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UN official: Niger world's "number one" forgotten emergency. Up to three million people in the West African country of Niger are at risk of hunger if \$16 million in funds requested by the United Nations earlier this month remains unfulfilled, Prime Minister Hama Amadou said over the weekend, with UN Under Secretary General and Emergency Relief Coordinator Jan Egeland calling the crisis "the number one forgotten and neglected emergency in the world." Drought and swarms of locusts have ravaged the country's cereal crop as opposition groups increasingly express frustration with the government's lack of attention to the matter. IRINNews.org (5/31)

Hunger Plus Fundraiser with Mamacita's Restaurants. Rotary District 5840 reports that a major fundraiser is being planned in cooperation with Mamacita's Restaurants y Cantinas for the month of September. Plans for agricultural assistance in the Mexican ejidos are in full swing, which will include a major construction project including building and supplying window and door screens for several hundred houses and constructing indoor bathrooms for the schools in each ejido. (Please see detailed report on the Hunger Plus website)

Rotary International District 5910 is sending seven members to Managua, Nicaragua on August 8. PDG Kelly Wike (D-7350) and PDG Karen Heim Teichman (D-7370), both new members of the Hunger Plus, Inc. Board of Directors, will be going on this trip as well. The team will be hosted by our new partner, Rainbow Network and will visit villages in the mountains of Nicaragua as well as the villages located in the flat and dry regions of the country. The purpose of the visit is three fold: 1. See the horrible conditions in the out of the way villages; 2. Determine the need and location of 25 water wells to be drilled by D-5910; and 3. Examine the possibility of helping Rainbow Network build houses in partnership with Habitat for Humanity in Nicaragua.

Green House Project in the Sierra Norte – Mexico Barb Feder, Hunger Plus Associate Director is in the process of gathering information on building greenhouses in several villages in the Sierra Norte. Greenhouses are currently being constructed in Honduras, at a cost of only \$350, using bamboo and canvas. Our contact there has offered to share the construction plans for our ever growing project in the Sierra Norte's.