



The University of Eastern Pangasinan (UEP) actively organizes training programs to improve access to basic services for all. One notable initiative is the **College of Teacher Education Extension Program: Project Read Write and STEM**. This program aims to enhance literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) skills among students, particularly in underserved communities.

Through this program, UEP students and faculty eagerly wake up every week to teach young learners. They employ innovative teaching methods and resources to foster early literacy and numeracy skills. Activities include reading sessions using English and Tagalog storybooks, interactive STEM lessons, and hands-on activities such as solving puzzles and engaging with educational technology.

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty):

1. **Improving Educational Access:** By providing quality education to children in underserved communities, the program helps to ensure that all students, regardless of their socio-economic background, have access to learning opportunities. This is crucial for breaking the cycle of poverty, as education is a key factor in improving long-term economic prospects.
2. **Empowering Future Generations:** Early literacy and STEM education lay the foundation for future academic and career success. By equipping students with these essential skills, the program empowers them to pursue higher education and better job opportunities, which can lift their families out of poverty.
3. **Promoting Social Equity:** The program specifically targets marginalized communities, ensuring that the most vulnerable populations are not left behind. This aligns



ns with the principle of leaving no one behind, a core aspect of SDG 1, which aims to end poverty in all its forms everywhere.

4. **Community Engagement:** The program fosters a sense of community involvement and support. By engaging local communities in educational activities, it helps build stronger social networks and promotes collective efforts to improve living conditions and access to basic services.
5. **Enhancing Skills for Economic Mobility:** STEM education, in particular, provides students with critical thinking, problem-solving, and technical skills that are highly valued in the job market. This enhances their employability and economic mobility, contributing to poverty reduction.

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