

# How's life for working people?

## Key findings on jobs, wages and the economy in G20 countries

### THE WORLD NEEDS A PAY RISE



#### What we found

##### JOB



**4** in **10** respondents have directly experienced unemployment or the reduction of working hours – in their own job or that of a family member



Only **one** out of **two** people believe the next generation will find a decent job



**68%** of people say their government is bad at tackling unemployment

##### WAGES



**82%** of people say their incomes have fallen behind or stagnated against the cost of living



**One** in **two** working families cannot keep up with the rising cost of living

##### ECONOMY



**78%** believe the economic system favours the wealthy, rather than being fair to most people

#### What can be done to create jobs and meet growth targets

##### ECONOMIC MODELLING SHOWS

By increasing **public investment** and raising the share of **wages** in GDP by

**1-5 %**

economic growth in G20 countries could rise by up to

**5.84 %**

**33** million jobs

could be created if the G20 coordinate wage increases and invest in infrastructure

Information is based on the results of the ITUC Global Poll 2014 conducted by TNS. The survey of 14 countries was conducted between 8th and 19th January 2014 and is based on 14,006 responses from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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