

Libraries Change the Philippines

—An idea to address the educational problem in the Philippines —

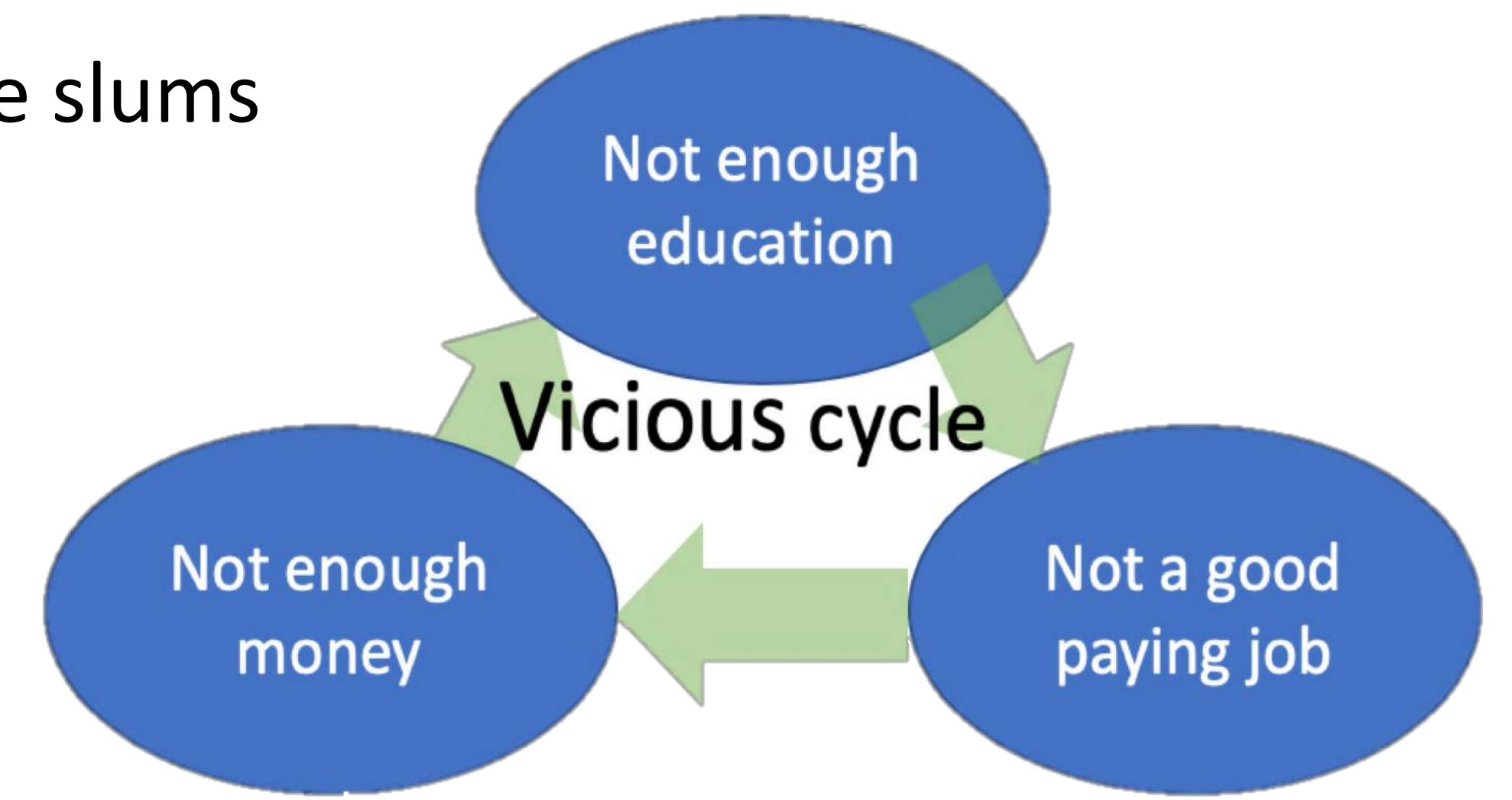
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Background

- This summer we went to Cebu in the Philippines and volunteered at one of the slums
- We found that there were many poorly educated people because of poverty

Research Question

- Can we address the educational problem of the Philippines by using libraries?
- Clearly understand the Philippines' educational problem
- Verify that libraries can become a key to solving this problem



