

## THE TRUE ENEMY

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Poverty persists as an unfortunate reality, even in wealthy nations. One of the most significant fundamental human rights in all cultures is the access to education. But poverty negatively affects academic achievement in several ways. Poverty retards proper human development in physical, mental language, and social domains. Being financially incapable to provide for a child's education affects the capabilities and eventually a learner's educational achievement. Studying and paying fees are mutually conflicting at all educational levels, even though free basic education was implemented since other aspects of the school program equate to a cost, like uniforms and projects.

Low-income families seem to have more chances for their children to grow up to be denied access to goods and opportunities, including education. According to Umusiime, P. (2019), parents who do not have stable sources of income as they don't pay fees on time negatively affect students' academic performance. Family income has traditionally been associated with child outcomes like academic success since students are not well-provided with the necessary materials that continuously build up and support their learning, especially at home.

Following the study, some researchers also discovered that poverty varies significantly with learners' academic success and that the finding holds for both measures of poverty. Berger L. (2017). A significant impact of this is that many children can't afford to go to school due to a lack of financial stability. Not being in school is also a product of poverty and negatively affects their achievements. Likewise, the presence of students in classrooms is also important, submitting tasks and activities as well.

Nevertheless, according to Duncan, G. J., Magnuson, K., & Votruba-Drzal, E. (2017), no experimental evidence links child outcomes to economic deprivation in the first several years of life. True enough that poverty may be one of the reasons for low academic performance, but this is not always true. Sometimes, it just goes down to the level of stress a learner feels.

Stress may be a product of peers, friends, family, personal, or even academic problems. Academic problems, because of lack of finances. Because children who suffer more stress are more likely to have poor academic achievement.

Having a well-educated young age group of that population will benefit the country's surveillance. Hartarto, R. B., Wardani, D. T. K., & Azizurrohman, M. (2021). That's why even when the country faces challenges because of poverty, one good thing to do is to conquer it. Education beats poverty; education is the key to national greatness; education is still the key to success.

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