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Education has to be at the center of the response to COVID-19 to fulfill the goal to “build back better” and achieve inclusive and more equitable societies. [Read more](#)



With school closures in Thailand extended until 1 July, except for international private schools, the Ministry of Education is launching new initiatives and building on previous work to enable learners to continue their studies effectively and efficiently. [Read more](#)

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Heritage sites at risk

Pandemic lockdown takes toll on Luang Prabang community

On the third day of the Lao New Year Festival in mid-April, the Buddha image of Phra Bang -- believed to be the guardian of Luang Prabang for generations -- is taken in a traditional procession to a shrine in the Xieng Thong Temple, where the devout bathe the image and wish for good health and happiness for their families. [Read more](#)



Joint UNICEF-UNESCO op-ed

Reopen schools to secure the learning and potential of an entire generation

Global school closures in response to COVID-19 has exacerbated an already worrisome learning crisis - some 325 million children in many countries across East Asia and the Pacific have now missed more than two months of school. [Read more](#)

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Throughout March, wildfires raged across Chiang Mai province in one of the worst natural disasters to hit northern Thailand in recent years, adding to an already noxious atmosphere in the region. [Read more](#)



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Recently in Herat, Afghanistan a lecturer in a private higher education institution took to the street, declaring: "I am not a beggar. I am a lecturer from the private school. I don't have a contract to receive my monthly salary; my salary depends on the daily teaching of classes, and now the schools are locked down and I am jobless. I have no provision to support my poor family." [Read more](#)

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Myanmar's media resilience

Journalists need psychosocial and emotional support amid pandemic

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Journalists are often among the first to arrive at the scene of challenging events, ranging from crime scenes and road accidents to natural disasters and instances of armed conflict.

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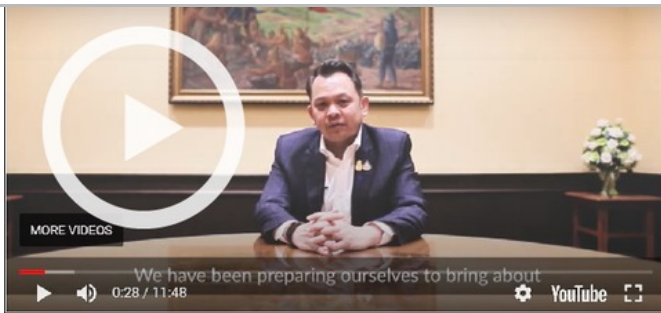
Stronger together

Indigenous youth find ways to help communities hit by pandemic

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Bangladesh, 27-year-old Chandra Tripura was paralyzed by feelings of fear and uncertainty. “For the first two weeks, I was kind of frustrated because I realized this will be tragic for us,” Chandra said. “If a country like China, which is developed, had to suffer for 3 months...Bangladesh, which is underdeveloped, could take 6 months.”

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Education Minister Nataphol Teepsuwan on COVID-19 strategy in Thailand. [Watch video](#)



