

BRIDGE THE GAP

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Investing in education promises lot of things to the economic growth of a country in various ways and means. One of these is the increase of productivity where it emphasized the inclusion of human capital development through education. However, by investing on education may hold some forms of disadvantages on the current time or in short term. It is known that most countries allot the largest bulk of their budget for education. This may imply less prioritization to other concerns of the country like health, transportation and other matters. More so, the pitfall of investing to education will rely on the process of programs planning and implementation.

With this reality, education sector should prioritize significant matters that could affect the delivery of quality education and meet the demands of this current time. It can be considered in terms of program delivery the idea to go out of the conventional means. In pass two years, the education sector is forced to shift from the conventional means of program delivery to another level. This is due to COVID19 pandemic, but even without it, this generation must consider different and various ways of program delivery. And now, it is about the capability and initiative of the country to support and provide the education sector its needs to be able and be capable in this time of pandemic threat. Thus, this basically pointing out to a perspective that may influence the education sector to consider in the near future for the betterment of its service and that is utilizing and strengthening different program delivery modes in order to prepare the sector better in the like situation.

Another matter needs to be taken in consideration is the grant for a greater support to the promise of technology. Digital technology provides an avenue to have access to a world-class education, especially for remote areas. But in terms of Educational Technology, the Philippines is still facing complex challenges to deal with in order to utilize such integration of technology in education such as; providing easy access to the e-learning environment for the student, giving adequate training for teachers and educators and distributing resources and providing the right equipment to schools. The current pandemic and the existence of the 4th industrial revolution are eye-opener to the government and education sector to polish the matters to be done in order to enable the sector in the utilization of educational technology and give much greater support in investing for equipment that will allow access and maximize such innovation.

Hence, change is a constant thing and an inevitable discourse in everything even more in the education system. With this, the emphasis on research and innovations in education can be used to close gaps and address questions for the improvement of the educational system.

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