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The Professors of Life

I have been reflecting during my stay in Anout about a generation of women in my village and the surrounding ones who never had the chance to go to school. Yet, with little resources they have raised large successful families producing doctors, engineers, lawyers, and other professionals using instinct management techniques including time, project, resource, finance/budget, and asset management. The kids hardly had any luxuries, but they had love, compassion, and affection.

The secret of these mothers lies in their wisdom and life experience. These women were true "professors of life," passing down invaluable lessons to their large families without complaining or showing any signs of fatigue. They knew how to nurture their children's creativity, build their confidence, and instill strong moral values. They knew how to solve problems, manage time and resources, and bring out the best in their children through love and dedication. Of course, they have lived in hard conditions and made so many sacrifices, yet they were so optimistic about the future of their kids.

These mothers were true professors (graduated from the University of Life and Experiences) and their teaching skills were far beyond books. They equipped their children with real-life abilities like empathy, problem-solving, and community care.

The results speak for themselves. While literacy rates in these villages were low, the children demonstrated remarkable maturity, social-emotional intelligence, and creative problem-solving abilities. Many went on to become doctors, engineers, lawyers, and other successful professionals.

In an era dominated by academic pressure, these "professors of life" offer a powerful reminder that true education lies not in test scores, but in nurturing well-rounded, capable individuals. Their story is a testament to the transformative power of wisdom, experience, and community-based learning.

Women are the real architects of society." – Harriet Beecher Stowe

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