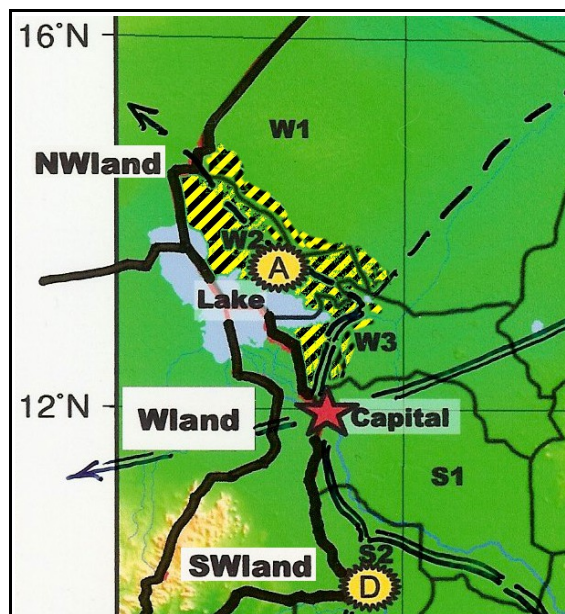


Your Task

You have just arrived in **Town A** in Administrative District W2 close to the Lake. The town's economic activity is based around fishing and agriculture. The Lake Management Plan that will improve environmental sustainability will affect the area's economic sustainability. A consortium of three charities wishes to take advantage of the European Commission's offer of 1 million Euros per year targeted at preventing displacement, family breakdown and emigration to Europe. Your task is to review the situation and to identify possible courses of action that keep families together, improve economic resilience and build future potential. Exactly where would you recommend that the charities should focus efforts?

The map (opposite) shows the region around the Lake shared between this study country and its three neighbours: NWLAND, WLAND, SWLAND. The lake has been shrinking for many years because of drought and unregulated extraction for irrigation. The area most affected is indicated by the diagonal black & yellow stripes. The table below shows the present distribution of use of the lake by country for fishing and water extraction for agriculture:

Lake users	Area of lake under national control	Use of the lake for:	
		Fishing	Water extraction
The Country	30%	45%	45%
NWLAND	10%	5%	25%
WLAND	40%	40%	25%
SWLAND	20%	10%	5%



The four governments have agreed a lake management plan designed to achieve sustainable use in the current environmental and climatic conditions. The plan limits total water extraction to no more than 60% of previous levels and fishing to no more than 80%. The outcome will be to protect fish stocks and ensure a sustainable water supply for irrigation. The Lake Management Plan will severely impact an estimated 20% of fishermen and 15% of farmers. The total number affected is likely to be about 240,000 distributed as follows:

Age group	Number (approx)
Children under 15	115,000
Working age adults	110,000
Older people	15,000

The country already has over 400,000 Refugees and more than 170,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). External and internal conflicts have been the primary cause of displacement but climatic conditions, especially extreme drought in the arid zone and an increase in tropical storms and flooding in the south, are forcing increasing numbers off the land. Industrial recession and rapidly increasing population adds to the problem with around 150 thousand, mostly males, emigrating to find work elsewhere (increasingly trying to get to Europe) and remit funds to their families. This situation could add another 50,000 adult males to this figure, further increasing the problem of families that depend on the women and children (mainly girls) for subsistence and survival.

It is recommended that you focus on the situation affecting those who may be displaced. You will find with this briefing a map of the whole country and a summary of the key factors that may influence your recommendations. You are advised to identify possible courses of action to help the charities' own planning teams to focus the development of actions that are likely to have the greatest positive benefit to the economic resilience of displaced families.

You will have less than an hour to review the material and to prepare a 5 minute oral presentation that outlines your recommendations and identifies the benefits for the target group.