SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 17

17 Partnerships for the Goals

ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY

Overview and Institutional Commitment

Sustainable development requires collaboration across institutions, disciplines, sectors and national boundaries. Ziauddin University recognizes partnerships as a strategic enabler of academic excellence, healthcare innovation, research productivity and institutional capacity building, and evaluates all strategic collaborations for alignment with its mission and sustainability objectives.

Key Contributions and Initiatives

National Partnerships

- Higher education institutions, government ministries and departments, professional councils and professional associations.
- Healthcare organizations, teaching hospitals, public-health agencies and research institutes.
- Industry partners.

Internationalization and Research Collaboration

- Student and faculty exchange, visiting scholars, joint academic activities and international conferences.
- Joint research projects, multi-institutional studies, shared laboratory resources, collaborative grant applications and international research networks.

Healthcare, Industry and Community Partnerships

- Clinical training, specialized healthcare services, public-health campaigns, continuing medical education and disease-prevention initiatives.
- Internship programmes, graduate employment, curriculum development, applied research, innovation projects and technology transfer.
- Partnerships with community organizations, schools, NGOs, public-health agencies, local authorities and charitable organizations.

Alumni and Global Citizenship

- Alumni mentorship, continuing education, career development and philanthropic initiatives.
- Educational initiatives promoting ethical leadership, cultural competence, human-rights awareness and environmental and social responsibility.

International and National Partnerships/ Collaborations

Ziauddin University (ZU) actively develops strategic partnerships with national and international universities, research institutions, healthcare organisations, industries, government bodies, and civil society organisations to promote academic excellence, research, innovation, and community engagement. Through its International Office and ORIC, the University facilitates joint research, academic exchange, faculty development, student mobility, and knowledge sharing. Its international collaborations include institutions such as the University of Oxford, Monash University, McMaster University, University of Edinburgh, University of Bedfordshire, Karolinska Institute, and NHS. National partnerships with organisations such as Aga Khan University, Dow University of Health Sciences, Indus Hospital and Health Network, Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital, and Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute support clinical training, research, professional development, and community initiatives. These collaborations strengthen ZU's academic and research capabilities and contribute to sustainable development and societal well-being.

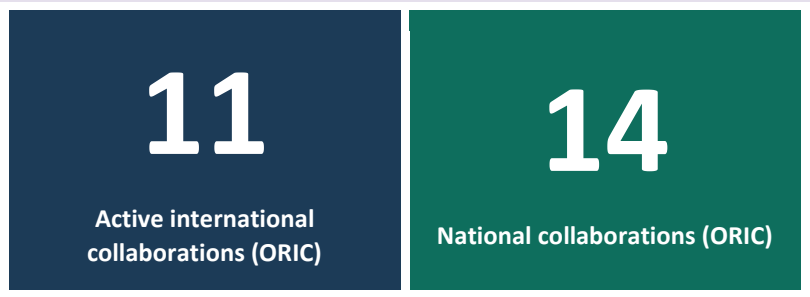


Indicators Monitored

The University monitors the following indicators relevant to this goal:

Indicator	Reporting Frequency
Active institutional partnerships	Annual
National collaborations	Annual
International collaborations	Annual
Joint research projects	Annual
Student exchange activities	Annual
Faculty mobility initiatives	Annual
Community partnership programmes	Annual
Industry engagement activities	Annual

Evidence, Case Studies and Verified Sources



CASE STUDY — VERIFIED SOURCE: ORIC Annual Report 2024–2025

ORIC's International Office and Linkages & Outreach team report 11 active international collaborations, including Francisk Skorina Gomel State University, Karabük University, IQVIA, ATEA Pharmaceutical, Yisheng Biopharma, Huahui Health Limited, Biocad, DRK Pharma, ORCI Trials, Matrix and Vanar.

A further 14 national collaborations are reported, including the Archives of Management and Social Sciences, the Disability Welfare Association, Greenstar Social Marketing, the Pakistan Occupational Therapy Association and the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, among others.

International research partners and funders named in the ORIC-reported projects include the University of Oxford, the University of Edinburgh, Monash University (ANZIC-RC), the National University of Singapore, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The full project list appears in Chapter 3 (SDG 3).

CASE STUDY — VERIFIED SOURCE: DCE Sustainability Report 2025

Department of Civil Engineering MoUs with Grow Safe (Private) Limited (9 January 2025) and Osmani & Company (Pvt.) Ltd. (22 July 2024) were targeted to SDG 4, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 17. DCE's Plantation Drive and the IEEE WIE ZU Student Branch launch were also mapped to SDG 17.

Future Priorities (2026–2030)

Priorities identified in the Sustainability Report 2025–2026 that advance this goal:

- Expand strategic international partnerships.
- Increase participation in global research networks.
- Strengthen industry collaboration and innovation ecosystems.
- Develop additional dual-degree and joint academic initiatives.
- Increase student and faculty mobility opportunities.
- Enhance digital internationalization through virtual exchange programmes.
- Strengthen partnerships supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Increase collaborative funding opportunities with national and international agencies.

Impact Assessment and Conclusion

Partnerships multiply the University's impact across every other goal. ORIC's verified register of international and national collaborations provides a documented base for continued expansion under SDG 17.

Important Links:

https://zu.edu.pk/office-of-research-innovation-and-commercialization-oric/