater risk of global health threats lurking into their homes.

"Bottom line is there are too many people and not enough resources," says **Werner Fornos**, founder of **Global Population Education**. *"We need to encourage our representatives in Congress to allocate funding for social infrastructure investment in public health, childcare, education and other services that are employment generators for women,"* Fornos said.

In today's culture many may think women's rights have become blasé, but, actually, women's rights around the world are an important indicator of understanding global wellbeing. Education and empowerment of women are proven to cut pregnancies rates in half and improve families' health, which would play a key role in reversing rapid urbanization and the global population crisis.

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