



Indo-Africa discussion: Sharing experiences on teachers during Covid19

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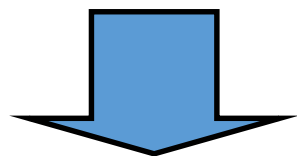
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ISSUES

- Teacher support for Online/digital platforms
- Tertiary educators
- Inclusivity - Rural and disability contexts, lacking internet & digital infrastructure
- Quality of teaching and learning

Covid-19 Education Agenda

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“DOTSS”

Digital connectivity of schools

Online learning

Teachers as facilitators and motivators of learning

Safety online and offline

Skills focused learning (‘360 degrees’)

RELATED MATTERS

- **Undigitised curriculum**
- **Centralised administration of education systems** – No State or Province moves except all moves at same time.
- **The focus on hunger and survival**
- **How much is Africa harnessing abundant, “free resources” e.g. solar energy?**
- **As part UNESCO regional architecture, three basic aspects of education, how can they go on at this time?** Curriculum – issues of adaptation; assisted learning; and continuous assessment.
- **Bottomline: What works?** Television and radio as one-way communication models and depend on (for television) on availability of electricity) and for both television and radio on the environment and psychological properties of the child. **Some Math teachers in our previous webinars expressed shock about teaching math through radio...**
- **How can these models (Online, TV, Radio, etc.) facilitate the continuity of the school calendar or is the purpose just to occupy the students at the moment?** Can they ensure continuity of examinations in particular and the school calendar in general while schools are locked down?

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS NOW, WHAT ARE TEACHERS' VIEWS? Is it safe enough to re-open schools now?

There's news about teacher unions in some countries arguing against re-opening now... of course, COVID-19 will be around for a long time! **How best can the dilemma be resolved?**