ROOT-CAUSE ANALYSIS IN EDUCATION

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After I was given a task to make a causal loop, I was determined to have the deteriorating quality of education as the main problem. However, I realized that there is still a problem behind that, and I think that is poverty.

According to Giovetti (2020), access to education is a globally recognized solution to the poverty cycle because it addresses many other issues which keep the communities vulnerable. Cases exists that those who haven’t have basic education belonged to those who are not living in extreme poverty but we can conclusively state that majority of them were living in extreme poverty, thus they do lack in basic education. Furthermore, those who are living below the poverty line are more likely to keep their children out of school, which means that their children will also have a greater chance of living in poverty.

Child Fund Organization (2021) also stressed out that the link between poverty and education is indistinguishable. Poor people stop schooling so that they could be sent to work which leave them less skilled or even illiterate; and later on, hinder them from moving up in their careers and their current social status. Their children would most probably be in the same situation years after, with not enough income and no alternatives but to quit school and work.

In the Philippines, poverty evidently affects the quality of education. This said quality has an effect on the motivation of the teacher which has an impact on the teacher’s work accomplishments. It also has an effect to the teacher’s satisfaction. Furthermore, it also affects the teacher’s motivation if the teacher’s level of satisfaction towards their teaching profession declines. Thus, it will affect their teaching methodologies which will
affect their student’s interest in reaching their full potential in learning an area of their interest that will soon end up in poverty.

The quality education may result in a successful life’s journey or to extreme poverty of a student depending upon the student’s interest and student’s enthusiasm towards schooling. The student’s study habits may affect their learning satisfaction.

Achieving quality in education has an impact on the qualification of graduates that we produce. It of course has an impact on the economic development. If a student and teacher achieved the quality in education there will surely have economic development.

Poverty in almost every part of the world is being pointed out as the primary factor affecting the quality of education in a particular state. It will persist anywhere and what we must do is to equip our system, our educators with all the competency and capabilities needed for this problem to at least be alleviated after a tick of time. Like a health problem, poverty may kill a child's dream and the child support clung with an education quality at its best surely would act as the medicine to save the deterioration of such.

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