

1. What world problem are you concerned about?

World hunger is a significant problem in our world today. It is mainly caused by food shortages. Food shortages occur because a lot of the households dispose food that is still edible. There are households that dispose food simply because they didn't like the taste or they just simply did not feel like eating. That kind of act will lead to people dying from hunger. In our world today, 17 people die every minute, 25,000 people die everyday, and 10 million people die each year from hunger.

2. Why is this problem important?

World hunger is very important issue because it's a problem that can actually be solved to an extent. Instead of wasting food, people can just simply donate the food to homeless or poverty areas so that they will be able to have at least some food to eat. When people's life is on the line, even a half bitten piece of bread would seem like a gourmet meal to people who have not eaten in a long time.

3. What aspect of this problem seems particularly important to you?

Preventing world hunger will give a significant decrease in number of people dying each year. To me, dying from hunger is one of depressing way to die. It is a problem that can be easily prevented if people donated some food to poverty areas.

4. How could a new software system help this aspect of the problem

A new software would actually allow households to realize how much society can contribute to saving hungry people and save them from dying.

A new software will consist of few parts.

As one logs into the internet, it will post up the amount of "kitchen garbage" disposed in one's area each week. Even though that particular viewer may not have been the one that disposed edible goods, it will still allow the viewers to be aware of how much food that they waste each week.

Another feature is to list how many people died from hunger in one's area. This is to show how much lives people could have saved by providing food or not wasting goods.

After showing those lists, it will list up various facilities that accept foods so that they can provide a meal to homeless and the hungry. For shippable foods like cans, it will provide areas around the world that suffers from food shortages.

Final system is that each household will have a record of how much food that they have contributed, and will allow them to get some benefit from the government, such as discount on their next grocery, some refund in tax, etc.

5. Why do you think that this idea will make a big impact on the world?

This will make a big impact on the world because people will be more aware of how much food they purchase. This will allow them to control the amount they purchase, which will prevent them from disposing expired groceries. This will help with food shortage, which will provide more goods that can be sent to the hungry. And this software will make people more aware of how much people suffer and die from hunger, when there could have been a solution to save them.

6. What sources did you use in writing this Vision Statement?

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