

## TEACHERS IN VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

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Teachers as secondary mentors of children have a role and responsibility to ensure and deliver specific knowledge and provide quality education. Teachers are considered truly as living heroes because they also served as frontliners in the trying times that we are facing nowadays.

With the spread of the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, it is inevitable that teachers were also in the difficult situation. Intensive preparation, planning and engagement with various sectors and individuals were the means undertaken to launch the new way of learning of students during this period. There is a participation of teachers in various webinars, trainings and workshops that will give them more knowledge to be applied to the new way of teaching. There is also engagement with stakeholders and the private sector to provide educational materials and donations that will greatly help children's education. Further collaboration also took place between teachers and parents who have been partners in the flow of knowledge and learning to their children. These actions are accompanied by extra precautions and by using different platforms such as video conferencing and phone calls to ensure everyone's safety.

Two aspects have stimulated during this pandemic. Firstly, it has been shown that pedagogical modifications are necessary because typical in-person teaching models do not work well in a distance learning setting. Regardless of the learning modalities (radio, television, mobile, online platforms, etc.), teachers must adapt their methods and be creative to keep students interested since, despite the lack of a physical learning space, every home has become a classroom. The other aspect brought by the pandemic has

trained teachers how to divide their time between teaching, dealing with learners, and other work-related tasks. The pandemic has brought attention to the need for flexibility and more time for connections between teachers and students.

Further sacrifices are made by some teachers especially those who are less skilled in the use of modern technology and strategies used by software tools. They need to work hard and learn to cope up with the flow of modern methods. As well as delivering lessons using synchronous and asynchronous methods wherein teachers give their own time for online classes and for the distribution of self-learning modules on the set day. Despite the upsetting consequences of the pandemic, this global catastrophe has also been an astounding time for learning. We are learning how flexible and tough educational systems, administrations, teachers, and learners can be.

This pandemic has posed great challenge to the lives of teachers but will not overcome and lose the battle of sacrifice and cooperation just to fulfill their sworn duty. The flame of dedication and endeavor to deliver and promote quality education will never be quenched even in the face of various circumstances.

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