

Governance and Poverty Reduction in the South Asian Countries: A Perspective from Management Education

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Abstract

In today's challenging era, the developing countries contribute mostly towards the world economy. The focus of the paper is to explore the cross-national differences among the south Asian nations in order to examine the association of governance indicators to educational reforms indicators. The data is collected from World Bank website and Regression technique is used for the study. The examination discoveries demonstrate that the administration pointers-political solidness and nonappearance of brutality/fear-based oppression, administrative quality, lead of law and control of defilement contribute for the most part towards the internationalization of administration organizations, which additionally help to advance the administration instruction of South Asian nations in contrast with the worldwide benchmarks. For a decent execution of instruction regarding administration and innovation, the administration expected to assume a critical part to manage harmony amongst greatness, the administration expected to assume a critical part to manage harmony amongst greatness and value. Genuine participation in educational programs improvement, readiness of instructional material, execution of inventive practices, utilization of new advancements and advancement of community oriented research are necessities of the time.

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1. Introduction

After the recent crisis, the topic of governance had been given a prime focus in the circle of practitioners, academicians and regulators. The scams and collapses of markets in both developed and developing countries have allowed marketers/business tycoons to improve the governance practices. But on the other hand, there are various barriers to the effective implementation of governance strategies. Considering the importance of South Asian nations to the world economy, the primary focus of the paper is to explore the cross-national difference among the South Asian Association for Regional Corporation (SAARC) countries and to deeply analyze their educational dimensions.

1.1 Governance

Administration isn't only an arrangement of standards or an action; it is a procedure. The assignment isn't just a question of giving help to change the country; it is likewise a matter of helping a general public to reconsider its own particular administration systems and characterize an administration show that best suits the difficulties that it faces (CICID, 2006). Administration incorporates of all measurements: regional (from nearby to worldwide), the economy (open segment, private part and blended of both), environment (governmental issues and culture). It too envelops security issues too. Administration is additionally viewed as a component utilized as a part of help assignment basic leadership.

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Advancement offices in a few nations have progressively come to understand that great administration isn't just a commendable objective all by itself yet in addition a way to effect on an assortment of different results, most likely monetary development and improvement (Gisselquist, 2012). Nations with the poor administration pointer appraisals have the higher odds of defilement that further prompts the avoidance of expenses. Abnormal amounts of debasement in a country likewise rouse towards the preoccupation of government reserves, which would have been utilized towards the prosperity of poor people. Though on opposite side, great administration is the absolute most critical factor in destroying destitution and advancing advancement (UNDP, 2002). Administration assumes a critical part in enhancing the nature of instruction. In the current situation, the part of value in training had expanded achieving a harmony amongst independence and responsibility (Henard & Mitterle, 2009). The present paper centres around three gatherings of administration markers, which incorporate six distinct parts of administration. This incorporates: (a) the procedure by which governments are chosen, observed and supplanted; (b) the limit of the administration to successfully define and actualize sound arrangements; and (c) the regard of subjects and the state for the establishments that administer financial and social collaborations among them.

1.1.1 Political Governance

Political Governance includes governance indicators-voice and accountability and political stability and absence of violence/terrorism. Voice and responsibility incorporate the suppositions that subjects are free in making an administration, likewise, to have flexibility of affiliation and too have an open media. Political strength and nonappearance of destructive warfare catch impression of the probability that the administration will be destabilized or ousted by unlawful or savage means, including politically-inspired savagery and fear-based oppression (Kaufmann D., 2010).

1.1.2 Economic Governance

Economic Governance includes indicators-government effectiveness and regulatory quality. Government adequacy catch impression of the nature of open administrations, the nature of the common administration and the level of its freedom from political weights, the nature of

approach detailing and execution, and the believability of the administration's responsibility regarding such strategies. Administrative quality catches impression of the capacity of the legislature to define and actualize sound arrangements, controls that allow and advance private sector improvement.

1.1.3 Institutional Dimensions of Governance

Rule of law and control of corruption comes under this dimension of governance. Administer of law measures the general fulfillment of people that an operator will take after the best possible standards and characterized guidelines of the general public identifying with contract implementation, property rights, the police, the courts and the likelihood of wrongdoing and viciousness. Though, control of defilement assesses the impedance of a nation's administration specifically red tapism, which is characterized for in thought to degenerate office bearers and different gatherings intercede with the execution of strategy.

