



REPORT ON SDG 1

NO POVERTY

In line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations, SDG 1: No poverty at all aims to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions. On April 18, 2024, a presentation of the "Smart Agriculture" and "Smart Irrigation" competitions was held at Urgench State University named after Abu Rayhon Beruni with the participation of students of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences by representatives of the UNDP project in the Khorezm region. It provided students with all information about the competition, its procedure, and the application process. For information, this "Smart Agriculture" competition was held in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the United Nations Development Programme, and the Islamic Development Bank.

Comprehensive Commitment to SDG 1

Inclusive Education and Support Services: Urgench State University named after Abu Rayhon Beruni (UrSU) offers a range of scholarships, financial aid, and tailored support services to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. By expanding access to education, the university empowers students to overcome financial barriers, paving the way for social mobility.

Employment for Vulnerable Groups: In accordance with the order of the Supreme Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 314 dated July 23, 2021, a Career Center was established at Urgench State University named after Abu

Rayhon Beruni, which is currently one of the important links serving to ensure the professional development of students and bring them to the labor market in a well-prepared manner. On the initiative of the center, graduating students have the opportunity to communicate directly with employers, participate in various seminars and trainings, job fairs, business marathons and internships. The main goal of the Career Center is to increase the competitiveness of graduates of UrSU, and help them successfully demonstrate their knowledge and potential in the labor market.

Policy Advocacy and Research: Faculty members at UrSU contribute to policy development efforts aimed at broader poverty alleviation. Collaborations with governmental and non-governmental organizations help shape policies that drive systemic change, extending UrSU's impact beyond the campus.

Sustainable Infrastructure Development: UrSU's projects emphasize eco-friendly construction, affordable housing, and accessible design for people with disabilities. These efforts promote sustainable urban development, reflecting the university's dedication to social equity and inclusivity.

Scientific Contributions to SDG 1. UrSU's dedication to poverty reduction is further demonstrated through scientific research that explores socio-economic dynamics and policy impacts. Notable works include:

- Expanding partnerships with international organisations to implement social entrepreneurship programmes and sustainable development projects.
- Involving students and researchers in community-based initiatives, promoting a culture of innovation and social responsibility.
- Developing outreach programmes that leverage UrSU's scientific research to inform policy and drive tangible change in poverty reduction. The university remains committed to evolving its strategies, implementing best practices, and enhancing its contributions to poverty eradication at national, and global levels.

The following images depict UrSU's efforts towards achieving SDG 1: No Poverty by providing inclusive education, employment opportunities, affordable housing, and support services for disadvantaged groups:

Dormitory Room Inspection

This image shows university officials inspecting a student dormitory room. This inspection reflects UrSU's commitment to providing affordable and safe housing facilities to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring that all students have access to inclusive living conditions as part of the university's broader poverty reduction strategy.



Student Accommodation Facilities

The image displays newly constructed student accommodation equipped with basic furniture. This initiative underscores UrSU's focus on creating accessible and affordable housing for students, aiming to reduce financial burdens and promote equal opportunities for students from low-income families.





