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Basic income for poor could slow COVID-19 spread

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

The United Nations has come up with a plan to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said the world's poorest people should get a basic income. It said the introduction of a "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could slow the current surge in coronavirus cases. The money would allow around 2.7 billion people to stay at home. This would reduce the chances of them spreading the virus. The UNDP suggested giving the income to poor people in 132 developing countries. The cost of this would be around \$199 billion per month. It said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic measures."

The UNDP said the basic income would mean directing money to people instead of economies. It said: "Bailouts and recovery plans cannot only focus on big markets and big business. A Temporary Basic Income would allow governments to give people in lockdown a financial lifeline, inject cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It pointed out that the poor are the hardest hit by the pandemic. There are huge numbers of people without social insurance and many workers without contracts. There are also many low-waged women and young people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people with disabilities need financial help.

Sources : https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2020/Temporary_Basic_Income_to_protect_the_worlds_poorest_people_slow_COVID19.html
<https://japantoday.com/category/world/u.n.-report-suggests-temporary-basic-income-to-help-world%27s-poorest-amid-pandemic>
<https://time.com/5870438/basic-income-payments-coronavirus-u-n/>

WARM-UPS

1. BASIC INCOME: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about basic income. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

United Nations / plan / spread / basic / income / surge / money / developing countries
people / economies / lockdown / financial / pandemic / social / insurance / refugee

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BUSINESS HELP: Students A **strongly** believe businesses should help to give poor people a basic income; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PANDEMIC: How can we reduce the spread of coronavirus? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	A Good Idea?	A Bad Idea?
Wear a mask		
Wash hands		
Social distance		
Alcohol wipe everything		
Stay at home		
Close borders		

5. CRORONAVIRUS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "coronavirus". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. IN NEED: Rank these with your partner. Put the people most in need at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the low-paid
- the young
- the aged
- refugees
- migrants
- the disabled
- single parents
- the homeless

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. come up with | a. Only for a short period of time; not forever. |
| 2. temporary | b. A sudden large increase. |
| 3. current | c. Plans or actions taken to achieve a particular purpose. |
| 4. surge | d. Belonging to the present time; happening or being used or done now. |
| 5. reduce | e. Never done or known before. |
| 6. unprecedented | f. Think of a new idea. |
| 7. measures | g. Make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 8. economies | h. The act of giving money to a failing business or economy to save it from collapse. |
| 9. bailout | i. The return to being normal. |
| 10. recovery | j. A person who had to leave their country to escape war, danger, or natural disaster. |
| 11. lockdown | k. Introduce something to into something else to make it better; put a liquid or medicine into the body with a needle. |
| 12. inject | l. A state of not being allowed to go out of your house for security reasons. |
| 13. pandemic | m. All of the areas of a government, country or area that are about money. |
| 14. refugee | n. A disease that is all over a whole country or the world. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The UN said giving money to the poor would slow down COVID-19. **T / F**
- b. The UN said the basic income should be a temporary measure. **T / F**
- c. A basic income would let over 2.5bn people stay at home. **T / F**
- d. A basic income would cost \$199bn a year. **T / F**
- e. The UN said it is more important to give money to businesses. **T / F**
- f. The UN said the basic income would inject money into local economies. **T / F**
- g. The article says there are very few people without social insurance. **T / F**
- h. The article said migrants and refugees did not need the basic income. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. come up with | a. push |
| 2. temporary | b. unheard of |
| 3. surge | c. assistance |
| 4. suggested | d. highlighted |
| 5. unprecedented | e. short-term |
| 6. allow | f. large |
| 7. inject | g. recommended |
| 8. pointed out | h. thought of |
| 9. huge | i. let |
| 10. help | j. rise |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. The United Nations has come up | a. financial lifeline |
| 2. the world's poorest people | b. times |
| 3. slow the current surge | c. spreading the virus |
| 4. reduce the chances of them | d. people with disabilities |
| 5. unprecedented | e. with a plan to help |
| 6. directing money to people instead | f. hardest hit |
| 7. Bailouts and | g. in coronavirus cases |
| 8. give people in lockdown a | h. recovery plans |
| 9. It pointed out that the poor are the | i. should get a basic income |
| 10. refugees, migrants, and | j. of economies |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

The United Nations has come up with a (1) _____ to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said the world's (2) _____ people should get a basic income. It said the (3) _____ of a "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could slow the (4) _____ surge in coronavirus cases. The money would allow around 2.7 billion people to stay at home. This would (5) _____ the chances of them spreading the virus. The UNDP suggested giving the income to poor people in 132 (6) _____ countries. The cost of this would be around \$199 billion (7) _____ month. It said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic (8) _____."

