

# **Empowering Teachers and Principals from a Remote Rural Province through AMA Education System's (AMAES) e-Learning Solution**



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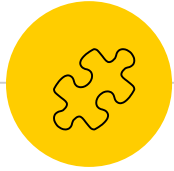
# AMA Education System



- Founder: Amable R. Aguiluz V, the Father of IT Education in the Philippines
- **AMA**: **A**mable **M**. **A**guiluz, the father of the school's founder
- First IT school in the Philippines
- Largest network of IT school in Asia (200 campuses including 10 overseas)



# AMAES e-Learning Solutions



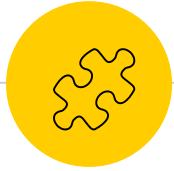
- Fully online courses
- Blended learning
- Hybrid between Webcast and VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal)



# Purpose of Research



Describe the lived experiences of 10 school teachers and principals who are currently taking the Program Master's Degree in Computer Education from AMAES through an e-learning solution using hybrid between VSAT technology and Webcast.



# The Situation

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- Learners in Northern Samar, Philippines
- Devastated by Typhoon Haiyan (2013)
- No college offering Master's Degree on IT
- AMAES is in Metro Manila, Philippines
- Separated by 754 kilometers distance
- 19 hours of travel by land and ferry
- 4 hours by air and land travel

# Best Experiences



1. Empowerment to enroll in a Master's program
2. The VSAT and Webcast class experience
3. The cooperative face-to-face learning activities
4. Online access to the professors' lectures
5. Very good course content
6. Course assessment activities
7. Being part of innovative e-learning solution.



# Challenges

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1. Economic difficulty
2. Time and demand of work
3. Hazards from weather



# Wishes for the Course

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1. Early announcement of program calendar
2. Professor's more timely provision of feedback





# Implications/Conclusions

The hybrid blend of VSAT and Webcast-

1. Offers an effective solution to access and empowerment
2. Enables personal touch between learners and professors