Issue Brief
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The question of decolonization with a focus on human rights violations following Hurricane Irma in Puerto Rico

Factors to consider:

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<th>The economic issues as a causation</th>
<th>Over the recent years, Venezuela has struggled with significant political and economic issues as a result of political corruption. Political discontent has since been fueled by ‘sky-rocketing’ hyperinflation, electricity cuts as well as food and medicine shortages. These issues have come to light and been catalysed as a result of the Presidency of Maduro.</th>
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<td>The civilian response to the government</td>
<td>Moreover, the political discontent has led to demonstrations and protests by civilians which have been and continue to be met with violence including being shot at with pellets at close proximities and pro-government groups firing on demonstrators with live ammunition</td>
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<td>‘President’ Juan Guaidó’s involvement</td>
<td>The protests came in support of the Leader of Opposition of the government, Juan Guaidó declaring himself acting president. Maduro responded by condemning him and allowing the violent response to the protests to continue.</td>
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Consequences of the Issue

This has resulted in a multitude of deaths and human rights violations. Many social groups have called upon the USA and other strong nations for help to sanction Maduro but to no avail. People continue to be killed and injured in the act of protesting whilst those living in poverty remain struggling.

Potential Solutions/Guiding Questions

1. What has the current government done to lead the country into a state of hyperinflation and widespread poverty?
2. What effects does this predicament have on the children of the country?
3. What are the additional necessities/services/facilities that families may need in order to improve their living standards as of now?

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