TEACHING-LEARNING RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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KIX AFRICA 19 HUB VIRTUAL MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

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SCOPE OF THE PRESENTATION

• Background Info.
• Lockdown Phases
• Continuity of Learning Initiatives
• Reopening of Schools
• Post-COVID 19 Plans
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COVID-19 LOCKDOWN STAGES

Risk Determination Framework

**Stage 1**
(21st April - 5th May)
- Schools Closed

**Stage 2**
(5th May - 29th July)
- Compliant Schools Open at the External Classes

**Stage 3**
(27th July to present)
- Compliant Schools Open at all levels

**Post COVID 19**
- Restrictions lifted at Schools

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LOCKDOWN STAGE I RESPONSES

• Radio lessons Broadcast on Core subjects; Maths, Science, English and Sesotho
  • 4 hours slots allocated on national radio station
  • 15 to 20 minutes lessons delivered by teachers
  • Lessons quality assured by Inspectors, Resource Teachers etc

• Radio lessons covered pre- to primary school level

• Television lessons broadcast at the secondary school level
  • 2 hours slots allocated national TV
  • 20 minutes lessons delivered by teachers
  • Lessons recorded by a third party
  • Lessons quality assured by Inspectors, Special Education etc

• Tertiary Institutions switched to online modes
LOCKDOWN STAGE II RESPONSES

• Radio & Television lessons continued

• Tertiary Institutions maintained the online mode

• Preparations made and finalised for the Reopening of Schools at the External Classes
  • Guidelines developed
  • Inspection of schools applying to reopen intensified
  • School calendar extended to March, 2021
  • External Examinations with CIAE postponed to February, 2021 for public schools
  • Private schools authorised to sit for international examinations

• Online learning platforms developed for primary and secondary schools

• Self-instructional materials developed for learners at the remote rural areas
LOCKDOWN STAGE III RESPONSES

Reopening of Schools Plan

- 4th January, 2021, ECCD (3 and 4 years), Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 to open

- Government and Dev. Partners to procure PPE’s

- Independent Schools to sponsor themselves
POST-COVID 19 PLANS

• Child Protection and Psychosocial Support
• Back to school campaign
• Identify learning gaps
• Implement accelerated learning programs
• Monitor re-enrolment to identify and support children that have dropped out
• Monitor and evaluate of COVID-19 and overall response in schools and institutions of higher learning
Challenges and Reactions

• Slanted Academic Year Calendar
  • learners to progress to the next class
  • implement accelerated learning interventions

• Limited Radio and Television Coverage
  • Distribute self instruction materials
  • Pilot use of learning gadgets like tablets etc

• Massive all-round financial constraints
  • Intensify support from within and without
  • Sensitise parents and communities about COVID-19

• Teachers’ reluctance and/or fear to partake in interventions
  • Shared planning / collaborative decision making

• Continued scare of COVID-19
  • Encourage teachers and teach learners how to live with the pandemic just like HIV/AIDS etc

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Thank You!