

POVED: POVERTY AND EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Education is important. Now that life is harder more than ever, people strive in order to escape poverty. According to UNESCO, if all students in low-income countries had just basic reading skills, an estimated 171 million people could escape extreme poverty. If all adults completed secondary education, we could cut the global poverty rate by more than half.

About 19.99 million Filipinos live below the poverty threshold. Meanwhile, the subsistence incidence or the proportion of those whose income is not enough to meet even just the basic food needs, was at 3.9 percent, equivalent to 1.04 million poor families. Not surprisingly, many poor Filipinos lack access to education, even with the welcome news that the Department of Education has surpassed its target of 28.6 million enrolled learners this school year.

Poverty is prevalent here in the Philippines. It also one of the reason why many children cannot pursue education. Many children has to work for their everyday need which leads to sacrifice their education. Because of this, many children cannot acquire the skills they need. Most of these children who are victims of poverty are mostly illiterate and cannot understand simple numeracy.

Education and poverty are related with one another. Being able to study and acquire knowledge you need give the chance for me. Students who suffers from poverty give more importance to the food they will eat rather than use the money for transportation, uniform, and things needed for thus one.

It is important as teachers teach students the value of education. Being able to teach students that education may lower the rate of poverty. Students need guide so that no more children has to go through hardships. If students give importance to education maybe one day poverty will be lowered. Poverty should never be a hindrance of education. Instead, they will to have a better future for they pursue education even with the lack of resources.

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