**Working Together**

***Organizations*** are groups of people, businesses, or governments that work together to solve an issue. ***International organizations*** involve governments or people from different countries working together to solve an issue that crosses country borders. Reaching across borders is what makes them *“international*.” There are two main types of international organizations.

**Intergovernmental organizations**

***Intergovernmental organizations*** are organizations that are formed between governments. They are based on formal agreements between three or more countries that have come together for a specific purpose. For example, several governments might come together to share the national experts and resources to develop solutions for fighting hunger around the world.

1. Why are intergovernmental organizations formed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Nongovernmental Organizations**

“Non” means not, of course. Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are groups that work to solve problems around the world. Although they may have members that come from government organizations, they are not connected to any government. A nongovernmental organization is free to work toward its own goals without interference from any government. If an NGO wanted to fight hunger globally, it might collaborate with other NGOs or raise money independently to fund projects.

1. What makes nongovernmental organizations different than intergovernmental organizations? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **World Court**  Year:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **What organization is the World Court a part of?** | **Reason World Court exists:** |
| **World Trade Organization (WTO)**  Year:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  How many countries\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Reason WTO exists:** | **Examples:**   * 1. Overseeing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ agreements   2. Forum for trade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   3. Handling trade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA):**  Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Which countries are involved?**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** | **What does NAFTA do?**   * Created one of the world’slargest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ zones and set the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of trade and investment between Canada, the United States, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** | **The goal of UNICEF is to:** | **How does it reach its goal?**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.**  **4.** |