

What causes conflict in our world?

1. How can we define 'conflict'?
2. According to the article, what was the cause of conflict in this area of Sudan?
3. Can we list some other major factors that cause/contribute to conflict in Sudan and other places?

Does food cause conflict?
If so, how?

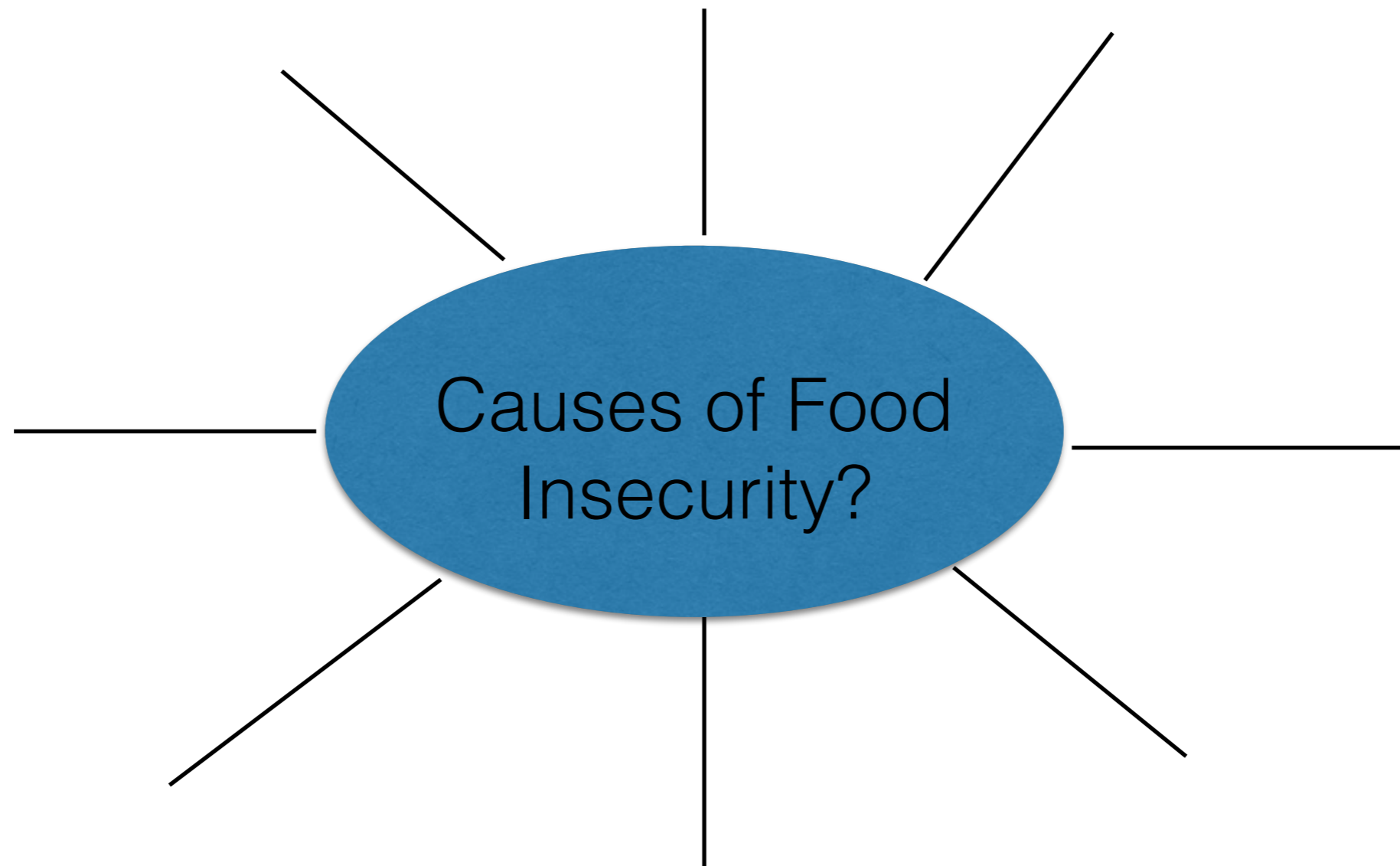
Discuss with a group member to formulate a
response to the question



Food Insecurity

The state of being without reliable access to sufficient amounts of healthy, affordable food

Using the definition we formulated and the one we read,
brainstorm in your groups
some possible causes of food insecurity



How many of the causes we listed
that led to food insecurity were:

1. Economic?
2. Political?
3. Environmental?

What would happen if these environmental events happened here in the U.S.?

