



SHOUT OUT FOR TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION!

E-Net Philippines is part of a global movement with over 100 countries, numerous local, national, regional, and global civil society organizations, and millions of education advocates worldwide, all coming together for the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) happening from April 22nd to 26th, 2024. The focus of GAWE 2024 is "Transformative Education." As outlined by the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), *"transformative education promotes social justice, sustainable development, and individual and collective freedom. It emphasizes the importance of education as a significant contributor to peace, as a way to build values, knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behaviors to live in harmony with oneself, others, and the environment."*

Transformative education empowers people to become active agents of change and contribute to a more sustainable future, aligning perfectly with the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on Quality Education, particularly on the SDG 4.7 target which focuses on supporting sustainable development and global citizenship education, covering peace, human rights, and cultural understanding. In the Philippines, there is no data on SDG Global Indicator 4.7.1, which measures how well these topics are integrated into education policies, curricula, teacher training, and student learning.

The Philippines has made strides in education over the past decades but challenges like gender inequality, discrimination, and lack of funding continue to hinder progress. Poverty remains a significant barrier to education and COVID-19 has worsened disparities, showing the need to change education systems to fit new situations. According to a 2020 report by the World Bank, poverty rates in the Philippines remain high, particularly in rural areas. In 2022, according to a Philippine Statistics Authority study, 18.6 percent of Filipinos aged 5 to 24 did not attend school. This translates into about 7.85 million children and youth.



Education is a fundamental right, but where challenges like access, quality and relevance persist, like in the country, transformative education is crucial.

E-Net Philippines urges the Philippine government, decision-makers, and stakeholders to fulfill their commitments from the Transformative Education Summit (TES) and use the TES follow-up processes at local, regional, and global levels as venues for advocacy.

Additionally, E-Net Philippines urges the government and relevant stakeholders to prioritize investments on education for the marginalized, excluded, and vulnerable sectors (MEVS). Particularly, we recommend the following:

- Tailoring interventions to meet the unique and specific needs of the MEVS.
- Improving teacher training and support for transformative education.
- Including marginalized communities in education decision-making.
- Addressing social and economic factors causing educational exclusion.
- Promoting gender equality in education.
- Tackling poverty and social inequality affecting marginalized groups.
- Creating monitoring targets for SDG 4.7

E-Net Philippines calls on citizens, educators, students, and organizations to join us in championing transformative education during the Gawe 2024 and beyond. Together, let us build a future where education truly transforms attitudes, lives, and empowers communities!#####