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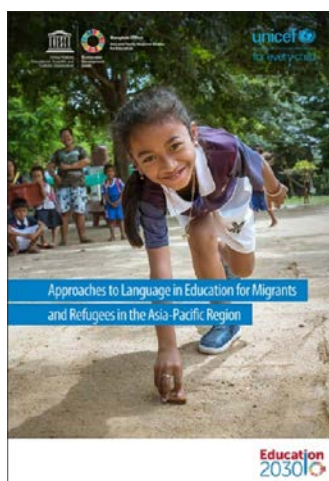
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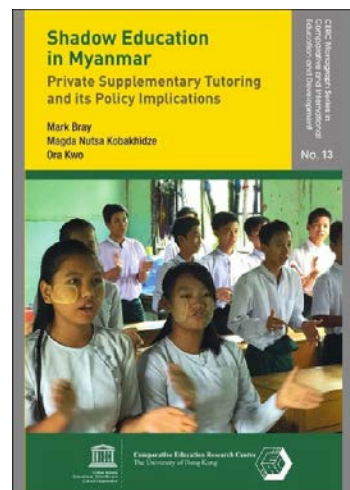
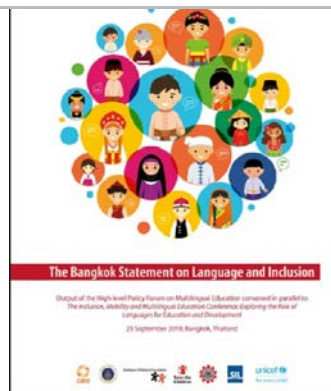
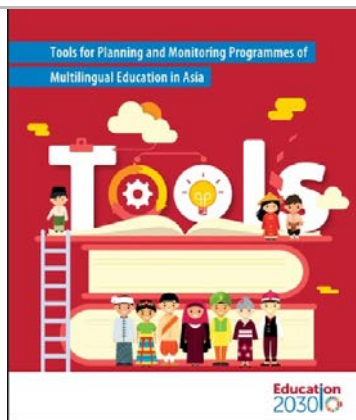
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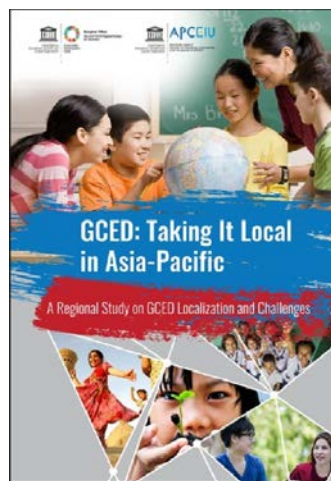
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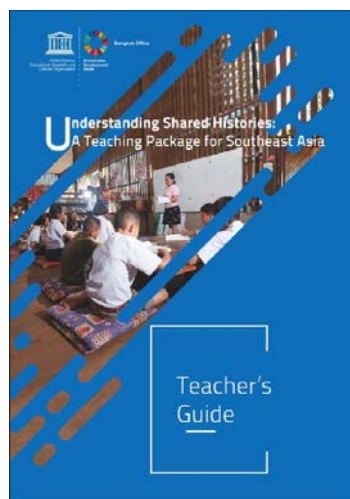
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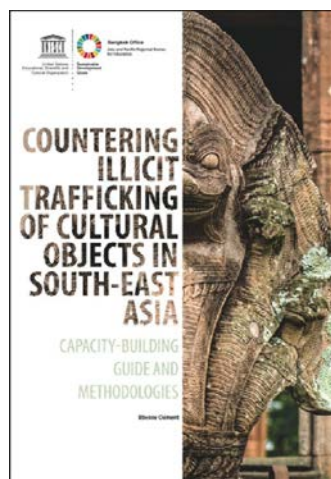
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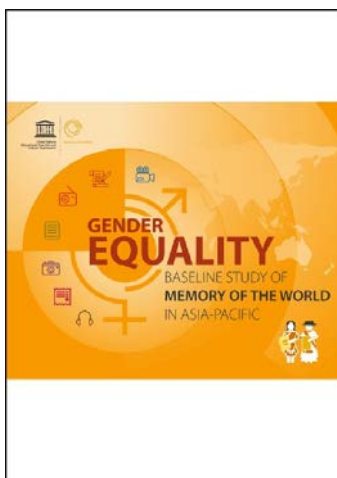
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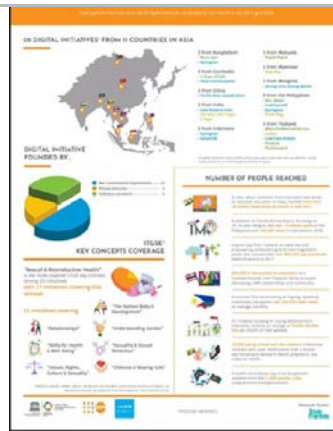
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