The Covid-19 Pandemic: Shocks to Education and Policy Responses

Shocks to education

- **School closures**
  - Direct education costs
  - Health and safety impacts

- **Economic crisis**
  - Education demand side
  - Education supply side

- **Long-run costs**

The three overlapping phases of the education response

**GOAL:** Seize opportunities to make education more inclusive, effective, and resilient than it was before the crisis

**Coping**
- While schools are closed:
  - Protect health, safety, and nutrition
  - Prevent learning loss through remote learning
  - Draw on tertiary education

**Managing continuity**
- As schools reopen:
  - Prevent increase in dropout
  - Protect health and safety at school
  - Prepare for staggered and partial reopenings
  - Prepare teachers to assess learning losses and close learning gaps
  - Provide adequate financing for recovery needs, especially for disadvantaged students

**Improving and accelerating**
- Throughout, seize opportunities to improve the system for the long term:
  - Scale up effective COVID-response approaches (e.g. incorporate remote learning, teach at the right level, track at-risk students to prevent dropout)
  - Focus on creating build-back-better education systems
  - Protect and enhance education financing

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