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# Energy, Environment, Economics, and Ethics

— **Global Issues Docket #1** —

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# Issue C: Water Scarcity

**Millions and millions of people lack access to sufficient amounts of fresh water. Your state needs to decide how much humanitarian aid to provide to those in crisis.**

You have been petitioned by the governments of the following nations, each asking for “water assistance” (bottled water, infrastructural development — i.e. construction of wells): Papua New Guinea, Nepal, the USA (state of Michigan), Angola, Ethiopia, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Togo, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, and Zambia. **Every capital point you donate provides fresh water for 10 people for 1 unit of study.** You need to decide whether to provide humanitarian aid, and if so — to whom (in what country or countries), and how much? Explore the following sources. Pay particular attention to the needs of the petitioners. Evaluate, prioritize, plan, and budget. Be prepared to justify/defend all of your ideas.

# Sources: **Water Scarcity**



1. **The United Nations:** [Statistics and map of global water scarcity](#)
2. World Wildlife Fund: [Overview of the global crisis](#)
3. The Water Project: [The Scarcity and Importance of Water](#)
4. The Guardian: [Fresh water scarcity as the next global crisis](#)
5. Newsela: [Case Study – Nepal](#)
6. Newsela: [Case Study – Papua New Guinea](#)
7. Newsela: [Case Study – Flint, Michigan \(USA\)](#)
8. **Water4.org:** [Water crisis facts and nations in need](#)

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