Just Thaw and Serve (Textbook p. 146-147)

Picture Description and Text Purpose

The picture is an artist’s impression of how to “lassoo” and tow an iceberg. Since “thaw” means “turn ice into water”, the iceberg is being taken somewhere and turned into water. “Serve” suggests that the water obtained will be “served” to people, i.e. it will be drinking water. We can therefore conclude that the operation is designed to bring drinking water (in the form of an iceberg) to places where there is a shortage.