developing
current
poorest
measures
reduce
plan
per
introduction

The UNDP said the basic (9) _____ would mean directing money to people (10) _____ of economies. It said: "Bailouts and recovery plans cannot only focus on big markets and big (11) _____. A Temporary Basic Income would allow governments to give people in (12) _____ a financial lifeline, inject cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It (13) _____ out that the poor are the hardest hit by the pandemic. There are huge numbers of people without social (14) _____ and many workers without contracts. There are also many (15) _____-waged women and young people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people with (16) _____ need financial help.

business
pointed
low
income
lockdown
disabilities
instead
insurance

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

- 1) The United Nations has come up with a plan to help slow _____ COVID-19
 - a. the spread off
 - b. the spread oft
 - c. the spread of
 - d. the spread over
- 2) a "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could slow _____
 - a. the current sarge
 - b. the current splurge
 - c. the current scourge
 - d. the current surge
- 3) The UNDP suggested giving the income to poor people in _____
 - a. 132 developing countries
 - b. 132 developing country
 - c. 132 developing country's
 - d. 132 developing countrified
- 4) The cost of this would be around \$199 _____
 - a. billion poor month
 - b. billion par month
 - c. billion per month
 - d. billion perm month
- 5) Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social _____
 - a. and economic measured
 - b. and economic measures
 - c. and economic measure is
 - d. and economics measures
- 6) The UNDP said the basic income would mean directing money to people _____
 - a. instead off economies
 - b. instead of economies
 - c. instead of economise
 - d. instead of economics
- 7) Bailouts and recovery plans cannot only focus on big _____ business
 - a. market and big
 - b. mark its and big
 - c. mark it sand big
 - d. markets and big
- 8) _____ would allow governments to give people in lockdown _____
 - a. a financials lifeline
 - b. a financial lifeline
 - c. a financially lifeline
 - d. a finance shall lifeline
- 9) _____ inject cash back into local economies to help keep small _____
 - a. businesses afloat
 - b. businesses a floats
 - c. business is afloat
 - d. business is a float
- 10) It also said refugees, migrants, and _____
 - a. people within disabilities
 - b. people wither disabilities
 - c. people with disabilities
 - d. people wit disabilities

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

The United Nations has (1) _____ a plan to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said the world's (2) _____ get a basic income. It said the introduction of a "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could slow the (3) _____ coronavirus cases. The money would allow around 2.7 billion people to (4) _____. This would reduce the chances of them spreading the virus. The UNDP suggested giving the income to poor people in (5) _____. The cost of this would be around \$199 billion per month. It said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social (6) _____."

The UNDP said the basic income (7) _____ money to people instead of economies. It said: "Bailouts and recovery plans cannot (8) _____ big markets and big business. A Temporary Basic Income would allow governments to give people in (9) _____ lifeline, inject cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat, and slow (10) _____ of COVID-19." It pointed out that the poor are the hardest hit by the pandemic. There are (11) _____ people without social insurance and many workers without contracts. There are also many low-waged women and young people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people (12) _____ financial help.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

1. What part of the UN has come up with a plan?
2. How many people could stay at home if they got a basic income?
3. How many countries would the basic income help?
4. How much would the basic income cost each month?
5. What kind of times did the UN say we are living in?
6. Who would get the money instead of economies?
7. How long would the basic income be for?
8. Who did the article say were hardest hit by the pandemic?
9. What kind of insurance do many people not have?
10. What kind of help did the UN say people needed?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

- 1) What part of the UN has come up with a plan?
 - a) the UNPD
 - b) the UNDP
 - c) the UPND
 - d) the UPDN
- 2) How many people could stay at home if they got a basic income?
 - a) exactly 2.7 billion
 - b) just over 2.7 billion
 - c) around 2.7 billion
 - d) just less than 2.7 billion
- 3) How many countries would the basic income help?
 - a) 138
 - b) 136
 - c) 134
 - d) 132
- 4) How much would the basic income cost each month?
 - a) around \$599 billion
 - b) around \$399 billion
 - c) around \$199 billion
 - d) around \$299 billion
- 5) What kind of times did the UN say we are living in?
 - a) unprecedented times
 - b) difficult times
 - c) troubling times
 - d) these times
- 6) Who would get the money instead of economies?
 - a) people
 - b) politicians
 - c) banks
 - d) nurses
- 7) How long would the basic income be for?
 - a) a week or two
 - b) a few years
 - c) until the end of the pandemic
 - d) it will be temporary
- 8) Who did the article say were hardest hit by the pandemic?
 - a) heavier people
 - b) the aged
 - c) the poor
 - d) children
- 9) What kind of insurance do many people not have?
 - a) home insurance
 - b) car insurance
 - c) health insurance
 - d) social insurance
- 10) What kind of help did the UN say people needed?
 - a) urgent help
 - b) financial help
 - c) help finding masks
 - d) urgent help

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Low-Paid

You think the low-paid should be the first to get a basic income. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people should not be first. Also, tell the others which of these should not get a basic income (and why): the aged, refugees or single parents.

