

Unit 10: People and numbers

Lesson 13 The most generous countries in the world

Learning objectives :

Listening: To listen to suggestions in a discussion about humanitarian aid and generosity .

Speaking: To discuss issues related to humanitarian aid and generosity .

Reading: To read a news article about humanitarian aid and generosity .

Writing: To write long numbers as they are said.

Key vocabulary :

humanitarian aid

Donor

gross national income

Generous

natural disaster

drought

Survey

Stranger

Volunteer

Charity

charitable cause

Rich

poor

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- Why do you think some countries give money to other countries?



Reading

- 1 Read the headline. With a partner discuss what you think the article will say. Read the article and compare your ideas.

Is the UAE the World's Most Generous Country?

Every year many rich countries give large amounts of money to help people in poor countries that have problems because of natural disasters like droughts. This money is called humanitarian aid, and one of the countries which gives the most is the UAE.

In fact, the UAE was the largest donor of humanitarian aid in 2014. The UAE's total for humanitarian aid was 18.36 billion dirhams – that's 1.26% of the country's gross national income. The next country on the list was Sweden, which gave 1.09% of its income.

And it seems as if most Emirati people are just as generous. In a recent survey of people in the UAE, 87% said they gave money to charity in the last year, and more than half of that number donated money more than once.

Vocabulary

humanitarian aid: help or support for people who are suffering because of a natural disaster

donor: a person who donates money to charity

gross national income: the amount of money a country makes

2 Read the article again. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1** Humanitarian aid helps all of the people in rich countries.
- 2** The UAE gave more humanitarian aid than other countries in 2014.
- 3** Everyone in the survey said they gave money to charity.
- 4** Over 50% of the people who gave to charity, gave more than once last year.

1 F (humanitarian aid helps people in poor countries)

2 T

3 F (87% gave money to charity)

4 T

Speaking

3 Work in groups to discuss the information in the article.
Think about these questions.

- Are you surprised by anything in the article?
- Why do you think the UAE gives humanitarian aid?
- Which other countries do you think might give humanitarian aid?
- Do you know anyone who gives to charity?
- Which charities do they give to? Why?

Speaking tip

Don't forget to involve other people when you are in a group discussion.

What do you think?

Does anyone else have anything to say?

1 Match the numbers from the article in Coursebook page 179 to the explanations.

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| C | 1 | 18.36 billion | a | the percentage of people in a survey who gave to charity |
| E | 2 | 1.26 | b | the proportion of people in a survey who gave to charity more than once |
| D | 3 | 1.09 | c | the amount in dirhams that the UAE gave in humanitarian aid in 2014 |
| A | 4 | 87 | d | the percentage of gross national income that Sweden gave in aid in 2014 |
| B | 5 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | e | the percentage of gross national income that the UAE gave in aid in 2014 |

2 Write the numbers in Activity 1 as you would say them.

1 *eighteen point three six billion*

2 2 one point two six

3 3 one point zero nine

4 4 eighty-seven

5 5 one/a half

3 Complete the article with the words in the box.

• charity • charitable • countries • donate • generous • rich • survey • volunteering

In which countries do people give the most to ¹ charity?

The World Giving Index is an international ² survey. Its results show in which countries people give the most to ³ charitable causes. This includes donating money, ⁴ volunteering and helping strangers.

The top ten includes many rich ⁵ countries, including the USA, Canada and Australia. Asian countries like Malaysia and Sri Lanka are also in the top ten, but at the very top is Myanmar. Although people in Myanmar are not ⁶ rich, they are very ⁷ generous.

Many people in Myanmar ⁸ donate small amounts of money to charity every single day.