These three measurements of administration ought not to be thought of as being by one means or another autonomous of each other. Three measurements of administration may sensibly depict either that the better responsibility instruments could prompt less debasement, or that a more powerful government can give a superior administrative condition, or that regard for the control of law prompts more pleasant procedures for choosing and supplanting governments and less manhandle of open office for private pick up. Six composite measures of administration have solid positive relationship crosswise over nations.

1.2 Education

Training for the betterment of being is a fundamental human need and a key factor being developed. Interest in training will specifically raise the prosperity of people; however, will likewise raise their human capital and ability to get implies for the fulfillment of other fundamental need (Vos, 1996). The present paper discusses about the pointers that appear to be most significant in checking and assessing the execution and value of higher instructive administrations. Great checking and assessment should make utilization of a fitting harmony between various kinds of markers that can set up the connection amongst means and closures. Various educational indicators adopted for the study are: 1. Education Expenditures, 2.

Education Enrolment, 3. GDP, 4. Literacy Rate, and 5. R&D Expenditures.

i. Education Expenditures

Spending on instruction incorporates coordinate use on instructive establishments and instructive related open sponsorships given to families and directed by instructive organizations. This pointer is appeared as a level of GDP and of aggregate open spending, partitioned by essential and tertiary levels (OECD, 2003). Training use covers consumption on schools, colleges and other open and private foundations conveying or supporting instructive administrations.

ii. Education Enrolment

Enrolment rates are communicated as net enrolment rates, which are computed by isolating the quantity of understudies of a specific age, amassed enlisted in all levels of instruction by the span of populace of that age gathering. By and large, depends on head checks and don't recognize full-time and low maintenance consider.

iii. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

"Gross" implies that no finding has been made for the deterioration of apparatus, structures and other capital items utilized as a part of generation. "Domestic" implies that it is creation by the occupant institutional units of the nation. The "Product" alludes to definite products and ventures, that is, those that are obtained, attributed or something else, as: conclusive utilization of families, non-benefit establishments serving families and government; settled resources; and fares.

iv. Literacy Rate

Rate is computed as the proportion of the utilized to the working age populace. Proficiency rates are touchy to the financial cycle, however in the more drawn out term, they are altogether influenced by governments' advanced education and pay bolster strategies and by approaches that encourage work of ladies and burdened gatherings. This pointer is regularly balanced and it is estimated as far as thousand people matured 15 and over; and as a level of working age populace (OECD, 2003).

v. R&D Expenditures

Net local spending on R&D is characterized as the aggregate consumption (current and capital) on R&D did by every single occupant organization; inquire about establishments, college and government research centres, and so on, in a nation. It incorporates R&D supported from abroad, yet prohibits household reserves for R&D performed outside the local economy.

Figure 1 shows the research framework for internationalization in conjunction with governance indicators and educational reforms. Around the world, higher education mainly management education institutes are under immense pressure to bring up the change around the globe. Management/Technical education has spread fast, and both had their own contribution. To come up with the valid and reliable research, national institutions are providing the immense data source to the young scholars in respective fields. Therefore, the competition among research institutes had increased at the international level. As growth is spawning competition, government interference must not be included in order to achieve the positive results. Researchers (OECD, 2003) reviewed the way dynamism and independence could be achieved by educational institutions, as well as with the growth to economic and social objectives. Therefore, this led to increase in self-governance among bodies of higher education in management, further leading towards the overall development of the particular nation.

2. Literature Review

2.1 From Good Governance to Poverty Reduction

There is a minor need open strategy to port administration to destitution decrease. Now and again, all South Asian nations have been thinking of different destitution easing programs throughout the years, it is similarly concerning now that with the help of the administration and their positive working principles, a focused-on approach is produced to connect administration with decrease of neediness and further executed in the vast majority of South Asian nations.