Role B – The Aged

You think the aged should be the first to get a basic income. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people should not be first. Also, tell the others which of these should not get a basic income (and why): the low-paid, refugees or single parents.

Role C – Refugees

You think refugees should be the first to get a basic income. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people should not be first. Also, tell the others which of these should not get a basic income (and why): the aged, the low-paid or single parents.

Role D – Single Parents

You think single parents should be the first to get a basic income. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people should not be first. Also, tell the others which of these should not get a basic income (and why): the aged, refugees or the low-paid.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'basic' and 'income'.

basic	income

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• plan• poorest• introduction• current• 132• 199	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• instead• focus• inject• hit• also• financial
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BASIC INCOME SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about basic income in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BASIC INCOME DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'income'?
3. What do you think of the United Nations?
4. How would you slow the spread of COVID-19?
5. What do you think of giving poor people a basic income?
6. Why might a basic income slow the spread of COVID-19?
7. What do you do to reduce the spread of COVID-19?
8. What do you think the pandemic will be like at the end of this year?
9. In what other ways could the UN help developing countries?
10. Why are these "unprecedented times"?

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BASIC INCOME DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'poor'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What does the United Nations do?
15. Is it better to give money to help companies or people?
16. Why have many bailouts focused on big companies?
17. Why are the poor the hardest hit in the pandemic?
18. How has the pandemic affected refugees and migrants?
19. How has your government coped with the pandemic?
20. What questions would you like to ask the UNDP?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

The United Nations has come up with a plan (1) ____ help slow the spread of COVID-19. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said the world's poorest people should get a basic income. It said the (2) ____ of a "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could slow the (3) ____ surge in coronavirus cases. The money would allow around 2.7 billion people to (4) ____ at home. This would reduce the chances of them spreading the virus. The UNDP suggested giving the (5) ____ to poor people in 132 developing countries. The cost of this would be around \$199 billion per month. It said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic (6) ____."

The UNDP said the basic income would mean (7) ____ money to people instead of economies. It said: "Bailouts and recovery plans cannot only focus (8) ____ big markets and big business. A Temporary Basic Income would allow governments to give people in lockdown a financial lifeline, (9) ____ cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It pointed (10) ____ that the poor are the hardest hit by the pandemic. There are huge numbers of people without social insurance and many workers without contracts. There are also many (11) ____-waged women and young people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people with disabilities (12) ____ financial help.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) by | (d) of |
| 2. | (a) intro | (b) introduction | (c) introduce | (d) introduces |
| 3. | (a) currants | (b) currant | (c) currency | (d) current |
| 4. | (a) sty | (b) stay | (c) slay | (d) say |
| 5. | (a) outcome | (b) income | (c) come | (d) comings |
| 6. | (a) grades | (b) levels | (c) measures | (d) ratio |
| 7. | (a) buying | (b) going | (c) directing | (d) making |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) of |
| 9. | (a) jab | (b) syringe | (c) needle | (d) inject |
| 10. | (a) down | (b) up | (c) in | (d) out |
| 11. | (a) low | (b) small | (c) down | (d) tiny |
| 12. | (a) needy | (b) needless | (c) need | (d) necessary |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. It said the ndotctiunior of...
2. slow the current erusg
3. This would cerude the chances
4. spreading the vsuir
5. 132 ovipnedegl countries
6. economic ausemres

Paragraph 2

7. crryeevo plans
8. a financial nleelifi
9. keep small businesses tlofaa
10. slow the gsdtnaaitev spread
11. people without oasicl insurance
12. need ailcnifna help

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and recovery plans cannot only focus on big markets and big business. A Temporary Basic Income would allow
- () The UNDP said the basic income would mean directing money to people instead of economies. It said: "Bailouts
- () reduce the chances of them spreading the virus. The UNDP suggested giving the income
- () in coronavirus cases. The money would allow around 2.7 billion people to stay at home. This would
- () (UNDP) said the world's poorest people should get a basic income. It said the introduction
- () insurance and many workers without contracts. There are also many low-waged women and young people. It also said
- () of a "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could slow the current surge
- () help keep small businesses afloat, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It pointed
- (**1**) The United Nations has come up with a plan to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The United Nations Development Programme
- () to poor people in 132 developing countries. The cost of this would be around \$199 billion
- () out that the poor are the hardest hit by the pandemic. There are huge numbers of people without social
- () per month. It said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic measures."
- () refugees, migrants, and people with disabilities need financial help.
- () governments to give people in lockdown a financial lifeline, inject cash back into local economies to