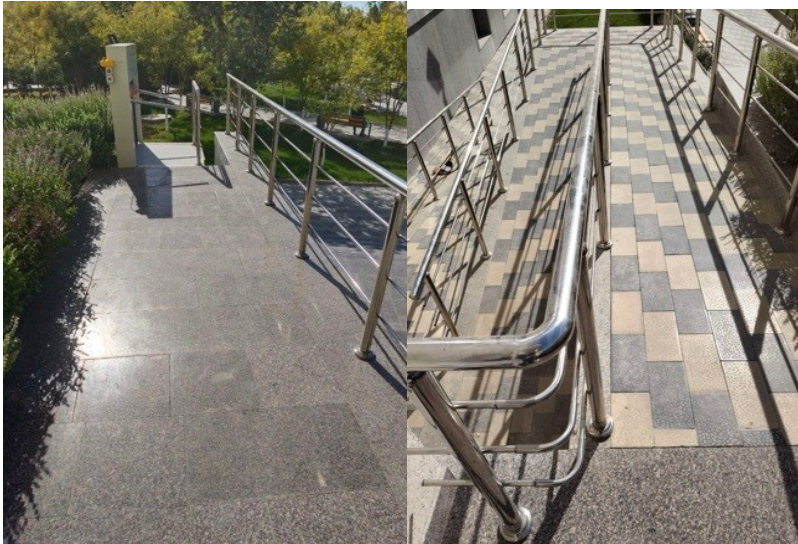
Student Counseling Session

In this image, a student is seen participating in a counseling session. UrSU provides free counseling services as part of its poverty reduction initiatives, supporting students' mental well-being, especially those facing financial difficulties. This service aligns with SDG 1 by promoting inclusivity and supporting students' success.



Accessible Infrastructure

The image shows a wheelchair-accessible ramp on campus. UrSU ensures that its infrastructure is inclusive and accessible to all, including people with disabilities. This initiative aligns with the goal of reducing poverty by removing barriers and ensuring equal access to education and university facilities for everyone.



Urgench State University provides a range of support services for students and staff with disabilities, designed to ensure equal access to education, employment, and campus life.

For the university, not only the comfort of students is of particular importance, but also opportunities for people with disabilities. There are special parking spaces and separate paths for wheelchairs. The landings have been expanded with ramps. Each academic building has information signs in Braille at the entrance. It is also used on the elevator buttons and in all information resources of the university. Audio systems are also installed in the university

buildings. Separate toilets are equipped with grab bars and toiletries. The university used all necessary means of assistance for people with disabilities. The priority of the university is to give students the opportunity to gain knowledge and implement them, despite human illnesses and disabilities.

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- **Free additional lessons**

In the Information Resource Center of University, for students with disabilities, any lesson that is not well mastered by professors and teachers will be retaken for free.

- **Allocation of special scholarships**

Talented and motivated students with disabilities are awarded special scholarships for one academic year.

- **Orientation classes**

Students with visual impairments are given orientation trainings on the university campus by professors and teachers of the Urganch State University.

- **Psychological counseling**

The psychological counseling center helps students who have depression, fear, chronic fatigue, self-doubt, family and interpersonal relationship problems, communication difficulties, and students who cannot find their place in life.

- **Improve barrier-free environments**

The university is engaged in the creation of a barrier-free

environment that meets the requirements and the installation of existing ones.



Student Mental Health and Psychological Support Services

Urgench State University (UrSU) provides comprehensive mental health support to its students

through a structured psychological service system. The university recognizes mental wellbeing as a foundational component of academic achievement, personal development, and social adaptation. Accordingly, UrSU implements a multi-level support model that combines individual psychological counseling, group-based preventive training, and faculty-level monitoring.

University Psychological Center

The University Psychological Center serves as the core institutional unit for student mental health support. The center is staffed by qualified practicing psychologists, including experienced specialists such as M. Avezova, who provide confidential, individual consultations. Students may access psychological services during regular university hours to discuss personal concerns, academic stress, emotional difficulties, and issues related to adaptation to university life. All consultations are conducted in accordance with ethical standards of confidentiality and professional care.

Preventive Trainings and Motivational Programs

In addition to individual counseling, UrSU places strong emphasis on preventive mental health initiatives and proactive outreach across academic faculties. The university regularly organizes specialized group trainings aimed at preventing crisis situations, including stress, emotional burnout, and personal or academic

crises. These programs are designed to enhance emotional resilience, coping strategies, and self-regulation skills among students.



To support professional self-identification and psychological adaptation, UrSU conducts targeted programs such as “Me and My Chosen Profession,” particularly for first-year students. These initiatives facilitate a smoother transition into higher education, reduce anxiety related to academic demands and future career prospects, and promote psychological stability. Furthermore, the university organizes motivational campaigns and positive climate initiatives intended to strengthen self-confidence, improve social interaction,

and foster a supportive and inclusive academic environment.



Faculty-Level Psychological Support and Tutor System

Mental health support at UrSU is also integrated into students' everyday academic experience through faculty-level mechanisms. Each student group is assigned a dedicated tutor who serves as a primary point of contact for identifying social, academic, or psychological challenges. Tutors provide initial guidance and, when necessary, refer students to professional psychologists for specialized support.