

Natural Disasters and Global Responses

Conversation Questions

1. Have you ever experienced an earthquake? Flood? Hurricane? Or any other natural disaster?
2. How did you react/respond at the time? What instructions were you given at the time?
3. Were you able to get out of the affected area? Was that an option?

4. Earthquakes can be common in some parts of the world, causing extensive physical and economic damage. Do you think society prepares well for such natural disasters? Do you think there is anything we can do to manage these events better?
5. Flooding can be likely in parts of the world that experience heavy seasonal rainfall. Have you ever seen flooding on the news?
6. Do you think governments take the appropriate measures to prevent flooding? Why or why not?
7. Do you think rescue efforts after the floods are effective in helping people to safety?
8. Did you follow the news about the tsunamis that hit Japan in 2011? Do you think governments prepare citizens well when tsunamis are about to hit coasts?
9. Did you ever experience a blizzard while living in North America?
10. What was that experience like for you?
11. How did it feel after the blizzard took place and the snow covered everything in your neighborhood?
12. How long did it take for that snow to be removed or melt to manageable levels that allowed people to walk or drive around?
13. While most famines are mostly man-made, do you think nature plays a role in causing famines? Do you think government responses to these famine-causing natural disasters are adequate?
14. What role do you think climate change plays in the creation of natural disasters?