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

1. a people basic should The get income . poorest
2. people at home . stay Allow 2.7 billion to around
3. the virus . the chances of Reduce spreading them
4. poor 132 countries . developing for in people Income
5. of The \$199 billion this be would . cost around
6. economies . people money Directing to instead of
7. plans focus big markets . on Recovery only cannot
8. a financial people lockdown in lifeline . Give
9. are The by poor pandemic . hardest hit the
10. disabilities people help . Migrants need and with financial

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

The United Nations has come *up / down* with a plan to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said the world's *poverty / poorest* people should get a basic income. It said the *introduction / intro* of a "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could *show / slow* the current surge in coronavirus cases. The money would *allow / disallow* around 2.7 billion people to stay at home. This would *reduce / deduce* the chances of them *spread / spreading* the virus. The UNDP *suggestion / suggested* giving the income to poor people in 132 developing countries. The cost of this would *have / be* around \$199 billion per month. It said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented *socially / social* and economic measures."

The UNDP said the basic income would *meaning / mean* directing money to people instead *of / for* economies. It said: "*Bailouts / Ballots* and recovery plans cannot only *hocus pocus / focus* on big markets and big business. A Temporary Basic Income would allow governments to give people *at / in* lockdown a financial lifeline, *inject / injection* cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It pointed *in / out* that the poor are the hardest hit by the pandemic. There are *hug / huge* numbers of people without social insurance and many workers without contracts. There are also *much / many* low-waged women and young people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people with disabilities need financial *help / helping*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

The United Nations has come up with a plan to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said the world's poorest people should get basic income. It said the next recipient of "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could slow the current surge in coronavirus cases. The money would allow around 2.7 billion people to stay at home. This would reduce the chances of them spreading the virus. The UNDP suggests giving the money to the poorest 132 developing countries. The cost of this would be around \$199 billion per month. It said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic measures."

The UNDP said the basic income would be used to help people instead of economies. It said: "Billions and recovery plans cannot only focus on big markets and big businesses. A Temporary Basic Income would allow governments to give people locked down financial lifelines, inject cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It pointed out that the poorest of the herd hit by the pandemic. The number of people with that social insecurity and many workers with no contracts. The number of low-wage women and young people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people with disabilities need financial help.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

the united nations has come up with a plan to help slow the spread of covid19 the united nations development programme undp said the worlds poorest people should get a basic income it said the introduction of a temporary basic income for the worlds poorest people could slow the current surge in coronavirus cases the money would allow around 27 billion people to stay at home this would reduce the chances of them spreading the virus the undp suggested giving the income to poor people in 132 developing countries the cost of this would be around 199 billion per month it said unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic measures the undp said the basic income would mean directing money to people instead of economies it said bailouts and recovery plans cannot only focus on big markets and big business a temporary basic income would allow governments to give people in lockdown a financial lifeline inject cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat and slow the devastating spread of covid19 it pointed out that the poor are the hardest hit by the pandemic there are huge numbers of people without social insurance and many workers without contracts there are also many lowwaged women and young people it also said refugees migrants and people with disabilities need financial help

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income.html>

The United Nations has come up with a plan to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said the world's poorest people should get a basic income. It said the introduction of a "Temporary Basic Income" for the world's poorest people could slow the current surge in coronavirus cases. The money would allow around 2.7 billion people to stay at home. This would reduce the chances of them spreading the virus. The UNDP suggested giving the money to poor people in 132 developing countries. The cost of this would be around \$199 billion per month. It said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic measures." The UNDP said the basic income would mean directing money to people instead of economies. It said: "Bailouts and recovery plans cannot only focus on big markets and big business. A Temporary Basic Income would allow governments to give people in lockdown a financial lifeline, inject cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It pointed out that the poor are the hardest hit by the pandemic. There are huge numbers of people without social insurance and many workers without contracts. There are also many low-waged women and young people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people with disabilities need financial help.

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1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BASIC INCOME: Make a poster about basic income. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BUSINESSES: Write a magazine article about businesses paying extra money to give poor people a basic income. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on basic income. Ask him/her three questions about basic income. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. e 7. c
8. m 9. h 10. i 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b T c T d F e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. e	3. j	4. g	5. b
6. i	7. a	8. d	9. f	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The United Nations Development Programme
2. Around 2.7 billion
3. 132
4. Around \$199 billion
5. Unprecedented times
6. People
7. It will be temporary
8. The poor
9. Social insurance
10. Financial help

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The poorest people should get a basic income.
2. Allow around 2.7 billion people to stay at home.
3. Reduce the chances of them spreading the virus.
4. Income for poor people in 132 developing countries.
5. The cost of this would be around \$199 billion.
6. Directing money to people instead of economies.
7. Recovery plans cannot only focus on big markets.
8. Give people in lockdown a financial lifeline.
9. The poor are hardest hit by the pandemic.
10. Migrants and people with disabilities need financial help.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)