While normality slowly begins to return following lockdowns, schools remain shut in many countries despite evidence that shows children are not primary drivers of the virus. How can schools become safer upon return and better at addressing learning poverty?

**Technology must complement teachers for learning**
The pandemic has shown both the enduring value of teachers and the potential of technology to assist in remote learning. Going forward, blending high- and low-tech solutions will be critical to support effective learning for children and young people.

**Focus on those most vulnerable to reach everyone**
Learning loss will be greatest for marginalised children - including girls and migrant children. We must take the opportunities of remote learning solutions and the return to school to focus on these children, and to make learning sensitive to gender, discrimination, and poverty.

**Resilient schools go beyond learning**
To build back better, we must provide a full range of support to children that leverages the unique role of school - as a place of shelter, safety, nutrition, play, and growth as well as learning. This means not only mitigating risk for the return to school, but also better measuring and monitoring learning, sharing what works, and teaching at the right level and pace.

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The twin shocks of school closures and economic recession will have huge impacts on the education experience. The longer they go on, the greater the impact on economic prosperity.

Governments and partners are using a range of ways to support remote learning, including: internet, TV, radio, paper-based learning packs.

Learning goes beyond the school walls and requires stronger, more effective education systems.

Equitable education requires investments in connectivity, safe digital learning, upskilling educators, and support for teachers and parents.

Education is not only a human right, but also an economic investment in the future. We must invest in human capital today to protect our future and prosperity tomorrow.

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