Education and Development Beyond Human Capital: Bhutan and the Case for Happiness in Education

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Key Arguments:

- The Bhutanese development philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH) is a promising framework for educational development.
- Bhutan, like many other countries around the world, is challenged by a misalignment of educational values and cultures across policy and practice.
- Based on our data and analysis from Bhutan, we argue that 21st century schools around the world need to not only focus on competency and skill development, but also on the development of the whole child to advance a happier and more sustainable society.