Strengthening School Leadership and Governance amidst the COVID19 Crisis

The impact of the COVID19 Pandemic on school leadership and governance in Africa

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Overview

- Challenges
- Key lessons learnt
- Strategies to move forward
CHALLENGES

• It is difficult to get 100% student attendance because not all students have access to internet connectivity and tools.

• Not all teachers had digitized content before the Pandemic.

• Competing home activities like house chores.
CHALLENGES

• Inadequate ICT skills:
  - Teachers  - Students  - Parents

• Financial constraints to provide teachers with:
  - Data  - Allowances

• Lack of netiquette by the learners
KEY LESSONS LEARNT

• This COVID-19 Pandemic has exposed our education system to the realities of the 21st century e.g. the need for teachers and students to be ICT compliant.

• Flexibility by Management (with appropriate authorization) to relocate funds to support emergencies like online teaching during a pandemic.
• There should be a deliberate effort by school leadership to support teachers digitize their teaching content.

• School leadership should ensure that all study materials are in soft form and can be accessed by majority of the learners.

• Schools that are well equipped with ICTs need to support underprivileged schools by organising workshops and trainings.
STRATEGIES

- Build Learning Management Systems (LMS), Digitize content and upload it
- Engage Internet Service Providers to subsidize access to learning platforms as a Social Corporate Responsibility (CSR). e.g. MTN in Uganda has zero rated most Learning Institutions’ e-learning platforms.

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STRATEGIES

• Schools should open up their Learning Management Systems to share content with the wider community. The world needs collaborators not competitors.

• Schools should periodically get feedback from the three stakeholders. i.e. Parents, Students and Teachers, on the effectiveness of the methodologies used during the online lessons.

• To harness the potential of social platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, Telegram, etc. These platforms have now turned into “Class rooms.”
THANK YOU!

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