

**TEACHERS: LEADING IN TODAY'S CATASTROPHE,
TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE**

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We are living in the middle of a massive educational catastrophe, one of the most significant threats to education that we have ever faced. Teachers take on increased significance during the COVID-19 crisis as a result of the hardships they have faced. They have a key role in supporting learning continuity and sustaining their students' mental health and well-being as the pandemic continues.

As a result of the sudden paradigm shift to new normal education, teachers would likely say that "The struggle is real". Teachers must ensure that students' learning is sustained in a variety of ways, including alternative methods of teaching methodologies, presenting lectures, and assessing students' progress, despite the lack of face-to-face classes. Teachers have shown amazing leadership and inventiveness in ensuring that learning never stops and that no learner is left behind during this crisis.

Our teachers' great task of developing and shaping the minds of the nation is a sacrifice and an act of love because it takes time, effort, and patience. Teachers have intensified their efforts in the face of the pandemic, they have undoubtedly been looking for strategies to keep students' learning processes going, refusing to abandon their professions. To assist build a more flexible teaching workforce in times of crisis, all teachers should be prepared with digital and pedagogical abilities to teach remotely, online, and through blended learning, whether in low or no-tech situations.

Teachers quickly adapt to the new normal due to their immense resilience and determination. Teachers must ensure that students could learn even in challenging

situations. Unless prompt action is taken and teaching efforts are strengthened, a learning catastrophe could become a learning disaster. Now is the time to recognize the value of education for economic growth and social cohesion during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the role of teachers in ensuring that a generation of students can attain their full potential.

Now is the time to transform education and achieve our vision of equal access to quality learning to produce highly competent individuals in the future.

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