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## REPORT ON SDG 1: NO POVERTY



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Azerbaijan University is actively contributing to the fight against poverty through its outreach programs. Faculty and students regularly visit regional schools and support low-income families by providing educational materials, organizing workshops, and offering social assistance. These efforts reflect the university's commitment to sustainable development and social responsibility. In the context of Azerbaijan, poverty is not just about financial hardship. It also relates to disparities in access to education, healthcare, and other essential services. Low-income families, especially those living in rural areas, often struggle with limited educational opportunities, which in turn affects their ability to secure better employment and improve their living conditions. This cycle of poverty can be difficult to break without targeted interventions.





Azerbaijan University recognizes the importance of supporting students from vulnerable groups, such as those with disabilities and students from low-income families. The university offers various forms of assistance to help these students succeed. This includes financial aid, mentorship programs, and tailored support services designed to meet the unique needs of these students, enabling them to fully participate in academic life. In addition, AU participates in fulfilling the state order, actively contributing to the student admission competition for state-funded positions.



Azerbaijan University has expanded its support for students by offering scholarships funded by the state budget, available to all students regardless of their form of admission. This initiative ensures that students from diverse economic backgrounds have the financial resources to pursue their education without the burden of tuition fees. In 2025, a significant number of students at Azerbaijan University - specifically, students at the undergraduate level and students at the master's level - were awarded scholarships funded by the state budget, reinforcing the university's commitment to accessible education.

Additionally, in 2016, Azerbaijan University established the Martyr Fakhraddin Gurbanli Scholarship, named in honor of the late Martyr Fakhraddin Gurbanli. This scholarship is awarded annually to the student who achieves the highest score in the first semester of their academic year. The scholarship program, launched in the 2016/2017 academic year, aims to recognize and support high-achieving students, particularly those in need of financial assistance, further enhancing the university's commitment to promoting excellence in education.



Through these initiatives and its ongoing efforts to provide equal access to education, Azerbaijan University continues to play a significant role in supporting the national agenda for poverty reduction and inclusive development. By ensuring that all students, regardless of their financial situation, have the opportunity to pursue higher education, Azerbaijan University contributes to the broader mission of eradicating poverty and fostering a more equitable society.