Fill out the chart below listing some of the affects

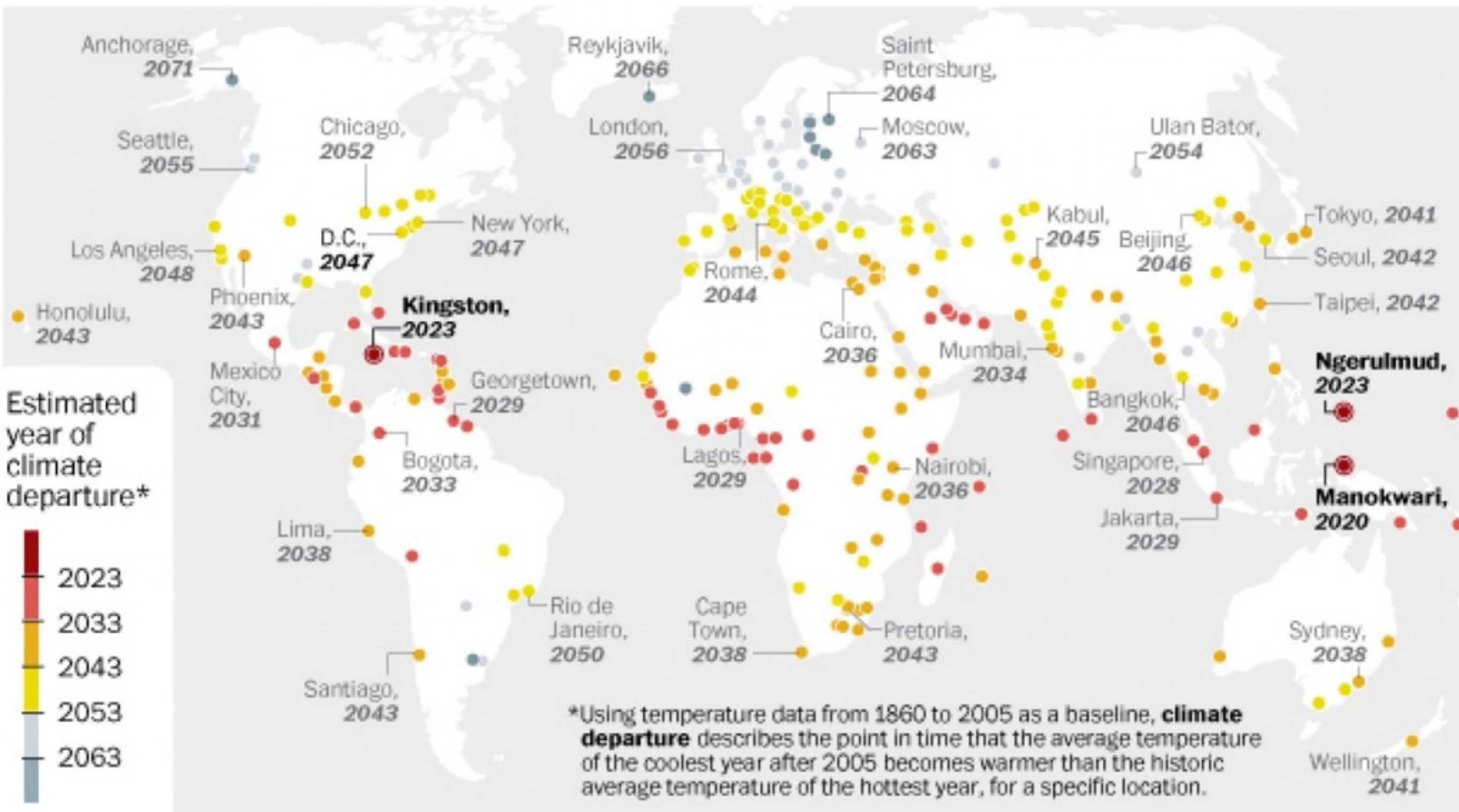
	Who would be affected?	How would the food supply be affected?	Possible remedy or solution?
Drought			
Famine			
Desertification			
Rising Sea Levels			
Rising /Extreme Temperatures			

If these events happened in the United States now, are we prepared as a country to respond to them adequately to avoid conflict? Why or why not?

