

ISyE 4803
Advanced Supply Chain Logistics
Fall 2008

Reading Assignment 8

Due Date: October 30, 2008

Read the materials below in preparation for discussion in class. The questions are intended to guide your reading and thoughts, but are not the only aspects that will be discussed in class.

1. Celia W. Dugger, "CARE Turns Down Federal Funds for Food Aid", *The New York Times*, front page, August 16, 2007, <<http://www.nytimes.com>>.
 - (a) Describe the process used to distribute food from the USA to poor countries.
 - (b) List the parties who benefit from the distribution of food from the USA to poor countries.
 - (c) Discuss the criticism of the process used to distribute food from the USA to poor countries.
 - (d) Discuss the arguments in defense of the process used to distribute food from the USA to poor countries.

2. Tomasini, R.M. and Van Wassenhove, L.N., "Genetically Modified Food Donations and the Cost of Neutrality: Logistics Response to the 2002 Food Crisis in Southern Africa", <<http://www.fritzinstitute.org/rescenCaseStudies.htm>>, 2004.
 - (a) What causes were given for the food scarcity in southern Africa in 2002?
 - (b) What factors exacerbated the food shortage problem?
 - (c) Describe the logistics process involved in moving food from a donor to a recipient.
 - (d) What ports in southern Africa were used to import the food? Make sure you can point to the locations of the ports on a map.
 - (e) What unexpected problem was encountered with the food aid to southern Africa in 2002?
 - (f) Why did some governments agreed to accept milled genetically modified grain?
 - (g) What new problems were created by the agreement to mill the genetically modified grain?