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Topic 2: Civil Unrest

**Drought in East Africa**:

Droughts are caused by low precipitation over a long period of time on land. Droughts occur when there is no rain. During a drought, plants do not grow properly due to the fact that rivers and streams get dried up, so farm crops fail. Animals tend to die, because they don`t get enough water as they need. Many droughts have occurred around the world; however the East African drought was never forgotten due to many issues that had occurred. The East African drought happened on Monday, July 4th, 2011, across Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Djibouti over the summer. The drought in East Africa occurred due to not having rain in 2010 spring and summer. This caused lots of problems for 2011, because spring rain was less than adequate. Therefore, food prices were rising beyond affordability, and led to extreme famine (less on food). More than 9.5 million people were in desperate need of food and support in the region. During the drought 30,000 kids died, and many were forced to visit the hospital. The East African drought occurred due to climate change. The climates are getting warmer in many regions as the glaciers melt in the Arctic; therefore the weather is getting dryer and warmer.

Contributors to the East African drought were; the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). These individuals have helped out victims, who were wounded, lost valuables, or any other situation. The community of the Red Cross raised $3 million dollars to help build schools back, buildings, and homes (that belonged to individuals) that were destroyed after the drought. The individuals at UNICEF helped the region of east Africa by donating and fundraising money, delivering supplies by air, about 1.2 million children got vaccine against measles, and provided the access to safe and clean water. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) had contributed to the African drought by; creating the East Africa Drought Relief Fund. Many Canadians got together and contributed to donate for charity. American Oxfam (AO) helped out by providing clean water, and donating $100 dollar per family. The church World Service (CWS) helped East Africa by; distributed food to about 100 households, provided water, food, and other emergency aid in many areas of Ethiopia and Somalia.

Many East Africa nations depend on hydropower plants for their electricity supplies. During the devastating drought in East Africa, the electricity supplies got struck into. During this conflict the government noticed that their economy was going lower. Wealth and resources of the region was becoming lower in terms of producing. Nearly 74 percent of Kenya’s electricity is generated by hydropower plants. Also, the East Africa disaster had a huge effect on Kenya’s industries due to having not many exports and imports to the region, so fresh products were not available as much. This affected the economy, because many stores got shut down, people couldn’t afford to buy food, and many individuals were dying.

As a world leader, I would help out individuals in the situation of the devastating drought in East Africa by; creating a group of help and getting others involved helping out. I would provide clean water, food to each family involved in the upsetting situation; help build schools and other buildings back that were destroyed, money for each family, and emergency aid for hospitals and families.

Several people in social media sites feel very awful about this situation that occurred in East Africa. Individuals say the government didn’t do as much to help out or help support individual lives. Many say the drought occurred because of climate change. Since the glaciers in the Arctic are melting, countries are becoming dryer and warmer.