Research

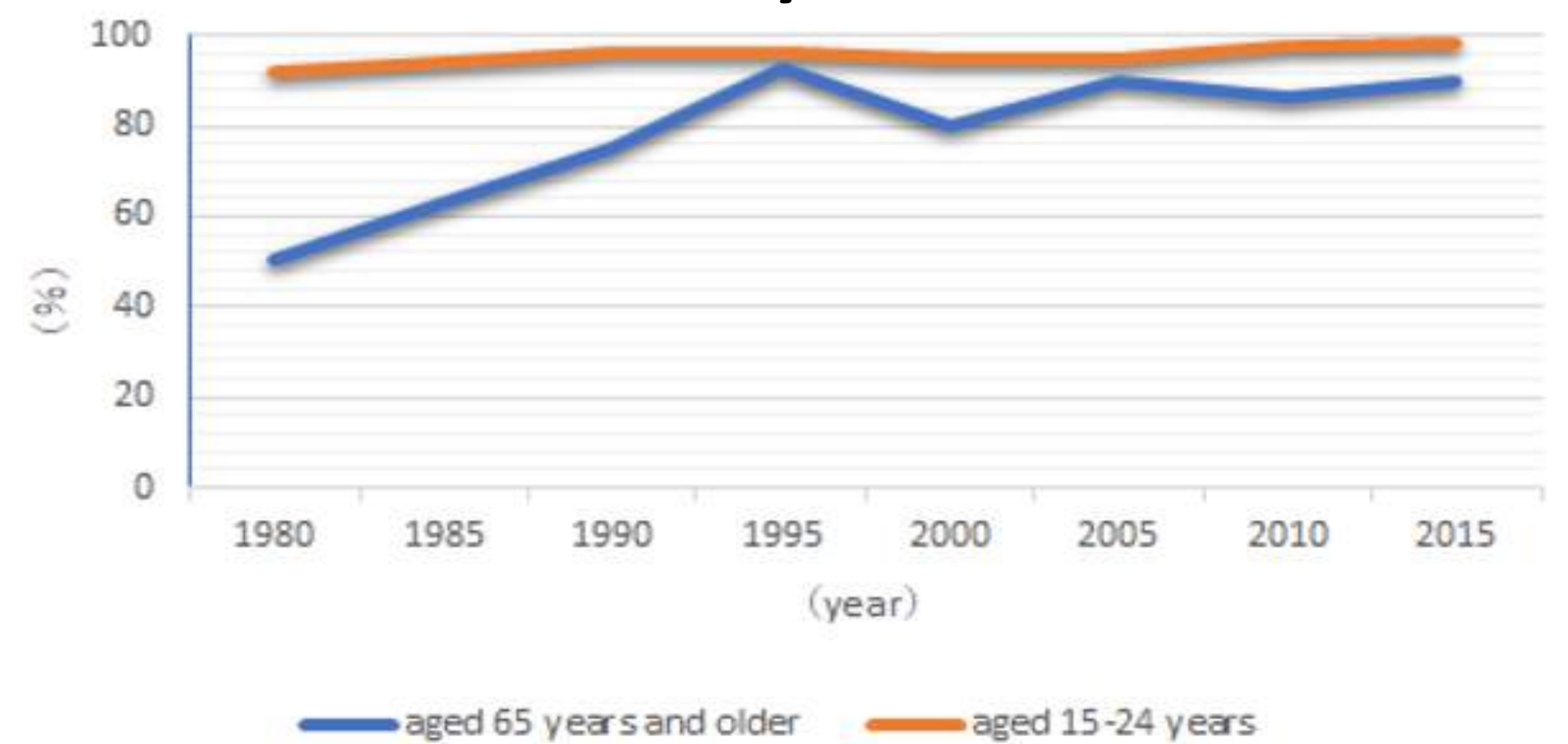
1) Volunteering in the Philippines (Jul.28 ~Aug.8 , 2018)

