

Ministry of Education: 20 Years of Purpose

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The 20 years of independence have been a period of Eritrea's pride in a number of ways. One couldn't imagine any sort of achievement without implementing the groundwork that contribute for comprehensive development in varied sectors that require skilled and knowledge-driven human power that would in turn give impetus to all sorts of development. The key element that plays a determinant role in affecting almost every sector is thus education. Educating societies is therefore building a nation. Unless all members of a society are educated, there would be no comprehensive individual or national development. The education sector in the past 20 years has solved much of the nation's deficits through skills that have been acquired in many areas of specializations. An educational system which is directed under the principle "Education for All" has enabled even the remote parts of the nation become beneficiaries of access to education.

While building an educational system that satisfies both personal and national interests, intensive researches were conducted so as to develop a viable national curriculum that meets the demands of the contemporary world. Since curriculum functions as a means of implementing the set out goal of building a sustainable educational system that lays groundwork for effective learning and teaching process, a functionally relevant curriculum was designed. As part of the overall nationwide symposiums being held by various sectors under the team "Eritrea: twenty years of dignity", the Education Ministry's symposium was conducted from 25th to 27th of February at the Expo Hall and became a good evaluative moment for the overall educational journey of the past twenty years. The department of curriculum development was in the early days of independence engaged in designing functional curriculum with an approach to an educational system characterized by knowledge rather than content based teaching system. Curriculum development passed three phases of development mainly in revising the curriculum and preparing educational materials for general education that ranges from grades 1-11.

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