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WORKSHEET 21 LESSON NOTES

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Strand 3	Economics
Sub Strand 3.5	Development Economics
Content Learning Outcome C.10.3.5.1	Investigate and discuss economic issues affecting economic growth and development

Crime

Crime is an act which is prohibited by criminal law and the person is punished, usually by fine or imprisonment.

Types of Crime

Includes murder, rape, robbery, burglary, theft, work violence

Causes of Crime

- ❖ Breakdown of families
- ❖ Pawn shops and other second hand retail stores
- ❖ Rural – urban migration
- ❖ Unemployment
- ❖ Lack of education
- ❖ Alcohol abuse
- ❖ Yagona abuse
- ❖ Violent movies

Costs and Effects of Crime

- ❖ Costs to victims can include medical costs, property losses, and loss of income
- ❖ Losses can come in the form of increased security expenses including stronger locks, extra lighting, parking in more expensive secure lots, security alarms for homes and cars, and maintaining guard dogs.
- ❖ Some costs of crime are less tangible (not easily or precisely identified). These kinds of costs can include pain and suffering, and a lower quality of life. There are also the traumatic impacts on friends and the disruption of family
- ❖ Communities also are affected through loss of tourism and retail sales
- ❖ Communities and governments spend public funds for police departments, prisons and jails, courts, and treatment programs, including the salaries of prosecutors, judges, public defenders, social workers, security guards, and probation officers

Prevention of Crime

Some of these ways are:

- ❖ Strengthen family structures by providing counseling and other assistance to family's needs
- ❖ Reform the education system to assist in teaching character traits such as discipline, honesty, responsibility, integrity, hard work and so forth.
- ❖ Reform the legal system to ensure that criminals are dealt with fairly and quickly.
- ❖ Rehabilitate prisoners so that they do not return to their criminal behaviors upon their release.
- ❖ Control alcohol abuse
- ❖ Control and reduce the rural – urban drift by improving employment opportunities and living conditions in the rural areas so that the attractiveness of urban life loses some of its appeal.
- ❖ Police training and increased expenditure on police force.

Unemployment

Unemployment exists when there are people willing to work but they are unable to find suitable work.

Types of Unemployment

i) Structural unemployment : generally caused by the decreased demand for goods and services perhaps the good has become unpopular or due to technological change e.g. automation in the factory

ii) Frictional unemployment : short term unemployment caused by movement in between jobs i.e. a few weeks of unemployment before starting a new job.

iii) Seasonal unemployment : is unemployment caused by the regular season nature of the work e.g. cane cutting workers after the cane cutting season.

iv) Cyclical unemployment : caused by the general downturn in economic activity which can be due to the fall in aggregate demand.

Causes of Unemployment

- Reduced spending by business firms
- High wage rates
- Uneducated workforce
- Unskilled workforce
- Overpopulation

Effects of Unemployment

Social effects

- Hurts the worker and his or her family
- Loss of family savings
- Caused by inadequate income
- Loss of self respect/morale
- Disrupts families and households
- Increases in crime

- Declines in standard of living
- Ill – health and Depression

Economic Effects

- Wastage of resources
- A loss resulting from the opportunity cost of the unemployed persons time
- Lower in savings can result in lower investment

Government Actions to overcome Unemployment in Fiji

- Increase foreign income by foreigners that is increase investment by foreigners. This creates more job opportunities for the locals
- Free education that increases the skills of a person and allow him to run his own business or to go into agriculture.
- Development of rural areas more so that it prevents rural urban drift
- Decrease in automation and employ people instead of machines

Activity

Read the question given below and write a paragraph on it. This question is worth 5 marks. The length of the paragraph should be between 75 to 100 words.

Unemployment is one of the economic problems around the world.

Discuss the above statement with reference to:

- the definition of unemployment. (1 mark)
- two types of unemployment. (2 marks)
- two government actions to reduce unemployment in Fiji. (2 marks)
