COVID 19-TREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION

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“We are living amidst what is potentially one of the greatest threats in our lifetime to global education, a gigantic educational crisis” – Jaime Saavedra, Global Director, Education Global Practice

Facing the challenges of COVID 19 pandemic, enrollment in schools invoke many questions on how Education can be delivered with the assurance of providing the learners the fundamental skills needed for life the same way as it is when studying with both teacher and students were in the classroom face to face.

According to the Worldbank’s “Learning Poverty” indicator, the percentage of children who cannot read and understand at age ten is about 53% in low and middle income countries even before the start of the outbreak. The potential to worsen these outcome had even become greater as the pandemic lingers and we are in the threshold of employing a hit and miss target in order for Education to continue.

The Department of Education in response to this posing challenges had been very dynamic as it tried its best to resolve each issues before it even arises and drastically affects our Education system.

Teachers were given Webinars and Trainings to prepare them with what is to be the “New Normal”. Parents and students were continuously being updated and oriented on what is instore for them as the school year re-opens. Local Government Units contributed greatly in this information dissemination as they also took part in assuring the public of their belief and support to the Department of Education.
Positivity abounded as the Pandemic open many opportunities for all sector to take part in the endeavor of educating the youth of today. Resiliency and adaptability leads to many innovative ways of catering for the learning process.

Proving Education is a lifelong process, teachers again become students as they partake on learning new techniques of teaching while parents reassumed their role as their children’s teacher at home. The whole community shared the role of being educational partners in a new light. Though a lot of things may had been missing, there are many more that is added as learning in the New Normal progress.

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