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Corruption in Education Systems

The Country's Cancer

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USPA NEWS - Education is the backbone of any nation. No nation can prosper without education in this competitive world.

Education is a fundamental human right and a major driver of human and economic development which highlighted our future leaders and society builders. It strengthens personal integrity and shapes the societies in which we live, since education typically comprises 20-30 per cent of a country's budget, it is critically prone to corruption, from national education ministries to local schools and universities.

Corruption cost is high. Resources being stolen from education budgets that's meaning; overcrowded classrooms and crumbling schools, or no schools at all. Books and supplies are sometimes sold instead of being given out freely. Schools and universities also "sell" school places or charge unauthorised fees, forcing students to drop out. Teachers and lecturers in many countries are appointed through family connections, without qualifications. Grades can be bought, while teachers force students to pay for tuition outside of class, in higher education system; government and private sector influence can crooked research agendas.

At present, corruption is prevailing in all public organizations. The glaring examples of corruption in the education sector leakage of question paper of the secondary level, assistant teacher recruitment exam is one another example. Not only the small employees but also some high profile officials are involved in this heinous act. It's important to have clear regulations by authorities to control education finance and management, these guidelines should be given to new schools, which includes exam processes and fees. Regular external audits must take place to detect and deter fraud before it's appears to the surface. Frequent school inspections can prevent corruption in teacher management and behaviour.

Consistent penalties for abuses are also needed. National school and university budgets need to be published in detail so that people in charge can monitor how resources are allocated. Confidential complaint channels are essential to report suspected corruption without fear of retaliation. Imagine the end result of this corrupted system which will led to limited access to "" and poor quality of "" education and a social acceptance of corruption through a corrupted education system. Unless groundbreaking progress is achieved in our schooling system, there is little hope that we can begin to see the battle against corruption, the country's cancer, being won at all.

We all must demand a commitment to high quality of education that's available to all. For this, we need policy information that's clear and easy to understand by everybody. None of these is earth-shaking to start with. But they are the basic changes that need to be realized; the country's most important issue should be: educating the next generation of citizens by increasing their integrity and transparency otherwise, red flags should be raising.

At the end if our education system is rotten, we can't expect the output to be any better. The quality of our education system determines the quality of our politicians, policemen, judges, police and businessmen,

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