Do you think food insecurity is a major contributor to conflict around the world? Why or why not? What about in Sudan?

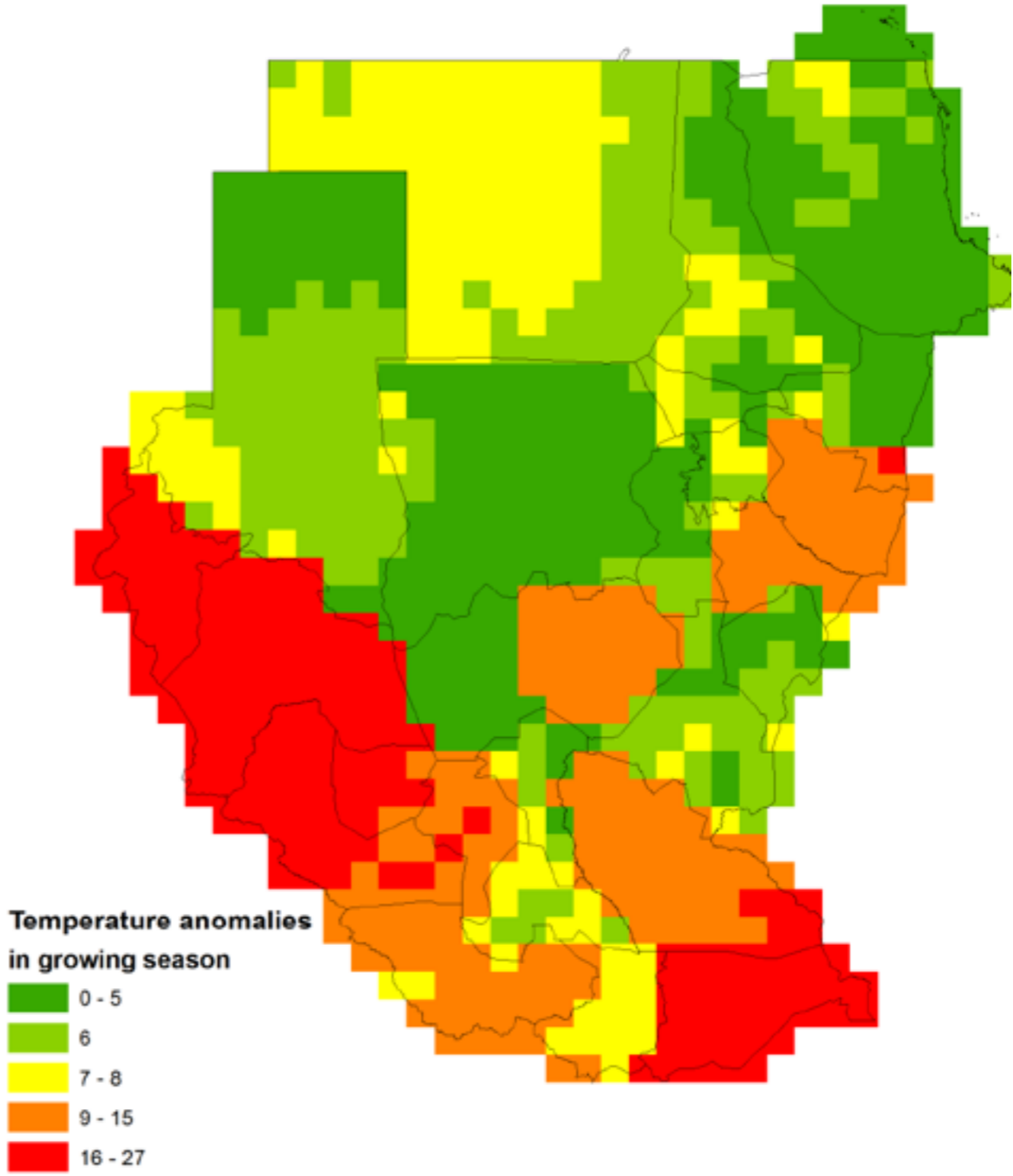
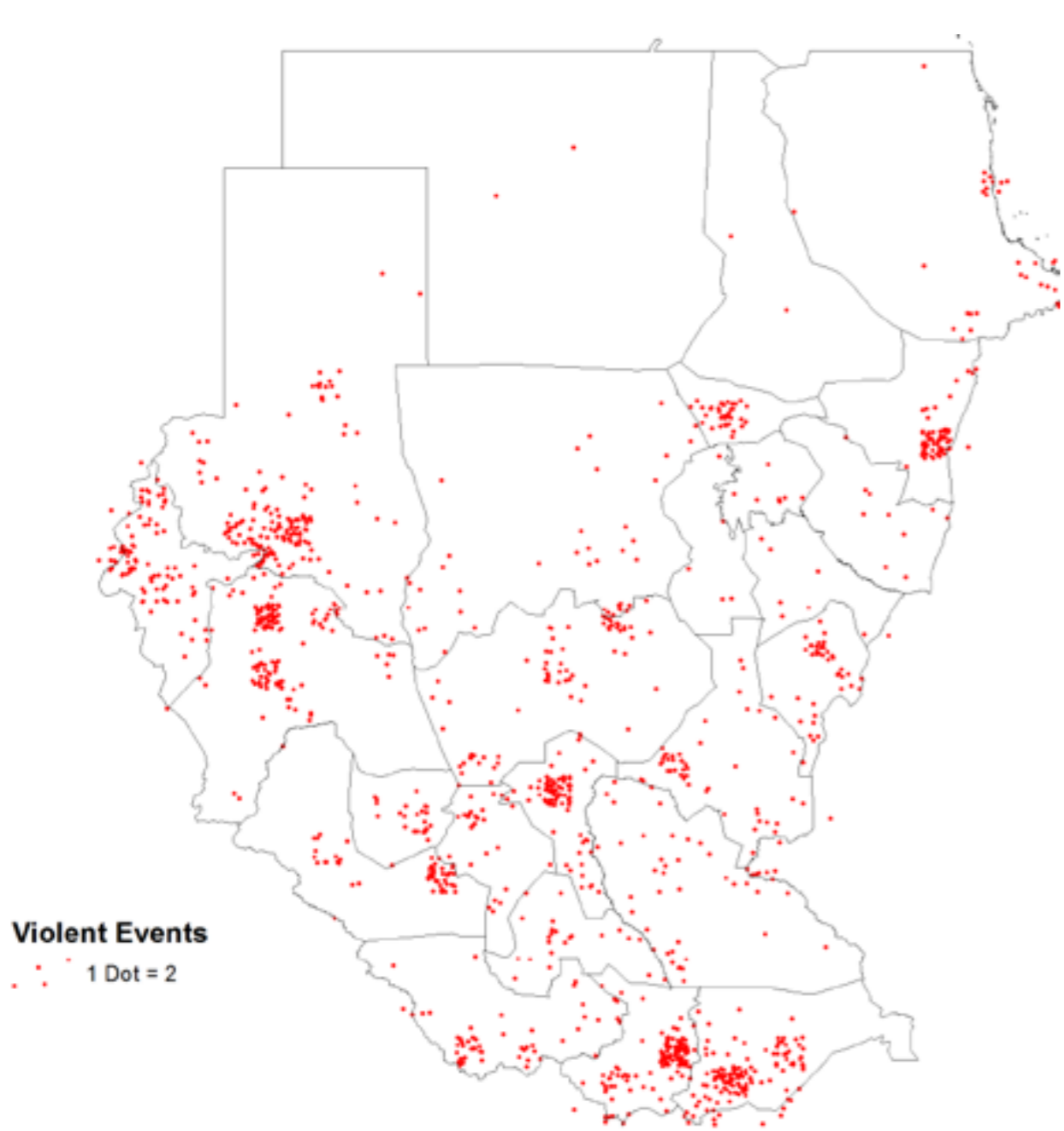
According to this map, what parts of the world are most at risk for climate change, food insecurity and/or conflict?

Without carbon dioxide mitigation



Are any part of the world better prepared for this change?

What can you infer according to these two maps about climate change and food security in Sudan?



Exit Slip:

- Let's revisit the case of Sudan from the NY Times article. From what we have seen and learned, do you think the article was correct in saying the conflict was about "land"? What, in your opinion, were the major factors in conflict in Sudan?

Homework

- Go to www.arabspatial.org
- Communicate with your group and choose an Arab country on the map
- Use the website to determine the extent of climate change in your country and the areas of conflict
- Write a proposal that seeks to establish a connection between climate change, food insecurity, and conflict in your respective country
- Bring in your proposals for class tomorrow