

EDITORIAL

How the new curriculum adds value to learning

In the old days, students graduated from school with a letter of commendation, assuring everyone out there, that they had excelled in school.

As it turned out, many of them had indeed excelled in the examinations set, but were rarely able to apply what they had learned in school.

It was from this cluster of graduates that the term white collar workers was derived. That is because they were expected to take up salaried jobs, or other office-based roles focused on administration, management, or professional services.

Over time, the rising number of graduates leaving school, made it difficult to continue employing everyone in these kinds of jobs.

In 2020, the ministry of Education and Sports introduced the competence based curriculum, which was intended to ensure learners picked more than the ability to read and reproduce what they were taught.

A quiet but steady revolution started in various schools, where learners started to pick up skills, usually reserved for students of vocational education.

From baking, cooking to mechanical practices, students are learning the kind of skills that encourage them to consider working within and outside school.

Many have learnt how to develop little products that they can sell to raise money for their tuition fees for instance. It is the kind of experience that creates an opportunity for the learner to become a job creator after school, rather than having to apply for white collar job.

However, what is remaining is to buttress this with the kind of entrepreneurial science that enables the learner to not only set up the business, but appreciate how to manage it efficiently.

This is the kind of learning that enable value addition to life and will hopefully promote a crop of entrepreneurs who are not only able to run enterprises but grow them over time.

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