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#### **What are the main functions of ALE institutions in the crisis?**

1. Provide/disseminate people at communities with essential information and medical goods (where possible)
2. Encourage mutual supports in the community (finance, foods, and others)
3. Provide skills and income generation for Post COVID-19
4. Provide information on how to get social subsidy/supports by national or local governments
5. Become a platform to receive supports from companies, NGOs, as well as make a community recovery plan
6. Provide psychosocial support and ensure well-being of people in the community

#### **Which shortcomings did the crisis highlight in the ALE sector?**

1. Learning contents are not digitized yet
2. ALE centres are not well equipped with hardware and connected to fast internet
3. No special or extra budgets allocated to respond to the crisis

#### **How will the COVID-19 crisis transform ALE and ALE providers?**

1. ALE centres and ALE providers will become information centres for prevention, safety, psycho social support as well as information hub/centres of jobs, work and income generation
2. ALE providers are expected to set the information platform for skill development and lifelong learning at the national or regional level



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3. ALE could connect more people with same interests and needs in the village for their communication and development. For example, line group/zoom meeting for exercise, agricultural products, sports, health, etc.

**What will be the main challenges for our societies after the crisis? And how can ALE contribute to manage them in an inclusive manner?**

So many people will be jobless and lose income for several months or more. People who used to be in cities with jobs came back to rural areas and will stay for some time. They may need to start business online with resources in their areas. Life and work will be changed after COVID-19 and ALE/centres could be the best platform for people to discuss and facilitate this shift. ALE will facilitate community people/ people who lost their job to make this crisis to an opportunity. ALE will need to work more to enhance the unity in the community.