

Outcome 8.3: evaluate responses to issues related to political stability

In class you have learned that there are a number of different factors that may contribute to instability within nation states. In some ways, a fragile state may be seen as one that has experienced a number of these factors to such a degree that it can no longer function as an organized political unit.

In this activity, you will research how Somalia has become a fragile state, considering the factors that have led to this occurrence. You will also explore possible responses to this issue that influence the quality of life of people in Somalia.

1. **Gather Information:** Go to the website below to find information that indicates Somalia has political stability issues and may be considered a fragile state. Summarize this information in the table below. <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/so.html>

| CATEGORY | SUMMARY OF INFORMATION |
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| Introduction | |
| Geography | |
| People and Society | |
| Economy | |
| Military and Security | |

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| Terrorism | |
| Transnational Issues | |

2. **Cause and Consequence:** Which category of issues from your list above do you think is most important in negatively affecting quality of life for people in Somalia? Explain using evidence.

3. **Responding to Issues:** Propose an effective response to the issues you identified in question 2 above. Explain your choice by considering such things as hard and soft power, and national or international involvement. (Note: you may use any ideas we have covered in this unit or course thus far, or conduct an internet search to help you).