People in Cebu, Philippines



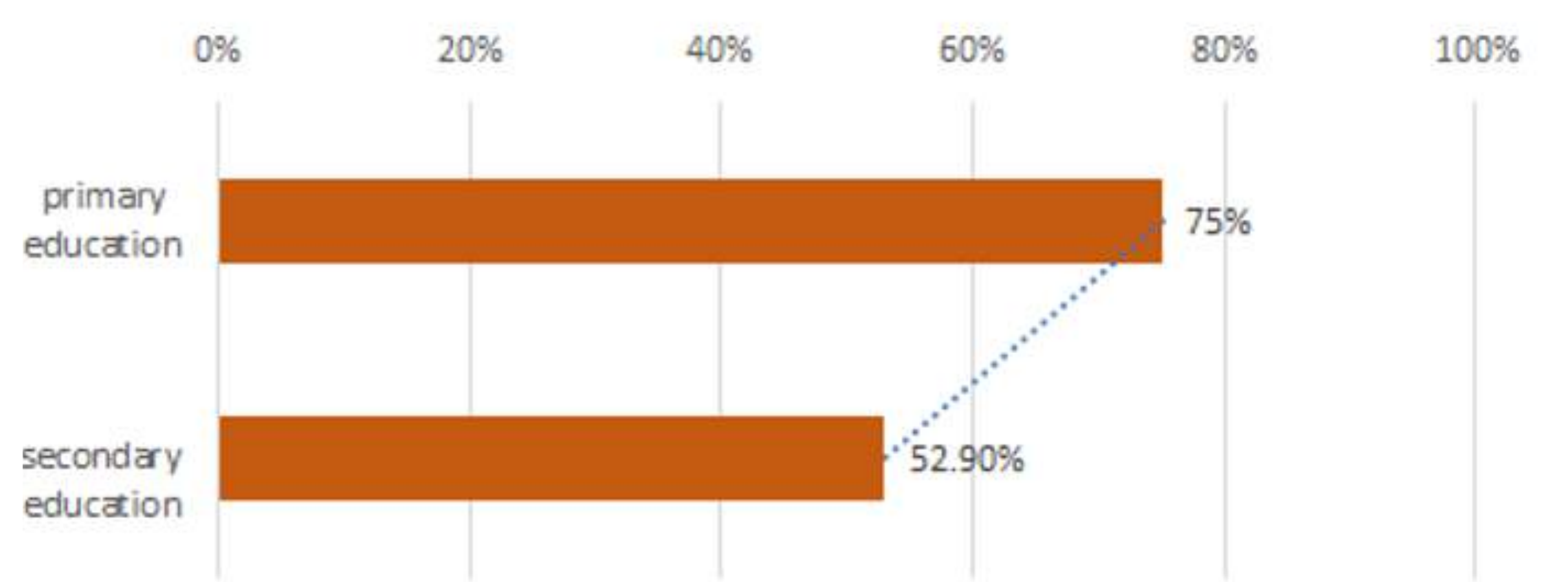
2) Philippines' educational data

Literacy Rate



Due to high literacy rates, everyone can access information in libraries.

Graduation Rate



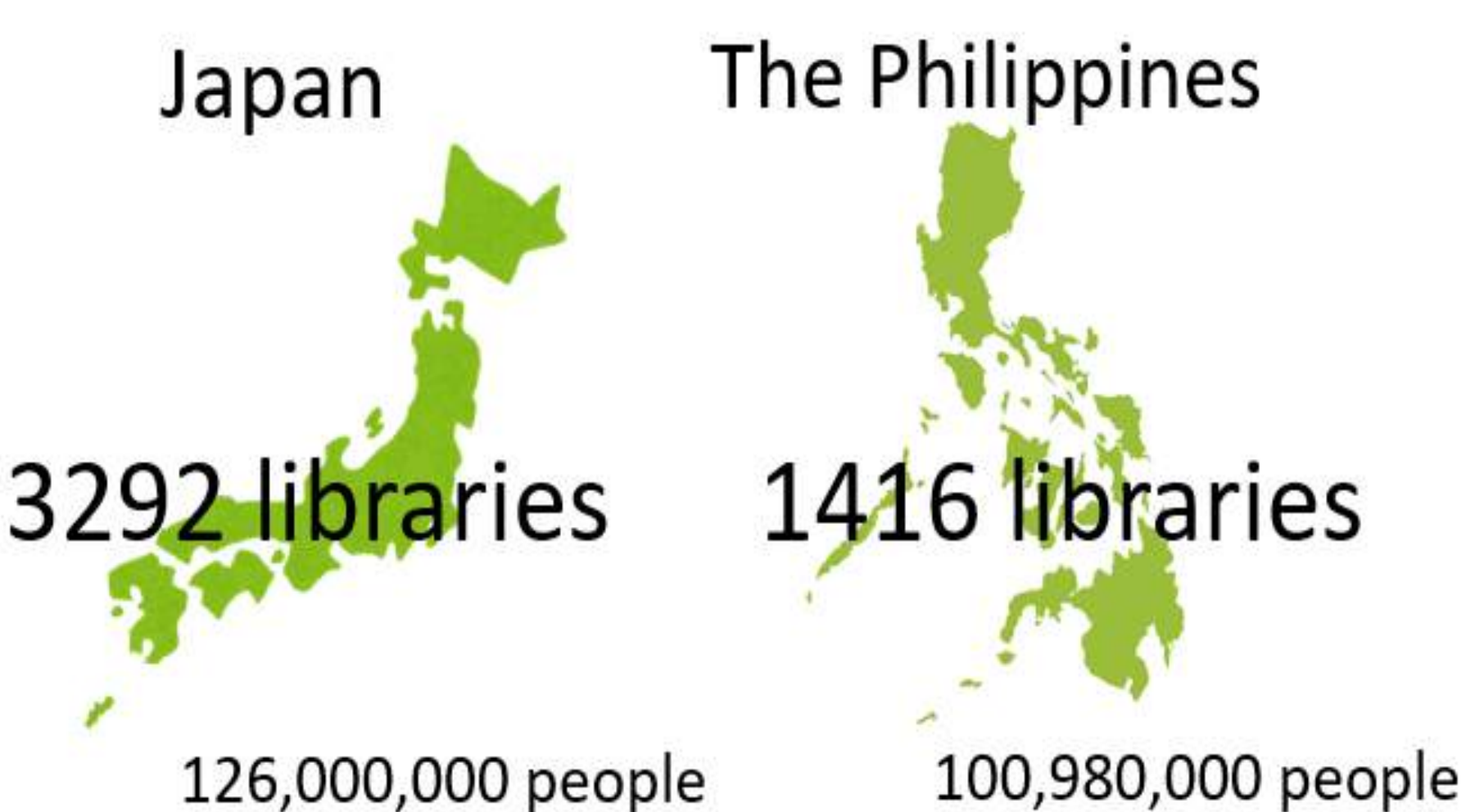
However, due to low graduation rates, the overall education level is quite poor.

