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“Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”

The main purpose of education is to provide the opportunity for acquiring knowledge and skills that will enable people to develop their full potential and become successful members of society. Sustainable Development Goals 4 (SDG 4) “Quality Education” will provide every child in the world a chance to have access to quality education. In my opinion, education’s improvement can also achieve other SDGs, for example Gender equality. Because education can help us understand the world, at the same time, helps us grow and develop. We can shape a better society to live in by knowing and respecting rights, laws, and regulations. Education can help people to be inclusive and appreciate the viewpoints of others. People who are educated are likely to have the ability to quickly distinguish between right and wrong, therefore reducing crime. But unfortunately, there are children around the world who couldn’t have access to quality education for many reasons.

Conflicts, overpopulation, natural disasters can affect quality education.

Conflicts have multiple sides of devastating impacts on education. For example, conflicts might cause the destruction of infrastructures or attacks on schools and educational resources. The United Nations reports Russia has destroyed 50% of Ukraine's energy infrastructure, putting millions of people at risk of sickness and death as temperatures continue to plunge. Without access to electricity, a great amount of technology will become dysfunctional. You will no longer be able to turn on the central heating in your home, use the toilet, preserve food in your fridge/freezer or have clean running water. Without those basic needs people will not put education at the 1st place

About 43% of attacks on schools have taken place in eastern Ukraine, where more than 400,000 children were living before the conflict started on 24 February. Missile and bombing have damaged a total of, “1,888 education institutions with 180 of them destroyed completely” (www.unesco.org). Also [30% of education facilities](#) in eastern Ukraine are reported not having enough teachers.

People’s lives are under threat because of war. Thousands of citizens who work in the area of education continue escaping to their home every day. As a result, there is a fast-increasing shortage of teachers and other educational workers inside Ukraine. It is necessary to take action to find solutions.

Because of the rapid growth of population in India, more than half the primary schools in Urban India 65.7 percent are overcrowded and more than a quarter rural primary schools have more than thirty kids to a teacher. (According to Times of India)

The overgrowth of population can cause overcrowding of classrooms and a chaotic classroom environment that is more difficult for the teacher to manage. The increasing number of students

leads to a greater probability of troublemaking behaviors and conflicts among students, especially with fewer resources to accommodate the extra students.

Some natural disasters can also affect quality education such as Covid-19. According to the UNESCO study, the novel coronavirus will affect more than 800 million students. There have been 79 countries that have been hit with full school closures or reduced schedules.

Covid-19 gives us restrictions of where we can go. That is why a lot of students cannot study at school anymore. Some students don't have access to education for a long time because of the lack of network and electric devices.

There are some solutions to the problems that affect quality education right now.

To continue education during the war time, different organizations are exploring different ways. For example, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), education has been a main priority for a long time. NRC always tries to gain attention and acceptance for their focus on education from donors and local governments. The goal is to let them know that education is as important as food distribution, shelter, camp management, counselling, or legal aid. Besides, UNICEF is providing around 3 million children with online education, as violence rages around them, but most of them have found out a way by attending on their computer. Although providing online learning to children live in chaos a chance for better futures but the peace between nations will keep violence away from children.

By the effort of NRC to gain attention for education, more people will start to focus on children's education problems caused by conflicts. As for UNICEF's actions taking place, most children in Ukraine do not have to expose themselves into danger to get opportunities to get educated.

For the problem over population, there is a solution called modular solution. One of the fastest, simplest solutions for overcrowded schools is leasing modular classroom space. Not only are there a variety of floor plans to choose from, but modular classrooms can be customized to match the look and feel of the existing facilities as well. Whether resources are being used to add classrooms, restrooms, locker rooms, laboratories, cafeteria space, or even a medical wing, modular buildings can meet educational space needs.

Modular classrooms can allow students and teachers to use the former classrooms more effectively. It can also reduce the number of new classrooms needed to build. All the expenses can be used to rebuild and decorate modular classrooms from the original ones. The outbreak of the virus and lockdowns at the national level could be used as a best test for the education technology interventions for distance learning. China is one of the countries where education continued regardless of school closures, taking place through internet and distance learning.

Communication technologies are well developed in these years, which makes it possible for students to study at home. Also, communication software such as Zoom, Tencent meeting and Ding talk, etc. has developed more and more functions, which enables everyone to have classes online more conveniently.

Things we can do for children's Education.

There is a lot of things we can do for children's Education. For us, we can donate to schools or educational organizations or sponsor a child through a partner organization. Host an event at your school or workplace to raise money for international education initiatives.

Parents/guardians/adults are playing a big role and without their support education will be hard to operate. In general, encourage adults to get involved with what happens inside schools. Motivate them to spend time volunteering or hosting events like parent/teacher conferences, classroom time, or tutoring.

The more involvement they have, the more they can come together and discuss issues related to the learning process. This is a better option than leaving it up to educators alone.

Volunteer at your local library or book exchange. Run a book drive for children who don't have access to books at home. Collect books that are still fine to use and donate them. We all want children to succeed and be happy.

Reading is a powerful tool for helping them become successful. Reading helps build compassion, critical thinking skills, and improve vocabulary and language skills. It can also help kids develop lifelong learning habits, which can positively affect their careers later in life.

If you are brave enough or have the want to help people around the world. UNICEF's United Nations Volunteers (UNV) program will be one of the choices. If you have an undergraduate degree, several years of work experience and are interested in volunteer opportunities around the world. you may be qualified to become a UNV. The UNV program employees and places volunteers in assignments throughout the United Nations system, including at UNICEF. "To be considered, please visit the UNV candidate signup page, and register your profile" (www.unicef.org). UN Volunteers not only support the delivery of UNICEF's program, but they also contribute to the for SDGs. By serving as a UNV, everyone can contribute positive change to the lives of children and their communities.

Although the steady rise in literacy rates over the past 50 years, there are still 773 million uneducated adults around the world, tragically most of them are women. People who lack education have trouble getting ahead in life, have worse health and are poorer than the well-educated. Major effects of lack of education include poor health, lack of a voice, shorter lifespan, unemployment, exploitation, and gender inequality. Although the steady rise in literacy rates over the past 50 years, there are still 773 million uneducated adults around the world, tragically most of them are women. To avoid this happening to some of our next generation, we must act and spread the existence of SDG 4 to achieve the goal of SDG 4 (The Title) soon as possible.

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