

## Fiji returns to barter system as Covid-19 hits economy

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### KEY

#### 2 Key words

1. barter
2. stretch out
3. avenue
4. utilities
5. resurgence
6. be spared
7. stimulus
8. superannuation
9. groceries
10. wreath
11. advocate
12. reciprocity

#### 4 Phrases

1. harder to come by
2. feel the pinch
3. keep (a business) afloat

#### 3 Comprehension check

1. F – It was set up in response to sharp falls in employment due to coronavirus.
2. T
3. F – It allows the people of Fiji to get the things they need and want without spending money so they can save their limited cash for bills, utilities, transport etc.
4. F – The two in Samoa have just over 1,000 members, whereas Barter for Better Fiji alone has more than 100,000 members.
5. F – As of the end of April, 2020, coronavirus had largely spared the Pacific region with only 260 cases in total across the six Pacific countries and territories.
6. F – Most of the tourists arriving on the Pacific islands come from nearby Australia and New Zealand.
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10. F – Bartering is a centuries-old traditional practice in the region.