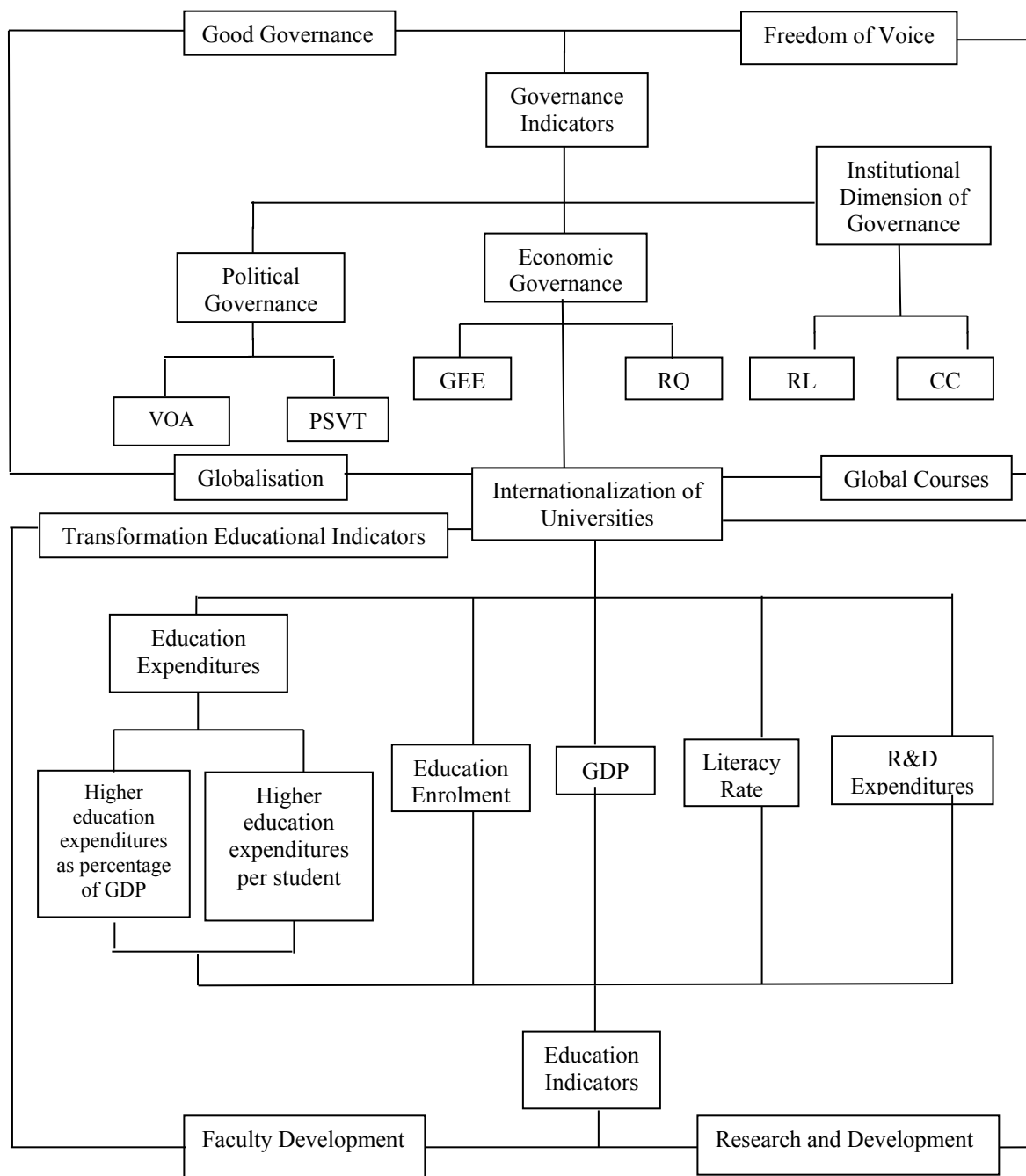


Figure 1: Framework for internationalization via route of governance indicators and educational reforms. (Source: Adopted from Quality guidelines for good governance in higher education across the globe, authored by Zaman, 2016).

A reasonable structure created by the ADB, exhibited in Figure 2, manages that neediness lessening lays on an establishment of common and social request, great administration and institutional guidelines, compelling markets and professional poor development and centered destitution mediations. Debilitating of different angles, powerless administration and feeble Civil and Social

