An Environmental Management Officer comes knocking. She asks:
Why didn’t you come to the neighbourhood meeting about the drought?
You explain that you didn’t hear about it, and it wasn’t accessible to you anyway – you needed to be out in the grazing lands, tending the animals.

How has the drought affected you and what would improve your situation?
It is a worry that the camels are not getting enough vegetation and water and the community will have to move the animals. You don’t have good information in advance about the condition of the water and vegetation, or the rains forecast for the season, so it feels as though every move you make is fraught with risk.

This time, you manage to attend the neighbourhood meeting.
There is more information on the table, now, about the season’s weather forecast, where the water is good now and where and when the rains are likely to fall. That could help boost the health of your flock. Meanwhile, there is also an idea for an organised initiative to grow vegetables and provide credit for women in the town – this might be of benefit to your wife and children.

How could you respond to these new options? What else is on your mind?

Discuss with the group.