



Universal Periodic Review of South Africa

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES FROM PREVIOUS CYCLES

Broken Chalk recommends that the government of South Africa addresses problems with equality and discrimination, education and support of LGBTQ+ community and child trafficking. In the last cycle South Africa received 243 recommendations, accepted 187 of those and 9% focused on quality education (SDG 4).

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK

South Africa have one of the biggest shares of their GDP invested in education (5%). The right to education is a constitutional right, and education is free of charge for all in South Africa. Even though a lot is invested in education, the quality and the skill level of the teachers is rather low.

CHALLENGES

- A. Drop out rates are high due to poverty
- B. Discrimination and exclusion
- C. Covid-19 and online education

IMPACTS

- A. Due to poverty, the drop out rates in schools are increasing, as the children (especially boys), are needed from the family to work and provide. On the other hand, another serious problem are underage mothers who almost never go back to school after giving birth.
- B. Beyond the lack of accessibility, difficulties faced by students and teachers stem from poor infrastructure, lack of clean water, toilets, and sanitation of the school buildings.
- C. According to new research of UNICEF, learners are behind their schedule with between 75% to a full year of where they should be with their education. Rotational attendance, school closures, and days off, have resulted in learners losing 54% of their learning time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Work towards minimalizing poverty and increasing the minimum wage per day. The social difference holds back kids from pursuing their educational goals.
2. Supply more learners with reliable internet and tablets from which they can follow classes. This will prevent a major part of them from missing classes and potentially dropping out.
3. Train teachers to become better professionals, so they can teach students better. Stimulate teachers to self-develop as well.
4. Educate both boys and girls on safe sex and using protection. This could benefit reducing child pregnancy, dropout rates, disease expansion and more.

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SOURCES



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