For example... Joy's family

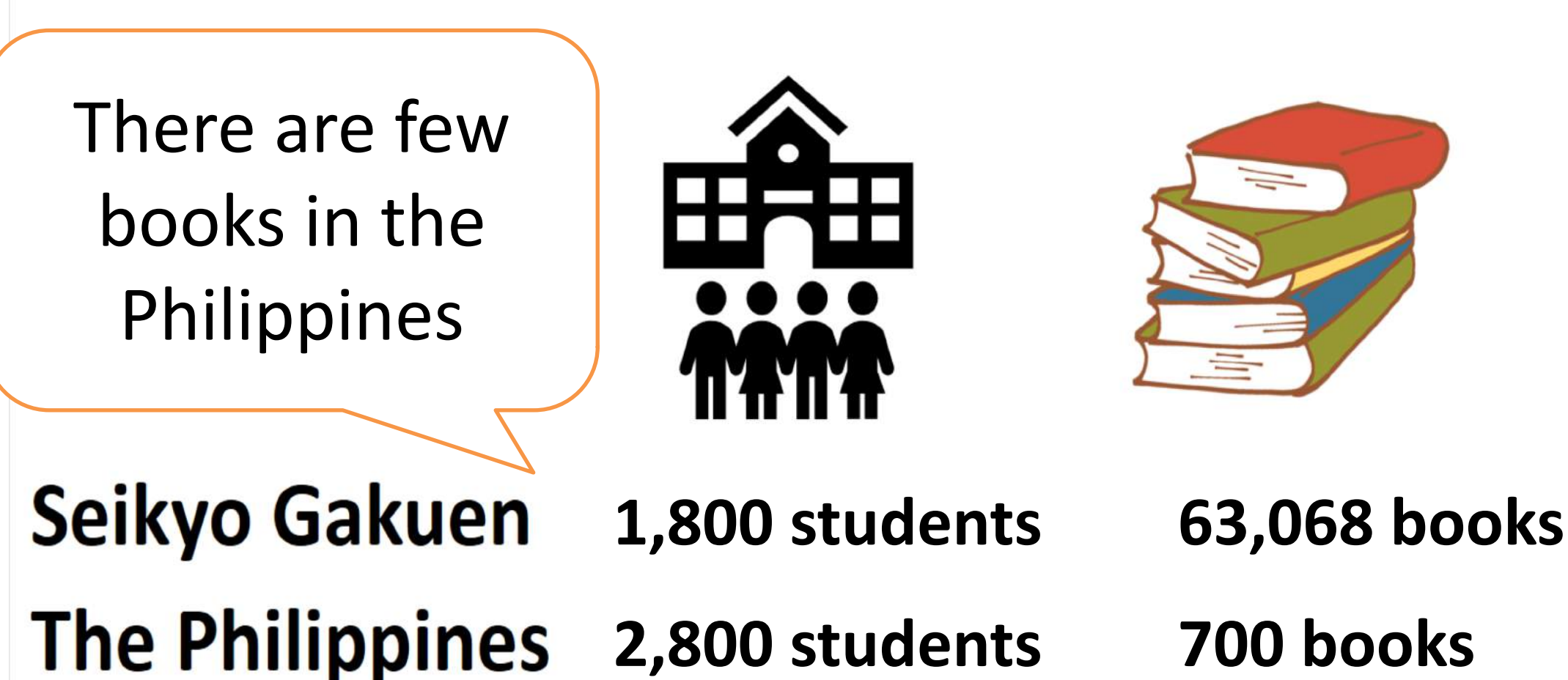


3) Information from the NGO and libraries

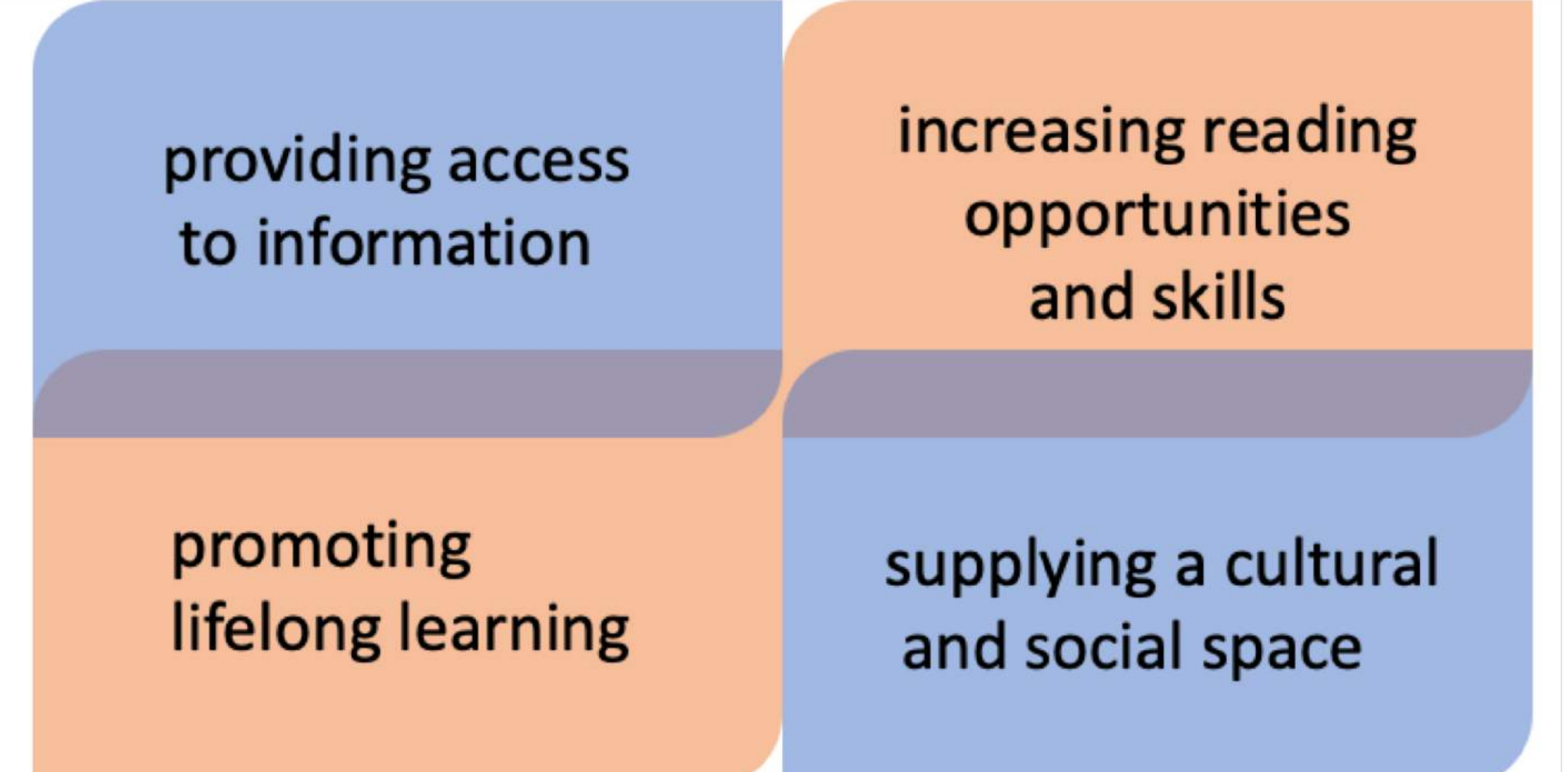
The number of libraries



The school situation



