Rehabilitate the lost education of G.C.E O/L students 2021, in Paddiruppu Zone of Education

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Each and every aspect of the world has obtained several changes during the pandemic situation of Covid-19 and all the people in the global are severely affected in physically, socially and economically due to the spread of unprecedented disease of corona virus. Thus, the infrastructure of the education system has also entirely transformed temporarily in a various way from traditional to virtual technology for passed two years, especially at schools. However this technological shifting is slightly familiar for the developed countries in the world whereas it is not the same for the developing countries such as Sri Lanka. Although the online learning was conducted with its challenges it was not able to fulfill the requirements of the school education. Hence, the school education system was lost for past two years due to the pandemic situation in the island. Therefore this present study investigates that how to rehabilitate the education, of O/L students 2021 in Paddiruppu zone ,which was lost by the school closures during the crisis of Covid 19. For the purpose of this study, 125 convenient samples were chosen from Paddiruppu Zone of Education with the two divisions of Poradeevu pattu and Paddiruppu. The participants were 100 teachers and 25 in service advisors. They are different in their field of teaching, different in gender (male & female), different native places in Paddiruppu zone. As well, this case study employed a qualitative research method by using two types of tools: a questionnaire and a discussion. A questionnaire, which is consisted both open – ended and closed ended questions, was contributed as the first primary tool for the data collection. Additionally, a discussion forum was conducted, via Zoom as the second primary tool of the data collection, on "Reform the lost education". The discussion provided the space for the participants to discuss and put forward their opinions regarding the rehabilitation of the lost education of O/L students 2021 in Paddiruppu Zone of Education. The results reveal with the determining the safety environment at schools in accordance with the Covid 19 guidelines, creating the delightful schooling especially for the students, substituting the curriculum in short with the essential syllabus for the purpose of not to make the students in rush with the heavy load of lessons, conducting the schools in the afternoon for weekdays to keep the students in the learning environment for longtime to involve in their studies ,encouraging to do more activities on model questions to prepare them for G.C.E O/L examination 2021 and the co-operation among the students, teachers and parents. Based on the findings of the study, the huge responsibility goes towards the government of Sri Lanka which should provide and implement the facilities to rehabilitate the lost education.

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