

Launch of the Global Coalition for Education - Peru Chapter Report

The Ministry of Education, Peru (MINEDU), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), launched the Global Coalition for Education – Peru Chapter.

The Coalition was launched online on Thursday 16, July at 9 a.m. through the Facebook platform of UNESCO Peru. The aim was to present to the Peruvian population a Coalition that will ensure learning continuity for children and young people of the country. With this initiative, we want to join efforts so that the educational strategies developed during the pandemic can be a starting point for Peru to reach an unlimited form of education: an inclusive, equitable, innovative and high-quality education.

This event was conducted by the most important authorities of the partner organizations and the Civil Society representatives, whose comments highlighted this initiative and made a commitment to support future activities.

Ernesto Fernández Polcuch (UNESCO Representative in Peru)

In Peru, an average of 10 million children cannot go to school. Only one organization cannot solve this problem, it would need the contribution from all the sectors in Coalition to give a quick response to the educational crisis. Therefore, this Coalition has been planned for a long time and its main objective is to offer children and young people inclusive learning options during this particular context.

Ana De Mendoza (UNICEF Representative in Peru)

This is a big opportunity for all the actors to consider Education as a state priority instead of just a government priority. An institutional work is required now, more than ever. This is a crucial moment, but we salute the quick response from the government to make decisions that does not leave children and their education behind. It is also important to have a strategic plan for the reopening of schools around the country, and to take the global experience and apply it into the Peruvian reality.

Mariana Rodríguez Risco (President of Entrepreneurs for Education):

The entrepreneurs and the members of the civil sector have the will and are committed to keep formulating solutions to ensure the learning of all students, since this project can only be successful will an interinstitutional support.

Nelly Claux (President of the Educational Forum):

The global health crisis has exposed big challenges for the education sector. In this respect, it is important to highlight the organization of a decentralized management, a cooperative territorially management, which is also articulated for sectors. Likewise, it is important that this Coalition is open to any interested institution, given that a big budget and a variety of actors are required.

Youssouf Abdel Jelil (Deputy Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean - UNICEF):

UNICEF recognize and promote the plurality of actors from the educational system in this Coalition, since that is crucial to reach positives results. Furthermore, the regional headquarter praise the Peruvian state for its commitment with education. UNICEF offers all its resources to face the pandemic effects on the educational sector in Peru.

Stefania Gianini (Assistant Director-General for Education - UNESCO)

Schools and Universities are still closed in about a hundred countries, this represents a big educational challenge. This Coalition contributes to improve the educational system in the new global context. We should think of this crisis as a new opportunity to share experiences and knowledge. The only way we can get over this crisis is through cooperation, and developing innovation and learning. I salute Peru for taking decisions in behalf of the students.

Martín Benavides (Minister for Education - Peru):

The support of our allies has been fundamental. Thanks to that, it has been possible to ensure the access to education for around 95% of students; however, there are still unsolved problems. The Ministry appreciates the fact that UNESCO allows Peru to be the first country to have a Chapter in the Coalition.

The MINEDU is committed to working in teams and to cooperate with the education system actors, it is also committed to improve quality, to reduce differences and to ensure a safe environment for all the students on its establishments.

IMPACT

The launch of the Global Coalition for Education Peru Chapter's live stream through Facebook, reached 12 000 users, which in addition to the MINEDU and UNICEF live streams, reached a total of 150 000 users.

The live chat had 800 reactions. These were the comments that stood out:

"It is fundamental to share the State commitment to protect the right to education and as well as public schools through intergovernmental and intersectoral measures in order to obtain educational justice. These, with the help from teachers, and actors in all the areas and communities."

"Certainly, this Coalition will articulate the efforts from all the organizations involved"

"It is good that UNESCO highlights the importance of bilingual intercultural education in Peru."

On the other hand, the media showed a National response through its online platforms. In this respect, the response of the most influential media stood out: El Peruano, El Comercio, TV Perú.

Finally, the UNESCO's Public Information Unit edited the video of the event in order to have a subtitled and organized material. You can see the video at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mbgPKjmQ9k>

<https://es.unesco.org/news/minedu-unesco-y-unicef-lanzan-coalicion-educacion-impulsar-despliegue-soluciones-aprendizaje>

*Attached annexes