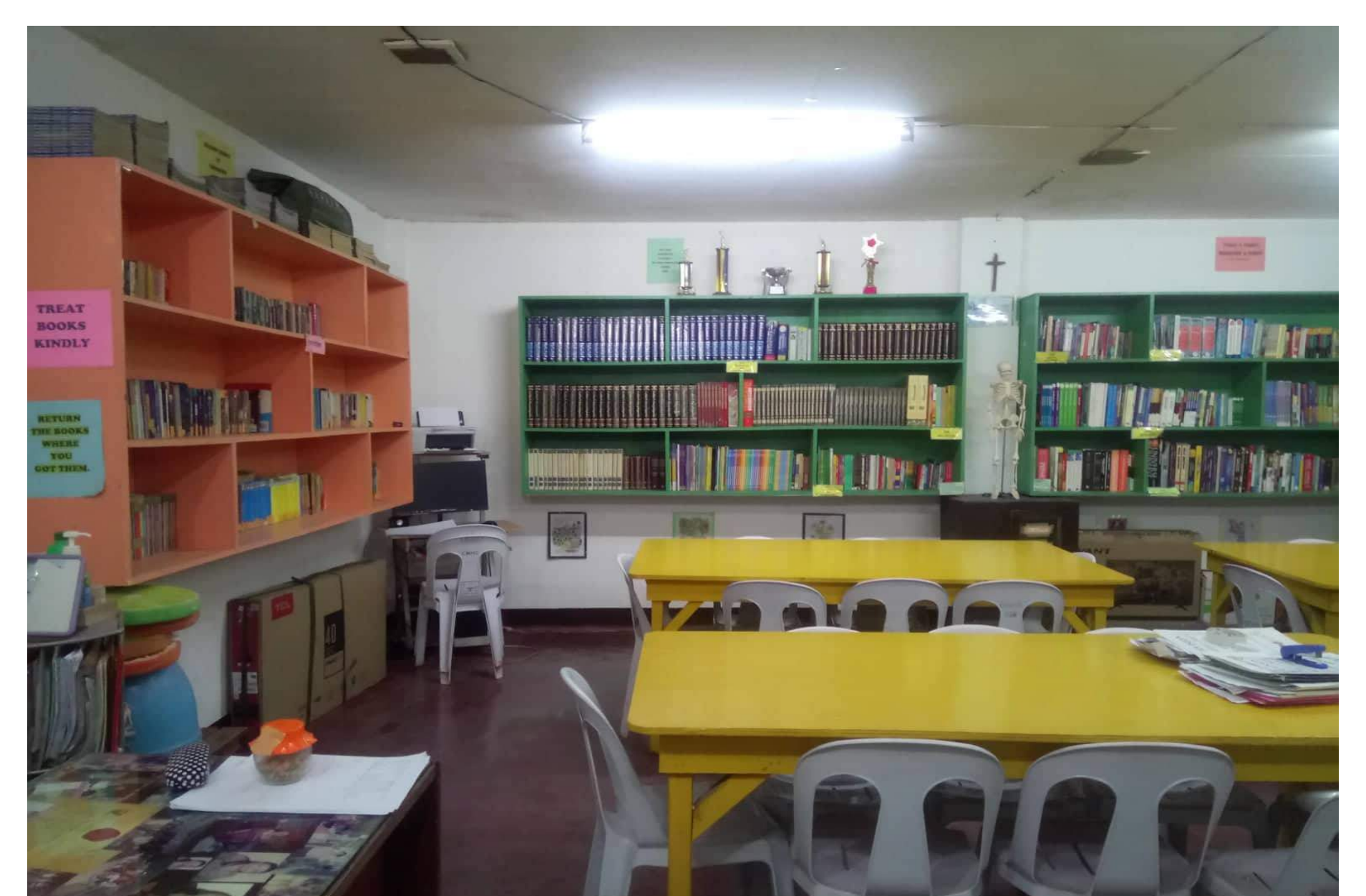
The role of libraries



Conclusion Using libraries could address the educational problems

- Anyone can receive an education by using the libraries
- They can get a lot of information about the world
- It can be a social space for adults

Libraries contribute to stopping the vicious cycle of poverty and poor education!



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