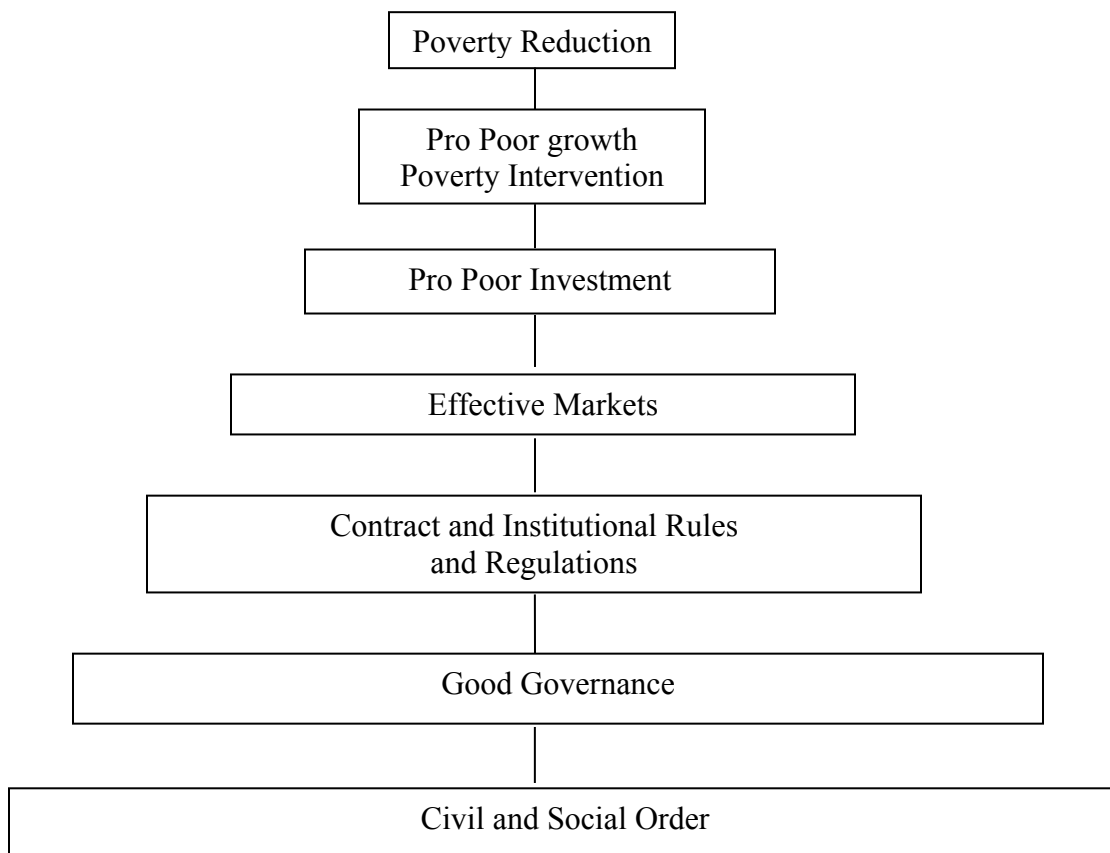
Order hurt poor in two expansive ways: First, it debilitates the working of business sectors, and in this way holds the monetary advancement. Without solid development of a country, it is difficult to lessen destitution. Second, powerless administration hurt the poor through different non-financial channels. Development and accomplishing world guidelines in Human advancement do not naturally

benefits poor people. It is an opportunity to energize and engage poor people, by focusing on the feeble structures that permit destitution in a nation. The solid administration at the focal and nearby level is the urgent connect to kill destitution successfully.

Great Governance for neediness decrease incorporates different issues: (i) critical control on destitution lessening assets and making responsibility in the ideal utilization of open supports in light of a legitimate concern for poor people, (ii) building solid and competent national capacities with respect to expert poor arrangement definition and usage, (iii) enhancing both focus and neighborhood level organization and permitting private segment cooperation for improvement of poor people, (iv) controlling debasement in a country as it impacts the poor most, (v) reinforces the managing of law with clear vision towards genius poor authorization strategies, and (vi) a differentiated scope of partner's including NGOs speaking to and further empowering poor people

(ADB, 1999). In addition, different components of good administration are truant in South Asian setting and there are troubles through absence of data, high exchange costs and feeble requirement of tenets, prone to be on account of the institutional condition is powerless and limit in scope (Nachuk, 2001).

Examined that the globalization concept (Enders, 2004) put forth the questions to the theory of social dynamics, where it hasn't been focused in depth, which is to prerequisites of theory building and even on empirical evidence. In contrast to (Enders, 2004) the globalization process in management education is less-studied and too under the modification of theories. Efforts had been made on comparative research, as every time scholar's attention is on governmental policies of the nation and for national system of education (Kretek, Dragšić & Kehm, 2013) analyzed the prototypes of behaviour to key decision makers at central university levels i.e., 1. the role of governing bodies, 2. the set of factors that create hurdles for the governance, 3. the



(Source: Adopted from Key Issues regarding Asian Development Bank technical assistance on Institutional strengthening for the central region poverty reduction in Vietnam, authored by Nachuk, 2001).

