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Education is one of the largest sectors of the global economy. This is no surprise in this technological age. The role of education is becoming more and more critical in any nation's competitiveness which shapes its ability to maintain and increase the prosperity of its members. Thus, constant upgrade of knowledge and skills of particularly young generation is an imperative for any society.

Contemporary school curricula strives to go further than traditional skills such as reading, writing and applying math to include skills such as collaboration and digital literacy that will prepare students for the 21st century employment and help them become successful in the digital age and beyond. But it should go further than that, and depart from being a simple mechanism of knowledge and skill transfer. Ability to think freely, construct and re-construct knowledge, create individually and co-create in teams - those will be traits that the best schools will nurture and nourish. But the true winners will be those who help students to tie their knowledge with human virtues and strong ethical values.

We at EV are keen on helping formulate winning educational models from individual school to state policy level. We are proud to have our share of contribution in establishing one of the most transformative educational institutions in Armenia - the Ayb school (www.aybschool.am [2]). Our work with Ayb spans from designing its first phase execution plan to participating in larger community building around the school to designing an innovative Business Studies course for high school students. We are focused on developing entrepreneurial thinking among high school students implementing the best international practices in the field.

On public policy level the search for new and more effective national systems of schooling are intensifying. Teachers training, curricula, assessment methods are legitimate targets of reforms reflected in national education agendas. Information obtained through evaluation and assessment procedures is critical to understanding whether school systems are delivering good performance and to providing feedback to help improvement. EV is often called to provide such analysis and

assessment and help shape the change agenda.

The solutions are not straightforward and we invest in research and development in the field to build up our knowledge and understanding of learning in the 21s century. As difficulty the task is, so is rewarding.

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