

4 A government wants to reduce income inequality in their country.

The following actions are being considered:

- spend more money on training and job creation
- increase the amount of tax paid by people with high incomes
- introduce more sustainable development policies.

Which one of these actions would you recommend to the government, and why?

In your answer, you should:

- state your recommendation
- give reasons and evidence to support your choice
- use the material in the sources and/or any of your own ideas
- consider different arguments and perspectives.

I would recommend the government to spend more money on training and job creation.

Source 1 states that the government should spend more money on training and job creation.

"Governments, employers and individuals should set aside more of their income for lifelong learning," as stated in Source 3.

According to Source 2, one cause of income inequality is people having unequal access to education. This means that some people can only do low skilled jobs with their level of education and some can do high skilled jobs because they are more educated. Source 2 stated that a chief executive from a top fashion company can earn

the lifetime income of a textile worker in Bangladesh in just four days. This shows how serious the issue of income inequality has become.

Spending more money on education and training reduces income inequality because if the people with a lower education level are educated and given training, they can succeed in their country.

In Source 3, the person now owns a successful company because their father invested in their education. If the government invest in education and training, this impacts the country because

all of the people would be successful, and income inequality is reduced. In source 4, Ivan states that "spending about 13% of a country's annual income on public services reduces income inequality by about 20 per cent". Therefore, spending more money on training is effective for reducing income inequality.

However, it costs a lot to give people training and education. The tuition fees in some schools nowadays are increasing due to inflation, and some equipments are needed for training, and all of that requires a lot of money. Even though it costs a lot, giving training and education to people, especially younger people, is worth it because they are the future. If they are educated, they can do high skilled jobs and make a lot of money. Once they do, they can repay the government for giving them education. Additionally, the educated people might not agree because there will be more competition for high skilled jobs.

Increasing the tax paid by people with high incomes is not a sustainable solution. The people paying higher taxes might not be satisfied with this change. They might move to another country to avoid paying higher taxes, and this does not help the economy.

Introducing more sustainable development policies is not a good recommendation either. People might not follow them if it does not benefit them. For example, rich or educated people might ignore those policies since only the less educated people benefit from the policies. Additionally, it is a waste of their time.

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