COVID 19 and Situation of Education and Education Data Production in Timor Leste - Issues and Challenges

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COVID 19 Situation in Timor Leste Education

- *General COVID 19 situation and its effect in education sector*

- *Covid 19 pandemic is affected all around the world including Timor Leste. Timor Leste faced covid 19 pandemic and with the emergency situation and the government decided to lockdown all the movement either inside or outside the country.*

The affect of data collection activities and emergency response

➤ *Regular school data collection activities have been affected by delaying, which normally the data has to collect early in the academic year then it extends until the end of emergency situation.*

➤ *The government through Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of Timor Leste has been decided and implemented the School at home or "ESCOLA BA UMA".*

➤ *Children have been learning through the Local TV and social media as Facebook, youtube that was created by the ministry of education.*

New strategic Data Collection Approach

- The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport has been set up the covid inbox tool survey to examine the benefit of the implementation of school at home or "ESCOLA BA UMA".

- The goal of using COVID toolbox to guarantee ongoing access to education opportunities to children during the school closure time.

- Online survey by interviewing parents and caregivers' opinion on ESCOLA BA UMA program focus to preschool and primary education grade 1-6.

- Head count data collection was initiated by Planning Directorate/EMIS Department to respond to the emergency needs

Challenges

- School data collection was delaying.

- Delaying on providing the education indicators to the decision makers and planners.

- Children who live in the very remote area and do not access to electricity, do not possess the smart phone and limited of credit card.

Suggestions

- How to recover the delaying of data collection from schools

- How to create a good tools to monitor the output for school at home activities or ESCOLA BA UMA

- Is there any other suggestion on providing education indicators while next data collection is delaying due to extension of emergency situation