



Foreword

Youth & Hope in the New Normal

A new Journey worth Exploring

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Abstract

During the transformation for a new normal that come due to unprecedented change, youth, all over the world need to be hopeful. With hope, the future becomes present, and youth can live and the reality of the new normal.

This introduction emphasises the potential of youth hope and its role in shaping the new normal and how appreciating hope creates better motives for youth. A framework for re-igniting youth hope in the new normal is proposed.

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1.0 Understanding New Normal

The new normal is an era where many things would change and where we need to accept this change and embrace it. It can be seen as a type of evolution that urge us to become better. The current COVID-19 crises gave us a signal that this is 'generation-defining moment'. It is a time in history when so many elements are changing or going to change.

The contagious virus influenced the social and economic life and brought a disrupted space in time that requires a new set of rules and ideas that might have been for decades in the making. The new normal brought challenges to different seen in life that influenced youth thinking. The more we prepare youth to the unfamiliar situations that have become standard, the more they could exploit the benefits of the new normal.

With the new normal the state of the world economy, society, socio-economy need to settle following a series crisis. The latest new normal is a situation that prevailed following the financial crisis of 2007-2008, the aftermath of the 2008–2012 global recession, and



the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, youth need to understand the new normal, accept it and deal with it a spirit of exploration.

Understanding Hope

Hope is the easiest space that we have in our life. Without hope, we would experience narrower living, and we would have a soul like old wood. Without hope simply we are empty, regardless of our age or another demographic status. Hope is like a flame that melts difficulties and makes us see challenges as opportunities for development and improvements.

When we live a hope, we believe of the essence of our existence for that moment or that era. Hence, hope even during difficult times as the COVID-19 pandemic gives us a taste of why this is happening to us and how this would clear the fuzziness of our journey. We experience a day or moments of hope we can combat routine and overcome boredom.

Youth economy believes in hope as a source of spirit and energy. Actually, Buheji (2018) emphasis that without this, youth would see their life and livelihood as a barren, empty desert with no signs of survival. When a youth of any community see and experience and optimise 'Hope', they would be as if put wings for their desired dreams. The 'hope' would be like the magnifying glass that lead to shows them with clarity their bright future.

2.0 Appreciating the Hope and the Motive of Youth in New Normal

The more we optimise youth in our youth generation, and especially at times of the 'new normal' the more we see youth leaders, youth professional, youth exploring different solutions and cure for our different communities challenges. The more youth optimise hope we see also more youth entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs who would strive to achieve their profit and desired outcomes.

The new normal came this time in a dark night that is full of uncertainty, hence seeking hope need a high a cause and unique passion. Only the pioneering youth can inspire their community. Once we have more youth who are willing to endure pain, fatigue, and expose themselves, we would establish more believers in a better future in the journey of the new normal.

With hope, youth could strive to improve wellness, mitigate the suffers, and fight to trigger new attitudes that overcome the hardship of the new coming era. Once youth have a motive, the motive would make them survive with failures and thus would repeat the attempts and rise until they exploit, develop, and reap further success.

3.0 Framework Re-igniting Youth Hope in the New Normal

Without a youth-driven economy, the world would not rise from the setbacks that afflicted all parts of life. To re-ignite youth hope we need solid programs that build confidence. Such programs would be based on youth engagement in projects which pave the road for their perseverance.

To spread hope among youth, we need to establish lines of ‘Deep-Dialogue’ flow that synthesise the COVID-19 pandemic influence on youth today and in the future. As shown in Figure (1) a proposed framework was set to generate a variety of pathways to minimise ‘youth uncertainty’. Hope helps to set proper ‘Emotion’, ‘Choice’, ‘Intention’ amongst youth through socio-economic community programs. The projects would help to bring more youth development stakeholders that collaborate with youth-led networks.

If communities and organisation engage youth through projects, they will create value-driven generations that lead to ‘scalable agility’. The agility is required to address both youth desire for livelihood’ with more ‘Scalable Efficiency’; besides addressing their desire for a life with ‘Scalable Adaptability’. If youth become more agile, efficient and adaptable, they would become resilient-driven youth and the pioneers, as shown in Figure (1).

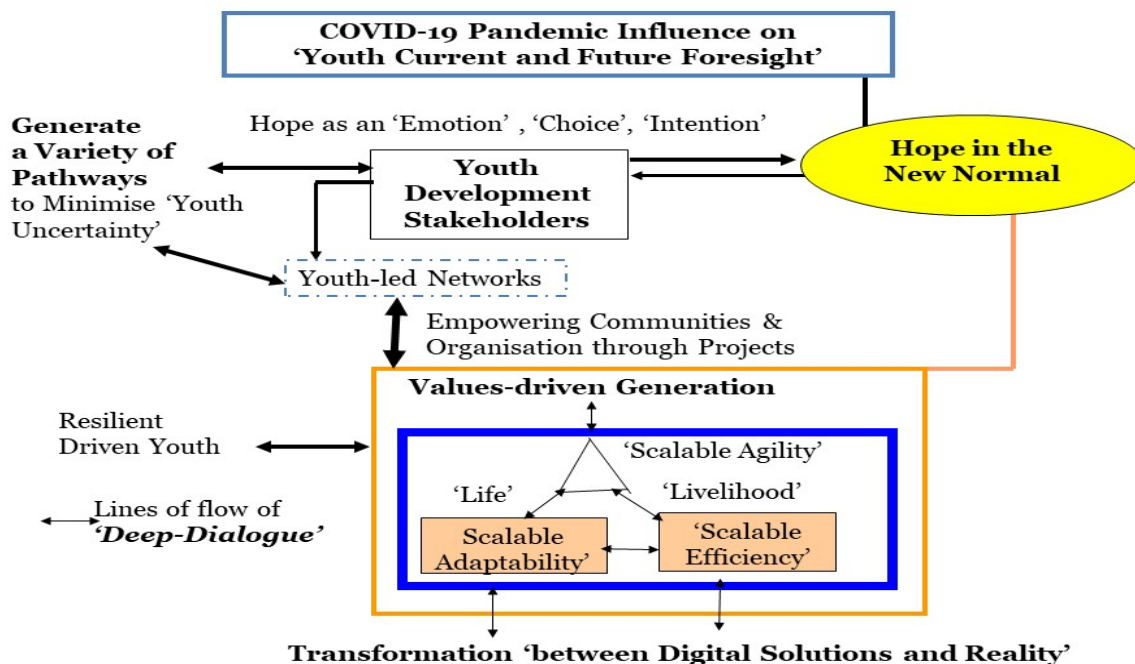


Figure (1) Framework For Enhancing Youth Hope in the New Normal



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