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It is hoped, however, that the paper will be of benefit to those concerned with reducing unemployment and alleviating its ill-effects, throughout the developing world.