Read through the case study below and use it to answer the questions in the task document attached in this weekly learning package.

**Save Bushmountain County – Priorities of Action Aid**

Three days ago natural disaster has struck 4 villages in Bushmountain County[[1]](#footnote-2). A tempest destroyed several buildings and infrastructure. Most concerned are the four primary schools in the villages Palmsite, Lionspot, Bird’s Grove and Gingerfield. In the latter as well the junior high school of the area has been heavily hit. Classrooms cannot be used because of the destruction. Classes cannot be held at the moment, though the school year has just begun. 234 primary school and 117 junior high school students from the four villages cannot attend school at the moment. 38 junior high students are particularly concerned, because their exams for senior high access are endangered due the non-functioning of the schools.

Some teachers even think openly of leaving the villages because they believe there will be no work for them anymore, and there is a broad opinion among them that living conditions are anyway too tough in the villages. The teachers gathered and discussed about what to do, and there is some majority, who opts out and favours seeking job opportunities in the capital. No teacher has yet left the villages, because they are requested to support the tidying up and rebuilding of the school facilities by the Ministry of Education.

Some parents are sending their children now to work like selling things on the streets or on the market. Temporarily families need every cent for their survival, because a lot of buildings are damaged, gardens devastated, animals were killed or went lost, materials and equipment are spoiled.

Unpleasantly there also seem to be some gangs using the desolate situation to steal from people. There are only 2 policemen for the security situation in the area, which is not enough, because they support the district chief to supervise the repair of the infrastructure carried out by volunteers from the area. At least the central government has sent a caterpillar for road reconstruction and some tools. Also homeless people suffering from the total destruction of their homes are accommodated in makeshift homes and school facilities, which have not been shattered too much.

The power in the villages is cut off. There is limited time in the evening, when there is current, that is about one and half an hour after dark. It will take at least 4 weeks to re-install a reliable power net and Internet access, but 4 weeks is a long period for a running school year. From the capital it takes about one and a half days, from the provincial capital 8 to 10 hours to get to the four villages by car.

The NGOs covering area are demanded to mitigate disaster implications. Donors have promised a budget to fight the disaster effects in particular for the procurement of materials, but it is not yet clear, how much money that will be and when it will be provided. The government intends to send more policemen and –women to improve the security situation. The army is already supporting with food trucks for the people’s basic needs and with technical personnel to handle the rubble.

Your organisation is very keen to participate in solving the problems in Bush mountain County and you discuss with others how to jointly proceed to find quick and good solutions for the people in the 4 villages. Your working group represents a joint civil society initiative to support Bush mountain County.

1. All characters and events in this text are fictitious. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)