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- **People still recovering from storms & flooding in the U.S. & elsewhere.** Remember people who live in places where the impact of climate change on the severity of storms & flooding is making their home areas unlivable.
- **Those recovering from earthquakes in Indonesia** at least 268 killed, 151 are missing & at least 1,000 are injured. 58,000 people have been displaced. Many of the dead & injured are children since many schools were affected. There have also been quakes in the **Solomon Islands & off the Mexican/U.S. Pacific coast.**
- **Ukraine where the war continues** – evidence of atrocities against civilians is discovered daily. Another round of rocket/missile attacks against Ukrainian cities is underway. Electricity has been cut to at least half a million homes in Kyiv & many more in other cities by these attacks. How people will survive the winter without power for heat & other infrastructure is a serious concern. Anti-war protests in Russia & resistance to military conscription is ongoing. Russia continues some degree of martial law in all areas under their control in Ukraine & Russia. At least 16,000 civilians have been killed in Ukraine since the start of the Russian invasion.
- **The People of Haiti** –still dealing with a cholera outbreak, gang violence, & major political unrest.
- **Uganda** – the Ebola outbreak is growing.
- **The People of Somalia** – facing a major famine & violence. 8 million people there may be affected. Other parts of Africa are also facing food shortages which could lead to famine.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – 39,616 people have died in gun violence this year (up 750 from last week), including 1,505 children (up 36 from last week). 35,143 people have been injured (up 538 from last week) including 4,038 children (up 70 from last week). 21,516 of these deaths are suicide (up 396 from last week). There have been 605 mass shootings in 2022 (up 6 from last week).
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