

THE KEY DRIVER TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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There are five specific means of how education contributes to national development. First of which is that education fosters permanent literacy which is a usual indicator of national development. This talks about the relationship between educated people and an effective and efficient workforce. Because educated workers are more proficient at occupations requiring literacy and critical thinking, a nation's economy is more productive as the percentage of educated workers rises. Secondly, education is a way on how to develop programs to achieve national goals. It is through education that other national goals can be achieved such as in social and innovation aspects. Another one is the ability of education to eliminate wasteful imbalances in the education system. There are ways and means in the education sector that can manage to diminish waste in the system like drop-out, non-readers, and non-numerates. These all can be addressed to the methods and approaches in the education system. Also, education is another good way to check unemployment in the economy and align the offerings to the needs of the current time. And lastly, education is a way of judicious utilization of available resources.

As education is considered as an investment in human capital, it can help the nation to be more productive and thus improve potential income earning. Relatively, Bawa (2020) stated that education plays a very pivotal role in bringing about national development. The most effective means of achieving actual national development is through education. A country cannot simply ignore its responsibility to support education. It should invest in education today and tomorrow for a better life for the nation and her people. It was conceived education as a "unique investment in the present and the future."

Since education has an impact on economic growth, it plays a significant role in the national development of a country. Education is commonly a key in National Development. For such, in Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, human capital was listed as KEY DRIVER for the country's economic growth. Hence, education, economic growth, and national development come hand in hand.

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