

**UNICEF & ADB 2-part Webinar Series**  
*Distance Learning Reach & Effectiveness in South Asia  
during School Closures*

**Purpose:**

1. To **disseminate findings** on distance learning for selected countries in South Asia
2. To **promote dialogue and strategic reflection** on effective ways of enhancing access, utilization and effectiveness of distance learning in the region

**WEBINAR I**

**Date:** 17 June, 2021 | [Zoom link](#)

**Time:** 1pm (Afghanistan), 1:30pm (Pakistan & Maldives), 2pm (India, Sri Lanka), 2:15pm (Nepal) and 2:30pm (Bangladesh, Bhutan)

**Moderator:** **Brajesh Panth**, Chief of Education Sector Group, ADB

Time	Topic	Presenter
<b>Opening Remarks and Introductions</b>		
3 minutes	Welcome and Introduction to the Webinar Series	<b>Esther Kaggwa</b> , PhD, Regional Evaluation Advisor, ROSA
5 minutes	Opening Remarks from UNICEF	<b>George Laryea-Adjei</b> , Regional Director for UNICEF South Asia
5 minutes	Opening Remarks from UNICEF	<b>Sungsup Ra</b> , PhD, Director, Human and Social Development Division, South Asia Regional Department
<b>Regional Context and Findings</b>		
12 minutes	Context, regional findings and methodology	<b>Frank van Cappelle</b> , PhD, UNICEF South Asia Education Specialist
<b>Country Presentations</b>		
12 minutes	Bangladesh	<b>Zhigang Li</b> , PhD, Senior Social Sector Specialist, ADB
12 minutes	Pakistan	<b>Ellen van Kalmthout</b> , Chief of Education, UNICEF Pakistan <b>Perman Gochyyev</b> , PhD, Research Consultant, UNICEF
6 minutes	Sri Lanka	<b>Ryotaro Hayashi</b> , Social Sector Economist, ADB
<b>Q&amp;A, discussion on way forward</b>		
20 minutes	Question and answer	<b>Brajesh Panth</b> , Chief of Education Sector Group, ADB
<b>Closing remarks</b>		
3 minutes	Closing	<b>Esther Kaggwa</b> , PhD, Regional Evaluation Advisor, ROSA

## WEBINAR II

**Date:** 24 June | [Zoom link](#)

**Time:** 9:00 am (Afghanistan); 9:30 am (Pakistan & Maldives); 10:00 am (India & Sri Lanka); 10:15 am (Nepal); 10:30 am (Bangladesh & Bhutan)

**Moderator:** **Jim Acker**, PhD, Regional Education Advisor, UNICEF South Asia

Time	Topic	Presenter
<b>Opening Remarks and Introductions</b>		
3 minutes	Welcome and Introduction to the Webinar Series	<b>Frank van Cappelle</b> , PhD, UNICEF Education Specialist
5 minutes	Opening Remarks from ADB	<b>Sunhwa Lee</b> , Principal Social Sector Specialist in the South Asia Human and Social Development Division
<b>Regional Context and Findings</b>		
10 minutes	Context, regional findings and methodology	<b>Vidur Chopra</b> , EdD, Research Consultant, UNICEF
<b>Country Presentations</b>		
10 minutes	India	<b>Terry Durnnian</b> , Chief of Education, UNICEF India
5 minutes		<b>Kanupriya Gupta</b> , Ph.D., Senior Economist, ADB
10 minutes	Maldives	<b>Moosa Adam</b> , Senior Policy Director, Maldives Ministry of Education <b>Perman Gochyyev</b> , PhD, Research Consultant
10 minutes	Sri Lanka	<b>Takaho Fukami</b> , Chief of Education, UNICEF Sri Lanka <b>Vidur Chopra</b> , EdD, Research Consultant, UNICEF
<b>Q&amp;A, discussion on way forward</b>		
20 minutes	Question and answer	<b>Jim Ackers</b> , PhD, Regional Adviser for Education, UNICEF South Asia
<b>Closing remarks</b>		
3 minutes	Closing	<b>Tom Kaye</b> , EdTech Hub