The Niger Nightmare
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A prolonged flood happened in Africa that almost floods all the regions of Africa in 2010. This flood was caused by the Niger River, and the food crisis is worsening. Homes and crops, especially near the river, were destroyed severely; even the country’s most fertile lands were destroyed. People who live by the river area and depend on rice fields were also destroyed. More than 7 million people are facing starvation. In some area such as the capital of Niamey, “the Niger River has reached its highest water level since 1929.” Thousands of people were homeless and at least 6 died. Flash flood makes people even more difficult to search for food. Families stay in public infrastructures for security. The World Food Program reports that funding was not able to help 60% of hungry people. Although after the flood people can rebuild homes and fields, but it is likely that the upcoming harvest will not be desirable. The numbers of dead cattle reach more than 100,000. It is very damaging to both agricultural and food sources. Drinking sources were also being contaminated. However, nothing has been done to solve these problems because of the heavy rain in those areas. The main concerns of this flood are the huge number of population that the government needs to feed and the future harvest of crops. In the future, it is certainly that high population of people suffers from poor harvest.
