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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1

No Poverty

ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY

Overview and Institutional Commitment

Ziauddin University contributes to poverty reduction by expanding access to higher education through scholarships, financial assistance, fee facilitation, Subsidized Meal for students and staff, and community development initiatives. Education is treated as the University's most direct lever for improving economic opportunity for deserving students and their families.

The ZU healthcare services indirectly support poverty reduction, improved productivity and stronger community resilience.

Key Contributions and Initiatives

Access to Education

- Merit-based scholarships.
- Need-based financial assistance.
- Special scholarship programmes.
- Student fee facilitation mechanisms.
- Recognition of outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements.

Student Support and Employability

- Student support programmes, including academic advising and mentoring.
- Career guidance and employability services.
- Graduate employability as a pathway out of financial vulnerability.
- Subsidized Meal
- Community anti-poverty programmes

Community Empowerment

- Community empowerment initiatives delivered through outreach and partnerships.
- Outreach activities identified in the report include free or subsidized health consultations and rural and underserved community initiatives.

- The University supports the local community in developing financially and socially sustainable start-ups by providing mentorship programmes, training workshops, and access to relevant university resources and facilities.

Indicators Monitored

The University monitors the following indicators relevant to this goal:

Indicator	Reporting Frequency
Scholarships awarded	Annual
Student support programmes	Annual
Community outreach activities	Annual

Future Priorities (2026–2030)

- Expand scholarship opportunities.
- Strengthen partnerships that address social challenges.
- Increase community healthcare outreach.
- Expand scholarships and financial assistance as part of the Social Responsibility objective.





Impact Assessment and Conclusion

Scholarships and financial assistance are the University's primary contribution to SDG 1. The University's own assessment rates this contribution as High, reflecting the breadth of its financial-access schemes rather than quantified outcomes.



Food plays a vital role in maintaining overall health and well-being, making food safety an essential priority for institutions involved in food preparation, storage, and distribution. Ziauddin University (ZU) and its associated healthcare facilities have a significant

responsibility to ensure that food is prepared and served in accordance with the highest standards of hygiene, quality, and safety, particularly when catering to large numbers of individuals. All departments of Dr. Ziauddin Hospital and the University strive to meet internationally recognized quality standards, and the Nutrition and Food Services Department is equally committed to maintaining these standards through safe food handling, hygienic preparation, and quality assurance practices.

Important Links:

https://zu.edu.pk/faqs/

https://zu.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/ZU-Financial-Assistance-Scholarship-Scheme-Policy.pdf