

“Education - A Lifelong Gift and a Human Right: How Your Ideas and the NorthSouth Foundation can help” - Anirudh Satish

Education is a lifelong gift that sadly many people don't have. Education is vital to developing critical thinking as it allows you to make logical decisions. However, this is a misconception, since many people around the world don't have an education. As the OC Partnership states, in Africa, only 4% of the population enter higher education, in South and West Asia, only 14% of the population, and 36% of the population in Latin America. According to UNICEF, the lack of qualified teachers, inadequate teaching materials, and poor sanitation are some of the reasons why many children do not receive a quality education. Some ways the North-South foundation can address this situation is by delivering universal, fee-free education, providing textbooks to low-income families, constructing schools in areas with a high volume of education inequality, and providing free resources.

One way the NorthSouth foundation can help reduce education inequality is by delivering universal, fee-free education to those in need all around the world. The foundation can tutor kids and adults who can't afford an education. They can construct these schools in places like Niger, Angola and Pakistan where there is a high volume of low-ranked schools. For example, UNICEF constructed thousands of schools in Cameroon, Africa, where there is a high volume of education. Costs associated with education continue to increase each year due to supply, demand, and the current situations. If the costs continue to go up at this rate, families with low incomes might not be able to afford an education for their kids which is a big problem. One solution that can combat this is to expose individuals to free education. There are many resources out there that can help children with education but the cost of these products is rising every year making it unaffordable to select families. Free learning tools may help resolve this issue and introduce individuals to additional topics and themes they may be interested in. There is nothing worse than spending money on some kind of educational resource and then discovering a few weeks later that you have no interest in that area.

Another way the NorthSouth foundation can address the inequalities in the education system is by providing textbooks to low-income families. One of the first ways that kids experience inequality in education is with their lack of exposure to books. Scientific research has proved that books are essential for kids to get a head start on their education. Unfortunately, many families may have fewer resources to purchase books for their kids which can cause a struggle in the long run for the education of many children. In some cases, parents may need extra training in order to assist kids with their education to a further extent. The NorthSouth foundation can help address the situation by providing books to low-income families and the foundation can also construct libraries so kids can borrow books without any cost.

A third way how the North-South foundation can reduce educational inequality is by constructing community schools in areas with a high volume of education inequality. Community schools have many benefits. It centers on equality, improves learning and teaching, shares leadership with the community, and it accelerates success. This can also cause kids to become future teachers for the next generation which can be the root of reducing kids suffering

from lack of education. This shows another way how the NorthSouth foundation can help reduce education inequality.

Educational inequality is one of the biggest problems in the world that can cause poor mental and emotional health, lack of a voice, shorter lifespan, unemployment, and exploitation. Therefore, this problem should be addressed immediately. Some ways how the NorthSouth foundation can help address this problem is by delivering universal, fee-free education to those in need all around the world, providing books/textbooks to low-income families, constructing community schools in areas with a high volume of education inequality, and providing free educational resources. This way the NorthSouth foundation can contribute to a better future.

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