EDUCATION ELIMINATES POVERTY IN THE COUNTRY

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“Education and perseverance are the key to success; hard work and generosity to fellowmen do a great role to developmental changes.” However, how can education hinder with what you call poverty?

It is a fact that due to the continuous inflation in our country, cases of youths who can’t afford to take basic education are rapidly increasing. Youths that are held captive by insufficient financial ability are subjected at the brink of educational crisis. A supposed to be weapon that can be used to improve the nation’s economic growth is being the main reason for its downfall.

Poverty has been on top of the serious problems faced by the country. Lack of financial sustainability of Filipinos leads them to have insufficient capabilities for their basic necessities like food, clothes, shelter and personal needs. In line with these affected matters is the education. This is the main cause why a student couldn’t even finish high school.

Statistics stated that those who belong to aged 6 to 24 years of age comprise an out of school child and youth. A survey done by the Philippine Statistics Authority showed that the growth of the out of school youth increased from 22% to 34%. The Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS, 2016) showed that 10% of the 3.8 million Filipinos in the country were being kept to the side of non-educational people because of financial incapability.

However, it is not just the financial incapability that hinders Filipino children to achieve quality education. Disparity among regions, wars, hunger and malnutrition are
also included in the main causes of educational crisis. These will fall under poverty. Even if the government increase the budget for education annually, it will not work. The government should also focus their attention on the other side of the issue. Give the right education for the youth and an opportunity for Filipinos to have a decent job with justifiable amount of salary. Parents could also strive hard in meeting their children’s education.

Moreover, youths who are supposed to be in schools, studying and learning their ABC’s were being forced to work just to sustain the needs for their families. Youths that are supposed to be holding pens and notebooks, are sometimes being dragged to join criminal action and teaching them to use guns and illegal weapons. Youth who are supposed to be our hope of the future are being trapped inside the injustices of this community.

Poverty is the main cause that impedes the capability of the Filipino children to attain quality education. If the government will not take charge of addressing and solving this problem, then, more youth will suffer and the economic and industrial status of our country will continue to rush down.

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