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Carefully study the images below and then answer the questions that follow.



Figure 1. Camps for displaced people have sprouted all across the crumbling, bullet-riddled ruins of Mogadishu, but there is not enough help to meet the huge demand for food and medical care.



Figure 2. Every day more than a thousand people materialise out of the thin desert air to take their places at the gates of the world's largest refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya. They are fleeing one of the worst droughts in Somalia in 60 years and many have walked for weeks through anarchic landscape replete with bandits and militants but little food.



Figure 3. The magnitude of the suffering could shift the political landscape here, which has been dominated by chaos since 1991 when clan warlords overthrew the central government, then tore apart the country.



Figure 4. Somalia seems to be perpetually on the brink, with a scattered economy, no functioning central government and aid flows blocked, countless Somalis starve every year. According to the famine monitoring program financed by the United States, "over the past year, the eastern Horn of Africa has experienced consecutive poor rainy seasons, resulting in one of the driest years since 1950-1951 in many pastoral zones."

Task: Once you have looked at the images and captions, answer the following questions:

1: What do you see in these images? Make a prediction about the country or continent that these photos are taken in.

2: What sorts of things can you infer from the image.

3: What do you think the person/people in the image are doing?

4: What might the facial expressions and dress of the person/people depicted tell us?

5: What is happening in this country? Are there other countries you can name that are going through similar circumstances?

6: What can Australia do to help the people in these countries?

