

The pandemic.

63 days in, this pandemic has since robbed a great deal of everything from us. Somewhere, Mr. Bill Gates is probably saying "I told you so." Fast forward 5 years later, here comes the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. To say everything has changed would be an understatement. As those horsemen gallop over our worlds, we lose control over everything, and a lot has been called upon question. Gone are the plans and possibilities and we are left with anguish.

As a lot of industries and sectors suffer, education is collateral damage. The devastating impact of the pandemic on education has affected billions due to the mandated closure of educational institutions. So, many have resorted to remote learning. Schools and universities everywhere pride over their technical resources, online tools, fancy pedagogical guides with lessons plans and abundance of other things to keep up. Sadly, all these only cater to the privileged, the haves. What will become of the disadvantaged and more vulnerable groups? As the world moves forward, the gap of inequality deepens. What will be of the school drop-outs? children who are living on poverty? Whatever has happened to equalizing opportunities so that no child is left behind?

The global learning crisis is real and in some parts of the planet, the fight for education was still going on pre-pandemic. The situations before were upsetting enough and now with added risks, one can only imagine the devastation. Shame on you, humans.

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