



**PROGRAMME SUMMARY  
REPORT**

**Episode 24**

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**Discussion: Falling Standard of Education in Tertiary Institutions; Way Forward**

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**PREMISE**

Tertiary education focuses on learning endeavors in specialised fields while tertiary institution is the place where such education is obtained. Unfortunately, the standard of these institutions are falling, while majority blame it on the government others are of the opinion that the lectures, parents, public and even the students are responsible.

Government is partly responsible because budgets has always been low for education which they claim this important.

**ISSUES**

This underfunding leads to unconducive learning atmosphere, dilapidated hostels, insufficient learning and instructional materials etc. Government also giving more to the certificate than the education has made students reluctant to their studies and even low welfare to teachers have also contributed immensely.

Lectures fail to update their teaching materials, they have divided attention which does not allow them give their best because they lecture in more than one school.

**MORE ISSUES...**

They do not teach functional education. repetition of examination questions by lectures year in year out is also a factor, improper teacher to student ratio. Students have nonchalant attitudes towards their education because of social media and due to the fact that they cherish the certificate they will hold afterwards and not the knowledge. With library in all schools and most important condition for accreditation, students still do not utilise the facility.

**...MORE ISSUES.**

Parents and public should pay attention to the education of their ward and should help in any way they can in improving the education system. Their stay at home and always complaining and not taking action is also a factor responsible for the falling standard of tertiary institutions and education in the country.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

A huge factor that is causing the decay of these institutions is Examination Malpractices perpetuated by the teachers, authorities, students and encouraged by parents and public because the pay token in most cases to support this.

All hope is not lost if the following recommendations are put into use:

1. There should be better welfare for lecturers to improve their performance avert unnecessary industrial action (strike).
2. Lecturers should focus in a school and give the best they can by avoiding excessive visitation of other institutions.
3. Government should provide adequate funding in order to provide better and conducive learning atmosphere and instructional materials. This will also prevent the strike our institutions are known for.
4. Parents and general public should endeavour to donate the little they can because the little we do will surely make a difference.
5. Better steps should be put in place to recruit qualified teachers in all level of education.
6. Parents should pay attention to the studies of their children.
7. Teachers should also realise that the teaching profession calls for selflessness.
8. Serious law should be put in place and implemented when the necessary to fight examination malpractice.
9. Finally it is recommended that to solve this problem we must go back to the grassroots (primary and secondary schools) to make sure they are standard and this will reflect positively in our tertiary institutions.

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