Social policy

Match the sentences to the social issues.

1. The volunteers have started a campaign against the testing of cosmetics on dogs. _____	
2. He has devoted his life to helping abused youngsters. _____	*Terrorism*
3. It's been estimated that a sixth of the world's population lacks running water. _____	*Environmental protection*
4. The government needs to raise awareness of the damage being done to the natural world. _____	*Poverty*
5. A bomb was detected at the embassy but was detonated without causing any injuries. _____	*Animal rights*
	Children's rights

International organisations

Choose the correct word to complete the names. What do these organisations work on?

EU	-	European **Unity/Union/United**
NATO	-	North **Atlanta/Atlas/Atlantic** Treaty Organisation
IOC	-	International Olympic **Committee/Council/Cooperation**
WHO	-	World **Habitat/Health/Humane** Organisation
WWF	-	World Wildlife **Fund/Finance/Fortune**
IMF	-	International **Money/Monetary/Market** Fund

Look at the following definitions and complete the issues they refer to. The first letter of each word is given.

1. a lack of jobs: u_____ _____	*5. being extremely overweight: o _____*
2. using scientific techniques to create edible plants:	*6. the increase of trade around the world:*
g_____ m_____ f_____	*g_____*
3. using scientific techniques to create humans or	*7. a lack of oil: e _____ c _____*
animals: c_____	*8. the way the world's weather is changing:*
4. a worldwide economic problem:	*c_____ c_____*
g_____ f_____ c_____	

Mark three words which refer to more serious problems

difficulty   trouble   hurdle   obstacle

predicament   *disaster   issue

*challenge   *controversy   setback

*catastrophe   dilemma   crisis

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Trouble is usually an uncountable noun and so must be used in the singular form only: *I've had a lot of trouble with the second-hand car I bought.* (NOT ~~troubles~~)

The word *troubles* is only used in very special circumstances to refer to all of the problems a person or country has: *Telling someone else your troubles can really help.*

However, it is better to avoid using it in this way unless you are completely sure. Trouble can also be used to mean difficulty in the phrase *have trouble +* -*ing*: *I had a lot of trouble starting the car this morning.*

Put the verbs into the correct column.

| exacerbate   alleviate   hinder   mitigate   rectify |
| compound   complicate   improve   aggravate |

positive	negative
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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