

Instability's Ripple Effects

Analyze how unstable government conditions affect daily life in Africa.

SS7CG2 "Analyze how government instability in Africa impacts standard of living."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each effect on people's daily lives, and circle the unstable government condition that leads to it, so you can trace how instability changes standard of living.

Daily Life During Instability

- ① Government instability happens when leaders or groups struggle for control and rules are not enforced fairly. In South Sudan, fighting between armed groups and political leaders has forced many families to leave their homes. When people flee, they may lose crops, animals, tools, and access to markets. Some roads become unsafe, so trucks carrying food and medicine cannot reach towns easily. These disruptions raise prices and make daily needs harder to get. Standard of living includes people's access to food, housing, health care, education, safety, and income.
- ② When government offices cannot operate safely or regularly, public services can weaken. A health clinic may run out of supplies if deliveries stop, and families may delay treatment because travel is dangerous. Teachers and students may be displaced, causing schools to close or operate with too few materials. Government money may be spent on security or lost through weak oversight instead of repairing wells and roads. As services decline, people spend more time and money meeting basic needs, lowering their standard of living.
- ③ The effects can build on one another. If farmers cannot safely plant or sell crops, household income falls and food supplies shrink. Higher food prices may leave less money for school fees, transportation, or medical care. Displaced families often live in crowded temporary shelters, where clean water and sanitation can be limited. Instability does not affect every person in the same way, but it increases risks for people already poor or living far from services. More stable, accountable government can help restore safety, deliver services, and support economic activity.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two disruptions caused by fighting in South Sudan. How can each disruption affect a family's daily life?

2 Explain how unsafe roads can affect both food and health care.

3 Trace one cause-and-effect chain from unstable government offices to a lower standard of living.

4 Why does instability often hurt people who are already poor or live far from services more severely?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose one service or need not named in the questions, such as clean water, housing, transportation, or income. Write 4 or 5 sentences that explain a cause-and-effect chain showing how government instability could affect that need and at least one other part of a family's standard of living.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each effect on people's daily lives, and circle the unstable government condition that leads to it, so you can trace how instability changes standard of living. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two disruptions caused by fighting in South Sudan. How can each disruption affect a family's daily life?	Families may flee and lose crops, animals, tools, or market access, making it harder to earn income or get food. Unsafe roads can block deliveries, making food and medicine harder to get and more expensive.
2	Explain how unsafe roads can affect both food and health care.	Unsafe roads can prevent trucks from delivering food and medicine. Food prices can rise, and clinics may lack supplies for treatment.
3	Trace one cause-and-effect chain from unstable government offices to a lower standard of living.	If government offices cannot operate regularly, public services weaken. For example, wells and roads may not be repaired, so people spend more time and money getting basic needs.
4	Why does instability often hurt people who are already poor or live far from services more severely?	They have fewer resources to handle higher prices, lost income, unsafe travel, or closed services. Living far from services can make it even harder to reach food, schools, clinics, or clean water.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Government instability can interrupt repairs to water systems. If a pump breaks and public workers or supplies do not arrive, families may need to walk farther for water. The extra travel can take time away from work or school. Less income and less time for learning can lower a family's standard of living.

Accept any accurate, logical cause-and-effect chain connecting instability to a daily need and then to another part of standard of living. Responses may use examples other than those in the passage if they are plausible and clearly explained.