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Step 1 - Generate problem ideas.
Read the Future Scene carefully and generate ideas for challenges, concerns, and possible related problems. Choose the 16 most important challenges and write them in the space provided

Step 2 - Identify Underlying Problem.
Using the challenges listed in Step 1, identify a problem of major importance to the Future Scene situation. Write your Underlying Problem making sure your question clearly explains the action that will be taken and the desired results/goal of that action.

Step 3 - Generate solutions.
Generate solution ideas to the Underlying Problem in Step 2. Choose the 16 most effective solutions and write the elaborated ideas in the space provided.

Step 4 - Generate criteria.
Generate criteria to determine which solution idea does the best job of solving the Underlying Problem and/or addressing the Future Scene situation. Select the 5 most important criteria for measuring solution ideas and write them in the spaces provided.

Step 5 - Rank solutions.
From the solution ideas written in Step 3, select the 8 ideas with the most potential to solve the Underlying Problem and list them on the grid. Use each criterion to rank the solutions on a scale from 1 (poorest) to 8 (best). The numerical ranking for one important criterion may be doubled.

Step 6 - Develop Action Plan.
Develop your top-scoring solution idea into an Action Plan. Thoroughly explain how the Underlying Problem is solved, how the plan will be implemented, and how the Future Scene will be affected.

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HEALTH ALERT! All GET pilots who have left the flood cleanup area in Ethiopia are to contact their local healthcare authorities immediately.

Outbreak of New Virus Pandemic Linked to Blue Nile River Flood Cleanup

30 October 2020. Over 300 flood relief workers, including several GET pilots suffering from the effects of an unidentified RNA (ribonucleic acid) virus nicknamed the "Blue Nile" have been hospitalized in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital. Patients initially suffer from flu-like symptoms: cough, fever, shortness of breath, headaches, body aches, and diarrhea. Within two weeks many victims develop pneumonia and/or acute respiratory distress syndrome, which leads to difficulty breathing and can result in organ failure. Current death rate is estimated at 10% - about four times that of the 1918 flu pandemic.

According to researchers at the World Health Organization (WHO), Blue Nile appears to have entered the human population from contact with dead animals trapped by the flood. Poor sanitation, crowded shelters, and minimal health care caused the virus's quick spread from flood victims to the general population. Now air-borne, the virus is spreading in and beyond the still-dangerous flood zone as relief workers and other travelers start to return to their home countries.

The WHO's first goal is to find medication that may slow the virus. The only potential fit so far has come from Switzerland's patented anti-viral medication, Xifan, designed to treat severe cases of influenza. Xifan has proven partially effective when given to the healthy to prevent them from becoming infected by the sick and as a treatment for those in early stages of the disease. Because Xifan works best when taken within 2 days of the appearance of symptoms and Blue Nile is hard to tell from the flu in its early stages, doctors hesitate to use the rare medication. In addition, the Swiss are reluctant to release the country's small stockpile until they know their citizens are protected from the virus. As for other options, the WHO cautions against throwing money into developing new vaccines or treatments before they can learn more about the virus and create a lab test for it, a process which typically takes 12-18 months. Meanwhile, the infection rate is quickly expanding. Having surfaced in three continents in just a matter of weeks, the virus has grown from an epidemic to a pandemic.

Since the Blue Nile virus is now classified as a pandemic with global consequences, world-wide news sources have responded with real-time updates both on the virus's spread and suggested preventative measures to limit the spread germs. In spite of many media reports designed to calm the public, doomsday predictions continue to increase public and a significant increase in emergency room visits has been reported, even in areas not yet affected. Affected areas facing shortages of hospital staff, ventilators, isolation rooms, and intensive-care beds.

GET works directly with the Red Cross to respond immediately to natural disasters providing search and rescue, evacuation, and relocation victims. Recognized for its high-speed X2 coaxial helicopters and its satellite tracking capability, GET has saved countless lives around the world. GET pilots come from every inhabited continent and quickly mobilize as needed.

Blue Nile River Flood – More than 100,000 Ethiopians have been displaced by the massive surge flood. An estimated 22,000 worldwide volunteers respond to clean-up and rescue, including 200 GET personnel.

As of Oct. 30, GET has stopped flood search and rescue in order to serve as medevac transport for patients to emergency medical shelters.

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