Figure 2: Linkages in poverty reduction.

diversification of roles played by new board members, and 4. the analysis of the governing body. This study proved that the different roles among board members develop conflict of interest. Whereas (Middlehurst, 2013) assessed the internal changes of educational institutions during 2003 to 2013 and too mentioned the both similarity and differences in policy and political conditions for the study period of 10 years. (Enders, Buer, & Weyer, 2013) determined the performances of management universities to the organisational autonomy for the control of high-class education reforms. The study was conducted using the principal agent model as a normative theory for policy reform. The ranking schemes (Jons & Hoyler, 2013) explored that brought the drastic impact on public with context to neoliberalization of management education. The ranking schemes have brought a shift in geopolitics and geo-economics of the education to international level for various fields under management.

3. Objective of the Paper

To explore effect of cross-national governance indicators on educational outcomes of SAARC Countries.

4. Methodology

4.1 Scope of the Study

The Study is confined for SAARC Countries for the year 2016-17. The year 2016-17 is chosen as the most recent year with sufficient data available on governance indicators and educational reforms.

4.2 Data Required and Instrument for Data Collection

The Research depends on Secondary Data. The information was gathered from the World Bank's Online Indicators database (WGI, 2016) for the year 2016-17 of every one of the eight nations Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

4.3 Overview of Variables

Six governance indicators (Kaufmann, Daniel & Kraay, 2008) are examined in the statistical analysis. All six governance indicators are constructed using an extension of the standard unobserved component model originally presented by Goldberger (A.G., 1972). The examination incorporates of the accompanying six administrations pointer measures: 1. Voice and responsibility [VOA], 2. Political soundness and nonattendance of brutality/psychological oppression [PSVT], 3. Government viability [GEE], 4. Administrative quality [RQ], 5. lead of law [RL], and 6. control of debasement [CC]. Government adequacy, political soundness and nonattendance of viciousness/psychological oppression and control of debasement lies under nation authoritative limit, administrative quality under legitimate foundation and lead of law, voice and responsibility under responsibility and authenticity of the nation. Each of the six variables ranges between -2.5 to +2.5, where -2.5 leads towards frail administration and +2.5 towards solid administration (Table 1).

Under the internationalization, six education indicators are included for the study. Those are: 1. higher education expenditures as percentage of GDP, 2. higher education

Table 1. Governance indicators

Country	VOA	PSVT	GEE	RQ	RL	CC
Afghanistan	-1.15	-2.50	-1.34	-1.01	-1.59	-1.34
Bangladesh	-0.49	-1.15	-0.73	-0.93	-0.70	-0.88
Bhutan	-0.06	1.10	0.41	-0.71	0.51	0.98
India	0.39	-0.92	0.10	-0.39	-0.06	-0.38
Maldives	-0.50	0.48	-0.38	-0.42	-0.52	-0.27
Nepal	-0.43	-0.93	-1.04	-0.79	-0.70	-0.55
Pakistan	-0.76	-2.54	-0.66	-0.62	-0.79	-0.76
Sri Lanka	-0.37	-0.03	0.01	-0.05	0.07	-0.37

Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators database, 2016-17.

Table 2: Education Indicators

Country	Higher education expenditures as per-centage of GDP	Higher education enrolment in numbers	Higher education expenditures per student	GDP per capita	Literacy rate in per-centage	R&D expenditure as per-centage of GDP and GDP in current US\$
1	3.10	0.66	9.4	4.2	51	0.02
2	2.00	0.94	23.7	9.4	67	0.47
3	2.90	1.03	36.1	9.6	57	0.19
4	3.80	1.06	27.8	8.8	63	0.78
5	5.20	1.01	29.6	19.2	92	0.23
6	2.95	1.06	14.6	16.5	61	0.07
7	2.10	0.81	13.2	6.7	55	0.34
8	1.50	1.02	31.5	5.3	91	0.10

Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators database, 2016-17.

enrolment in numbers, 3. higher education expenditures per student, 4. GDP per capita, 5. literacy rate in percentage, and 6. R&D expenditures as percentage of GDP and GDP in current US\$ (Table 2).

