Reducing Inequalities in Digital Education

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Iceland is a small island country in the North Atlantic Ocean. It is known for its high quality of life and strong welfare system. Education is very important in Iceland, and equal access to education is the main issue for the government. However, even in Iceland, some people struggle to access digital education.

Students from low-income families, rural areas, immigrant backgrounds, and the students with the special needs may struggle to use digital tools and have chance to develop technology skills. Government of Iceland believes that solving these problems requires countries to work together, and it seems UNESCO as the best platform fort his cooperation. Thought its Education Policy 2030, Iceland has placed digital technology at the center of its education system. Around the country many schools and people can reach high speed internet and modern devices. According to OECD data, only a small number of schools in Iceland face problems due to a lack of equipment or internet access. However, Iceland believes that access to technology is not the key alone, students need digital literacy, media awareness, and inclusive learning materials. Digital equality means not only having technology, but also knowing how to use it effectively.

As a result, international cooperation under UNESCO is very important. Iceland supports better digital training, safe and ethical behavior for all people included disabled people, migrants and those living in countryside. Iceland emphasizes reducing digital inequality not just as a technological goal, but as an issue of social equality. A digital future can only be meaningful when all people have equal opportunities. Iceland is committed to working with all the countries to build a fair and inclusive global education system.

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