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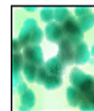
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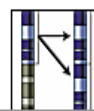
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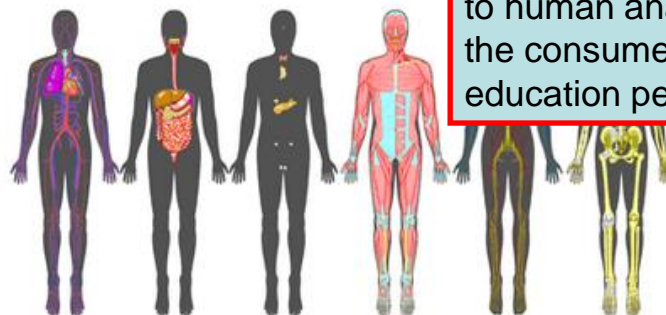
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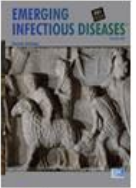
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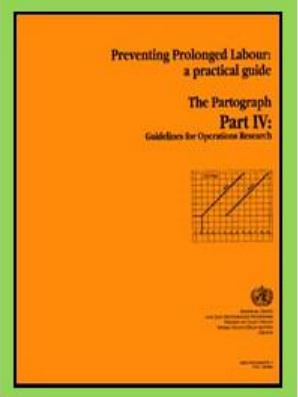
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27 February 2012 -- The mosquito-borne chikungunya virus has, in the past, caused massive and sustained outbreaks in Asia and Africa, infecting more than two million people, with attack rates as high as 68% in some areas. With the movement of travelers, new *Guidelines for preparedness and response for chikungunya virus introduction in the Americas* have been launched. They aim to help countries throughout the region to detect the virus and prevent and control the disease, should it appear.

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Final push needed to address leprosy in Western Pacific

MANILA, 13 February 2012 – WHO's Western Pacific Regional Office today urged its Member States to make a final push to address leprosy in the Region.

In 1991, WHO launched a global campaign to eliminate leprosy as a public health threat and set a leprosy elimination target of less than one case per 10 000 of population. In that same year, the Western Pacific Region met the elimination target. Over the next two decades, new leprosy cases in the Region declined a remarkable nearly 90%.

Still, three Western Pacific countries – the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands – fail to meet the target. And there are still more than 5000 new cases of leprosy reported in the Region each year. Most of these new cases – about 2000 each year – occur in the Philippines, where leprosy is supposed to have been "eliminated" as WHO defines elimination of the disease.

"Leprosy is curable," says Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific. "We have the drugs, we have the knowledge. We can stop the disease from being transmitted from person to person. What we need is the political commitment to finish the job of true leprosy elimination in the Western Pacific."

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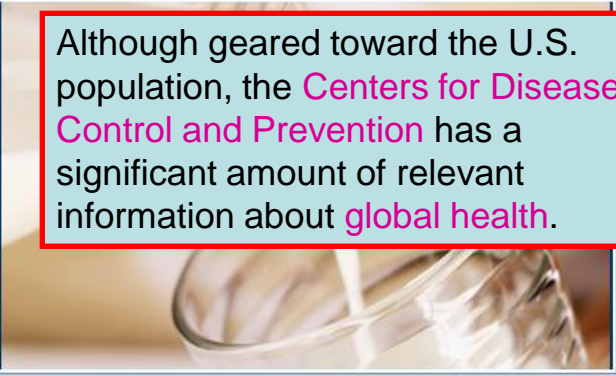
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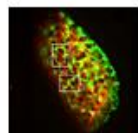
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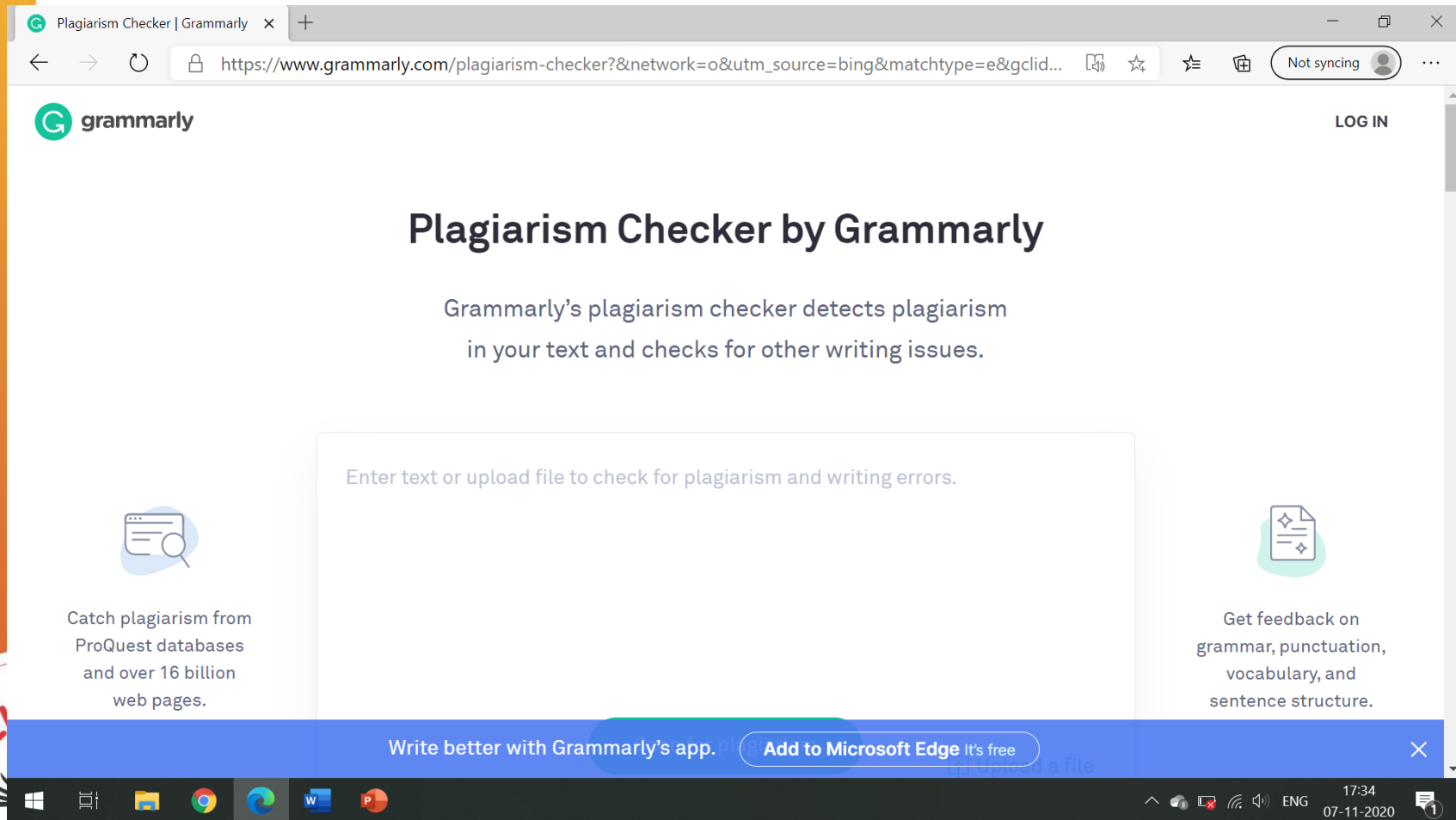
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