

The role of Technical Vocational livelihood in poverty reduction

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Poverty is not simply about not having money; it also includes a lack of dignity, hope, and opportunity. It significantly affects a person's capacity to provide for their family's basic needs for food, housing, and health. Additionally, it hinders individuals from leading worthwhile and happy lives. The actual effects of poverty go far beyond income measures, affecting every facet of a person's life. We may not be able to eradicate poverty, but we need long-term solutions that empower people and communities.

Education is one of the most potent and efficient instruments for combating poverty. Nevertheless, academic schooling is not always accessible, especially for children from low-income households. Technical Vocational Livelihood (TVL) plays a role here. TVL provides a realistic and valuable alternative route that enables people to gain skills that may be put to use right away in their professions. These include training in information technology, cookery, caregiving, electronics, and automotive, which are all valuable talents in a variety of sectors.

TVL's value is demonstrated by its capacity to connect people with immediate work. In contrast to college, which necessitates years of study, TVL courses are shorter and concentrate on particular skills, enabling a speedier path to job. Over 70% of their graduates get jobs within a year of completing their training, according to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA, 2021). The pace of this job search is revolutionary for needy families. It helps provide food for the family, educate the kids, and restore optimism for the future.

In addition to individual advantages, Technical Vocational Livelihood also helps the community as a whole. A community with a knowledgeable and skilled workforce is more appealing to investment, commercial development, and the local economy. Areas with robust TVL systems are more resilient and grow faster, according to the Asian Development Bank (2020).

Additionally, Technical Vocational Livelihood supports the UN Sustainable Development Goal 8, which seeks to foster sustainable economic growth and decent employment. Because of this, nations like the Philippines are increasingly incorporating TVL into their educational systems in order to adapt to the changing demands of the labor market (Geraldizo & Dabasol, 2021). This keeps it useful, inclusive, and relevant.

The ultimate measure of TVL's impact is not the number of jobs it generates. Those who grin with triumph after many years of adversity may be seen in their faces. In families

that rediscover how to dream and in communities that prosper together. Although there is no perfect answer to eradicate or prevent poverty, we can and will make great progress toward lowering it with Technical Vocational Livelihood.

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