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- A. How is "a living wage" defined?**
- a. Minimum income necessary for an individual to support themselves and/or their family, working full-time to meet their basic needs
- B. How many family types does the Living Wage Calculator support? Which one or two family types do you foresee for your own family fitting into in the future?**
- a. 12 different family types
  - b. **Grace** - 2 adults working & and 3 children
  - c. **Nice** - 3 children, 2 adults working
  - d. **Elise** - 1 working adult(not married, life long situationship) & 0 children OR 2 adult working & 3 children
- C. What are eight *basic needs* used to compute the cost of living for the living wage?**
- a. Food
  - b. Childcare
  - c. Health care
  - d. Housing
  - e. Transportation
  - f. Civic engagement
  - g. Broadband
  - h. And other necessities
- D. The data sources for *basic needs* do not have consistent data (publication) dates. How do the makers of Living Wage Calculator account for this?**
- a. They account for this by adjusting for inflation.
- E. What components other than the eight *basic needs* are factored into the cost of living for a household?**
- a. Income & payroll taxes
- F. Think back to when you were in high school. Can you think of any example expense your family may have had in the "Civic engagement" category of *basic needs*?**
- a. Elise - buying the kits for school soccer.
  - b. Grace - donated to the local library
  - c. Nice - Bought materials used in 'umuganda' (a Saturday event that happens once a month in every city in Rwanda)
- G. Which items are covered under the "Other necessities" category of *basic needs*?**
- a. Expenses for clothing and services, housekeeping supplies, personal care products & services, household furnishing and equipment, and miscellaneous items.
- H. What assumption regarding the income contributions ratio does that the Living Wage Calculator make for families that have multiple earners?**

- a. It assumes that the living wage of one of them would need to earn hourly at a full time job, assuming the other is also earning the same.

**I. How is an hourly living wage calculated?**

- a. First, the cost of basic needs are added up for every country. Next, then this budget is split by the number of working members in the family. Then they divide the worker's earnings by 2080 hours.

**J. What's new to the Living Wage Calculator this year?**

- a. Internet & mobile data