# **Natural Disasters**

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#### **Introduction:**

Think of all the homes in the world that were destroyed by natural disasters and the ways the homeowners went to live after devastation. Imagine a place where there is a lot of natural disasters. Imagine loved ones from your family being homeless and forced to relocate. Imagine their hardship.

Now imagine the place where no natural disasters ever happened, and everyone is gratified and safe. Image that those people that are in that place with no natural disasters, are your friendly neighbors, and that they always wave to you in the morning, and say "good night" when you come home late from work. They are fortunate that they didn't ever have to live through a natural disaster. However, because of weather change. One day, a hurricane raged on them, it destroyed their houses and buildings, and it caused similar devastations.

#### Explain Issue:

When nature causes terrible weather that is very harsh and people die, that is called a natural disaster. It's very sad when a natural disaster hits. People die and homes get destroyed. You might be safe and sound in your houses or school, while people can be dying every second. Now you understand a little more about natural disasters.

Hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunami, and wildfires are all natural disasters. The problem is when people get hit by one of these natural disasters many people feel that there is no point of living any more, watch out for any natural disasters.

Wildfires scare me the most, wildfires are also a problem people face. Wildfires has a lot of names, wildland fire, forest fire,

grass fire, etc. Wildfires can also start by lightning; heat waves, droughts, and volcano eruption. Fires can happen anywhere in the world. Wildfires can start in Africa, America, Europe, etc. Once I was at a friend's up-state (in NY) house and we went to the back yard to roast marshmallows and the yard caught on fire. We had to pour a lot of water on it. It took few hours to set the fire out. This might not have been a wild fire but, it was just like one to me. Wildfires are a big problem.

People are still affected by these natural disasters.

Mudslides are also a problem in the world, too. People are affected by mudslides and don't have any insurance for the damages that the mudslide gave them. There is not a lot of insurance support for mudslide because people do not think that mudslides happen and, that are are not important. Plus the insurance are very expensive. People are very afraid because they knew they may have coverage for mudslides. so, when they occur people can't always fix the damages. That is why mudslides are also a big problem.

#### Current events:

Natural disasters can happen anywhere. It might not seem like a big problem now, but a hurricane could happen any second by now. 177 people died in the United States from Hurricane Sandy, and killed 69 people in Canada and the Caribbean. Warm air and water are what start a hurricane and we hope this doesn't happen.

Natural disasters affect society every day in many ways.
Billions of dollars of damage happened because of Hurricane Sandy.
People lose their lives and property. But, people can help. We can work together to help fix this problem.

#### Method Of Change:

Two organizations that help natural disasters are American Red Cross and UNICEF. The Red Cross is a organization that helps with many people in America and the world. American Red Cross has an app that warns you when a flood might be coming. Also when there is a natural disaster like Hurricane Sandy in 2010, they had commercials to help and donate. UNICEF is going to places like Africa and America to help. They help by collecting money to give to people who needs it. Also they give clean water to places where it is hard to get clean water, like Africa, water is very limited there. That is what American Red Cross and UNICEF do.

#### Call For Action:

Schools like United Nation International School help issues like floods and other natural disasters. In my class, we have student council. Two of our class are part of student council, and help the world make a better place. The student council makes all the plans for making donations. Also in 2013 we donated to the Philippines to for their flood. That is what we do to help the world.

We can be part of a change, a change to make a big difference. We can donate to UNICEF. Also you could tell your fellow classmates and neighbors that this problem is happening right now, and maybe they can help donate, to UNICEF. You can even try to make your own organization that will help raise money. Those are some examples of how you can help.

## More organizations.

Organization	How you can help Links		
American Red Cross	You can Donate and volunteer for American Red Cross.	https://www.redcross.org /quickdonate/index.jsp?rc pc=twc001&scode=RSG00 000E017&subcode=paiddo nationsbrand&gclid=CKLb uYub-b0CFaVQ0god9hAAo g	
UNICEF	You can help by volunteering and donating. When you volunteer you won't be on the field but you	https://secure.unicefusa.o rg/site/Donation2;jsession id=05410E4F70B0BEA8836 1F86A107F9370.app245a? df_id=17020&17020.donati on=form1&gclid=CI-k8f6a- b0CFUpn0godLW0Aiw	

	still make a difference. Please volunteer: http://www.unv. org/	
Save The Children	Donate to the organization.	http://www.savethechildre n.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4 E/b.6115947/k.8D6E/Officia L_Site.htm
Rescue	Take action and donate.	http://www.rescue.org/ou r-work/emergency-respo nse?ms=gg_nonb_zzz_zzz z_an_zzzzz&gclid=CJ2Np 8-p-b0CFa470godPwIAXw
Masbia	Volunteer to serve food.	http://www.masbia.org/

I can start small, my self. I can raise money by starting a lemonade stand then donate. I also can show care if a friend is affected by a natural disaster. If a family is affected by a natural disaster I could maybe lend them money. These are things i can look at look at for and things I should do.

I could start my own website. I will spread awareness. I could have links to the organization above for people could donate. Also I could give suggestions of how people can could help personally. This is what I plan to do.

#### Conclusion:

Now, since you have read this report, pay close attention to natural disasters. This report talks about how are people affected by these natural disaster, but it also talks about how you can make a difference. Please support this cause and maybe start doing little thing that can help people affected by these issues. We can make difference, remember the littlest thing can make a big difference to someone's life.

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