4.4 Statistical Technique

Regression technique was used, in order to examine the association of governance indicators to educational reforms indicators. SPSS was used to check ESTIMATES in REGRESSION COEFFICIENTS and following assumptions were concluded,

- Regression Model is one-way.
- No relation among Independent variables i.e., - no problem of multicollinearity.
 - Checked using Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) test [Value is < 10 i.e. 7.314].
- No relation among error terms i.e. - no autocorrelation.
 - Checked using the Durbin-Watson Stat [Value is near to 2 i.e. 2.015].
- No relation between Independent variables and Error terms.
- Error terms are behaving normal i.e. - no outliers.
 - Checked using the Shapiro-Wilk test as the sample size is < 50 ($p > 0.05$); significant value is [0.285].

4.5 Statistical Methodology

Key explanatory variables are the six measures of governance: 1. voice and accountability [VOA], 2. political stability and absence of violence/terrorism [PSVT], 3.

government effectiveness [GEE], 4. regulatory quality [RQ], 5. rule of law [RL], and 6. control of corruption [CC]. Main Objective of the study is to explore effect of cross-national governance indicators on education and moreover, whether the good governance of the country further leads to better development outcomes. To examine the extent to which educational reforms is determined by the governance, internationalization is regressed against all six governance indicators.

Equation for Regression:

$$\ln(Y)_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{VOA} + \beta_2 \text{PSVT} + \beta_3 \text{GEE} + \beta_4 \text{RQ} + \beta_5 \text{RL} + \beta_6 \text{CC} + \epsilon_{it}$$

Where,

(Y)_{it} reflects the six educational indicators.

i – Specific country.

t – Time period.

5. Data Analysis and Results

For a decent execution of training as far as administration and innovation, the administration expected to assume a vital part to maintain balance amongst magnificence and value and besides, the instructive organizations need to adjust their scholarly mission and an institutional vision (OECD, 2003). Nation's advance in conveying great administration can be judged by its capacity to diminish destitution. Tragically, misadministration in the South Asia has brought about inability to reduce neediness, which is viewed as a reproducing ground of psychological

warfare and fanaticism. As South Asia's offer in the worldwide wage is just 7 for every penny while its offer of worldwide neediness is around 43 for each penny and offer in the total populace is 22 for each penny. Per capita salary is \$594, which is the most reduced in correlation with some other area around the globe. South Asian nations, which have the biggest centralization of the poor on the planet, have low quality of Regulation, Rule of Law approaches and directions, less Control on Corruption, temperamental political standards as contrasting and them with the worldwide principles (Khan, 2006).

(Table 3) shows the results of governance indicators and educational reforms in South Asian region including countries of SAARC. The results indicate that when political instability increases, higher education expenditure decreases by 0.638 percentages point, which brings it to the consideration the role of management educational institutions to meet up with the regulatory criteria that can improve the nation position on international front. However, voice and accountability, government effectiveness, regulatory quality and control of corruption indicators lead to increase in higher education enrolment of the nation (Zaman, 2016). Whereas, rule of law governance indicator is the potential contributor with 0.899 percentages point increase in the education enrolment. Government effectiveness increases research and development expenditures on higher education, while regulatory quality has the highest effect on increasing per student spending with 1.096

percentages point in context to South Asian countries. Furthermore, political instability decreases the literacy rate in approximation by 0.902 percentages point.

The control of corruption significantly raises the GDP per capita by 1.078 percentages point of the SAARC countries. Developing countries in Asia are focusing on the development of structure and reforms to face the challenges (ADB, 2012). At last, voice and accountability with 0.429 percentages point and rule of law with 0.654 percentages point after control of corruption with 1.078 had a great importance in increasing growth among South Asian nations. This shows that the demand for management education is caused by the emerging trends of globalization in South Asian region. To compete on international standards, governments in South Asian countries, especially in India, Bangladesh, Maldives are trying to build more and more management educational hubs or to come up with the transnational educational opportunities to fulfill the growing demand of the world.

