

**EXPANDING GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNTUNITIES AND REDUCING INEQUALITIES IN ACCESS TO EDUCATION**

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**Problems:**

1. **High Dropout Rates**

Italy has one of the highest early school-leaver rates in the European Union. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this issue, particularly in the southern regions, where school closures led to a significant increase in dropout rates.

**2. North-South Divide**

There is a stark contrast between the educational outcomes in the wealthier northern regions and the poorer southern regions. This divide is reflected in the levels of childhood poverty and educational attainment.

**3. Educational Inequality**

Economic instability and financial hardship prevent many young people from accessing educational opportunities. This is particularly true in the southern regions, where poverty rates are higher.

**4. Impact of the Pandemic**

The pandemic has had a lasting impact on the education system, with many students struggling to adapt to online learning. The prolonged school closures have led to a significant increase in absenteeism and dropout rates.

Solutions:

1. Changing eduation ministers in Italy could solve school dropout problem.
2. Donating stationery items to poor people in the South of Italy.
3. In Italy there is a poverty. Especially in the southern part of the country. Government should help and organize aid programmes for these groups.
4. The pandemic effect in Italy has spread a threat to students in many schools.

To catch up, we need using technology effectively, school – family cooperation and development of social skills