

#On-Point

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The key to a progressive and sustainable country is to have quality education. As an educator we thrive to transfer knowledge to learners and hone them as professional and productive citizen. A country that has a well-managed educational system with adaptive curriculum signifies a clear vision for a new breed of citizen but where are we now? Just a glimpse to the status of our educational system; it provides a curriculum which answers the development of a holistic and globally competitive students but what went wrong? Based on the observations, benchmarking and further studies it come to the end point that a country that provides the need in every aspect such as curriculum, equipment, materials and facilities even financial assistance to learners and parents from the government (4P's), and NGO's will produce a competitive and educated citizen but what happened? A focus on the management of the recipients of the 4P's; most of the parents are very much eager to be one of the recipients of this kind of program where they will be qualified if they are indigent and deserving students that values the importance of education. In reality most of these recipients (parents) are mishandling the financial support given to them. Why and how? It is in fact that the moment parents receive their monthly financial support coming from the 4P's they immediately paying it to debts but number of them use it in street gambling (tong hits) instead of using it as allowance (baon) of the students in school. It seems that it is very alarming on the part of the students for an increase number of them still don't go to school even they are recipients of the program because of the discipline lacking from their parents who waste the money coming from 4P's where it is supposed to be given to them. It seems that upon looking at this one side it shows that the very key to have a progressive and sustained country is to have discipline not just for the learners but should start with the parents. Truly it is hard to teach old dogs with new tricks but the thing is we should just need to go back to the basic where discipline together with the quality education is the key to achieve a sustainable and progressive country.