6. Conclusion

The target of the paper was to investigate the impact of cross-national administration markers on instructive changes of the SAARC nations. The investigation of the information surveyed that the administration pointers-political strength and nonappearance of savagery/fear mongering, administrative quality, administer of law and control of defilement contribute generally towards

Table 3. Results from equation

Vari-ables	Higher edu-cation ex-penditures as per-centage of GDP	Higher educa-tion en-rolment in numbers	Higher education expen-di-tures per student	GDP per capita	Lite-racy rate in per-centage	R&D ex-penditure as percentage of GDP & GDP in current US\$
VOA	0.039	0.258	0.413*	0.429*	0.234	0.621*
PSVT	-0.638*	-0.331*	0.169	-0.269	-0.902*	-0.588*
GEE	0.344	0.414*	0.378	-0.065	0.225	0.659*
RQ	0.478*	0.728*	1.096*	0.019	0.069	0.534*
RL	0.412*	0.899*	0.623*	0.654*	0.077	0.413*
CC	-0.029	0.678*	0.125	1.078*	0.609*	0.059
R-Square	0.599	0.935	0.712	0.487	0.588	0.734
Adjusted R-Square	0.501	0.934	0.701	0.477	0.586	0.677
Countries	8	8	8	8	8	8

*Significant at 1% level of confidence interval.

the internationalization of administration organizations, which additionally help to advance the administration training of South Asian nations in contrast with the worldwide measures. Government might have their impact as to develop the solid research bases and improvement organizations giving examination researchers the worldwide working norms and to bring positive relationship between the monetary and social divisions. South Asian country units are principally focusing on their constrained part and additionally, consistently designating more subsidizes towards innovative work.

On other hand, globalization has numerous extraordinary chances to offer to SAARC nations, yet it is up to the administration experts, how they obtain and use it. As to make ideal utilization of the openings, countries needed the solid human asset power, and this human asset power must be cleaned up by the great administration training arrangement of that country. However, there is abundantly need to organize the instructive assets of the country and to that there are numerous obstacles in front. Hence, with a specific end goal to come over the obstacles, common collaboration is the key factor. Unequivocal participation in educational programs advancement, execution of creative practices, utilization of new advances, and trade of specialists and advancement of communitarian look into are the necessities of the time.

7. Suggestions/Recommendations

In addition to kill destitution for which multidimensional comprehensive approach is required. The accompanying measures ought to be brought into thought to reinforce great administration towards neediness mitigation in South Asia. Right off the beginning, there is essential to help the agribusiness area by expanding speculation. The attention ought to be on expanding creation, presenting learning-based agribusiness framework, bolster little ranchers, furnishing them with most extreme motivating forces and openings and besides, supporting the poor in their independent companies with assets and premium free credits. Presently, governments have really chopped down interest in agribusiness by organizing themselves in framework, on horticultural research, and in country regions. This absence of speculation, particularly in rustic framework and in the advancement of new rural

innovations, hampers the capacity of makers to react to the market and, thusly, influences the possibilities of general farming development. So also, there are minimal private interests in innovative work and less impetus for it-identifying with nourishment crops, animals, fisheries and aquaculture frameworks essential for sustenance security and neediness easing in country South Asia.

Governments should have their impact to help open business ensure plans, “nourishment for work” or “money for work” plans; must empower well-working wellbeing frameworks with wide accessibility of basic quality solutions and antibodies to poor people and that too free of cost; and guaranteeing access to essential sanitation, must build the offer of spending on instruction, guaranteeing a well-working uniform training framework furnishing instruction to all with most extreme consideration being given to the rustic regions. The complete view that one can draw from South Asia’s neediness decrease endeavours is that the development is required for maintainable destitution lessening. This incorporates a two-dimensional approach, focusing on expansive based financial development crosswise over salary gatherings and besides, an enhanced access to training, medicinal services, family arranging, sanitation, clean drinking water, and different administrations. On the off chance that following advances aren’t taken at that point, either the poor will stay not well prepared to approach monetary openings or there will be somewhat opportunity to raise the standard of poor people. Consequently, to guarantee feasible thoughts and endeavours at decreasing neediness through individuals focused development; human Development must be organized before development inside macroeconomic strategy goals. Furthermore, to improve and enhance economic and social development, higher management/technical education has been under reform around the globe. Under this scheme, following geo-strategic shifts reflect: 1. Adoption of new directions for students, academicians as to achieve the sustained knowledge in context to proper handling of the non-renewable resources, 2. To come up with the new live management projects in relation to the economic, political and logical issues faced within the nation and furthermore, how to overcome those issues, and 3. Adoption of higher education as a form of ‘soft power’ and ‘public diplomacy’ (WUN, 2013).

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