

The effect of standard of living in Jordon on the quality of teaching of kindergarten

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Abstract

Jordan has been one of the leading countries in early childhood education and development in the Middle East. Education considered a priority investment in Jordan. Education enriches people understanding of themselves and world. Education is so important because it is a part of our life. The standard of living in Jordan has a big effect on teaching especially in kindergarten stages. Standard of living is composite of different factors that are enhancing the quality of individuals in populations. This research proposes to focus on the effect of standard of living on the teaching in Jordan in kindergarten stages ,the barriers to education and the effect of poverty on education in Jordan.

Keywords: standard of living, kindergarten education, effect of poverty on education.

Introduction

Standard of living is usually used to determine the relative prosperity of the population of an entire country to the standard of living that populations of other countries enjoy. Standard of living is the level of comfort, material goods, and necessities available to people. Education is very important because it empowers minds that will be able to conceive good thoughts and ideas.

As of 2010 (The last estimate available) approximately 14% of the population lived below the national poverty line. This has multiple effects on education in kindergarten stages.

Ministry of Education plays an important to overcome the barriers to education. To support the effects of the ministry of education, UNICEF Jordan has supported the opening of 76 new kindergarten classrooms over the last year, ensuring preschool access for over 4000 children from different nationalities in the kingdom. So at this study we will discuss the effect of standard of living on education in Jordan and the barriers to education for many families that suffering from poverty.

The study problem

the development of Jordan's educational system can only be described as dramatic. Starting from almost nothing in the early 1920s, Jordan has forged a comprehensive, high-quality system to develop the human capital of its citizens. Today there are 2787 government schools, 1493 private schools, 48 community colleges, and 19 universities.

The education system in Jordan consists of two years of kindergarten. Level 1, level 2 K.g1 and k.g2 for children aged 4 to 5 and 5 to 6 years. Standard of living in Jordan has a big effect on education . So at this study we will discuss the effect

of poverty on educated children and the achievements of the government to overcome the barriers.

This research will answer the following questions:-

- 1- what the importance of education to children?
- 2- What the effect of poverty in Jordan on Education?
- 3- What are the other barriers that effect education?
- 4- what the achievements in Jordan to enhance education?
- 5- What distinguishes this study from previous studies?

The previous studies deal with education in Jordan as a problem can't solve, and there are many barriers to education in kindergarten stages, without discussing the achievements of the ministry of education and the solutions to overcome the effect of standard of living on education.

Here, it will illustrate the effect of standard of living on education and the achievements of the ministry of education to develop the education process.

The study content

1.0 The importance of education

Education is so much important for success in life. Education is the first early investment for child development. Life gives various survival challenges for human. But education guide human to fight with failure and get success in life(Al-Hassan 2018).

Proper and good education is very important for all of us. In order to live a better and peaceful life, we need to be educated. Education plays a great role in our career growth as well as in the personal growth. It helps us to determine about good and bad things. we all want to see our kids going towards success which is only possible through the good and proper education. Every parent tells their children

about the importance of education in the life to make their mind towards better study in the future(UNICEF n.d.).

2.0 The effect of poverty on education in Jordon

Poverty creates major challenges that impede children's life, especially in education(Plan International n.d.).

While Jordan has begun improving public education tremendously at the secondary level in past years, it still lags behind the prestige and high-priced private school system. Those in the higher-middle and upper classes are able to afford good education, while the middle and lower classes are not able to pay for such schooling. The result is an education gap between the middle and upper classes(USAID n.d.).

Children living in poor environment are often exposed to stress, which leads to low level of intelligence and lack of social skills. The pressure experienced by the children from a turbulent home environment because of poverty and living conditions negatively affect the child learning and behavior.

Statistics showed that 30% Of children with poverty don't complete the secondary stage of their school life.

3.0 The barriers to education

There are many barriers that prevent children in Jordon communities from accessing a quality education from an early age. Many families of school aged Jordanian children simply can't afford the cost of school fees, supplies and transformations. Public schools in Jordon face many challenges when it comes to providing a quality education including overcrowded classrooms, bullying and the need for more effective teacher training(Salman 1986).

There are also lacks of flexible ,informal sources of education, which restricts learning opportunities for children who are out of school.

As a result, many Jordanian children are at greater risk of dropping out of school.

4.0 The achievements in Jordan to overcome these barriers

1- Early childhood care and education have been recognized in the political and educational agenda in Jordan (Male 2018).

2- The Jordanian government with the help of international agencies, has launched reform initiatives and programs to develop and enhance children's education.

3- The Jordanian government aims to fill these gaps in children's education by supporting access to formal, non formal and informal education.

4- Jordanian government promotes inclusive education, ensuring that all marginalized children have the support they need to learn and develop.

5- Completed training for 20,000 educators in induction, in-service, leadership, and mentorship programs improving the quality of education for 200,000 children.

6- Building schools in underserved areas to alleviate overcrowding, and improve the learning environment (World Bank 2000).

The result of the study

Education is a very important to everyone. Education is important to live with happiness and prosperity. Standard of the living has a big effect on the education in Jordan. Poverty in Jordan is the biggest barrier to many families to educate their children.

Recent evaluations carried out by UNICEF have shown that a 20% of children in Jordan are still suffering from poverty.

Jordan is a country rich in human capital but poor in natural resources. The government therefore decided to begin a broad-based reform program. The first

step was to establish the institutional and physical infrastructure needed to support Jordan's educational goals.

The suggestions

- 1- Parents must take to their children about the importance of education and how proper education can change their life.
- 2- parental encouragement and support for learning activities at home combined with parental involvement in schooling is critical to children education.
- 3- Government should promote parent and community involvement and creating positive opportunities such as non formal education.
- 4- Government should tell the families about the free and low cost schools to encourage them to send their children for learning.

The conclusion

Poor children are less likely to enter kindergarten and develop their knowledge. Although schools are usually free, there are some additional cost of providing school uniforms and buying books. Standard of living still a big barrier for education in Jordon but it takes steps to capitalize on its vast human potential by investing heavily in education. Jordon seeks to improve the quality of its teachers, books and facilities to improve education and overcome the barriers.

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