



**SAMARKAND STATE UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER SHAROF RASHIDOV  
(SAMDU)**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 01  
(SDG 1)**



Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG 1) refers to act on poverty to end it in all forms. Member countries have taken a pledge to “Leave No One Behind”. To eradicate poverty, all countries, communities, and people will fight collectively. SDG 1 aims to eradicate every form of extreme poverty.

The Republic of Uzbekistan and the United Nations work together to achieve sustainable development goals. Further, Uzbekistan is committed and shows its determination to achieve the Global Agenda by 2030.

In order to implement the practices and actions for achieving sustainable development goals, Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov is acting to end poverty in all forms by providing the necessary support and financial support to the needy.

**Metrics**

**The proportion of students receiving financial aid to attend university because of poverty**

**1.2.1. Number of Students: 21797**

Number of low-income students receiving financial aid: 680

### **1.3.1 "Bottom financial quintile admission target: Targets to admit students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country."**

Samarkand State University follows the poverty index data for classifying the bottom quintile financial students. Further, our supporting system works on:

1. The admission program targets students whose income lies below the poverty line under the national poverty index.
2. Offers fees discounts
3. Free accommodation
4. Subsidized food at university canteens.
5. Offers part-time work inside and outside of the campus.

For this purpose, the university has a strong system that operates under the law of Uzbekistan and the policy of the university.

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### **1.3.2 "Bottom financial quintile student success: Graduation/completion targets for students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country."**

Samarkand State University serves as both a catalyst for economic growth and an anchor in the community. Our plan is to collaborate with leaders in the business and government sectors to make sure that Samarkand City grows as an inclusive city and contributes to the national economy. As a result, we take advantage of once-in-a-lifetime chances to have a deeper impact on our community and to take more opportunities when it comes to public policy, business, research, and teaching.

Further, the university invests in key strategies to provide ample support for below-poverty-line students to complete their graduation by taking few steps:

1. Amplify the learner's success and institutional kinship.
2. Drawn a policy to ensure the completion of degrees.
3. Developed a coherent supporting system.

### **1.3.3 "Low-income student support: Provide support (e.g. food, housing, transportation, legal services) for students from low-income families to enable them to complete university."**

Samarkand State University provides all kinds of possible support to the below-poverty-line students under the law of Uzbekistan and the policy of the university. University policy intends to describe the identification of low-income students, legislative support, and mechanism of providing food, housing, transportation, and other facilities, and our kinship. In addition, University and allied organizations including Trade Union and Youth Organizations work proactively to facilitate low-income students for support.

### **1.3.4 "Bottom financial quintile student support: Programmes or initiatives to assist students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country to successfully complete their studies."**

We believe that the success of our students is the best incentive for the university. In addition, we provide enough support to all low-income students to complete their education for fulfill their dreams. For example, a number of jobs have been created at Youth Organizations that are paid. Here students do some work as per the needs of the organization and get paid smartly.

Lastly, the university provides many offers to needy and poor students to complete their education.

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### **1.3.5 "Low or lower-middle-income countries student support: Schemes to support poor students from low or lower-middle-income countries (e.g. offering free education, grants)."**

Lower-middle-income countries students are allowed to study. The university provides them with free accommodation. However, they have to pay a nominal tuition fee. Many times, the university offers scholarships through the Government of Uzbekistan.

### **1.4.1 Does your university as a body provide assistance in the local community supporting the start-up of financially and socially sustainable businesses through relevant education or resources? (e.g. mentorship programmes, training workshops, access to university facilities)?**

Samarkand State University offers and extends regular support to local community for creating and developing start-ups by providing them necessary education, technology, and mentorships. In

2022, Samarkand State University offered 15 training sessions on different topics in different localities of Samarkand city.

**1.4.2 Does your university as a body provide financial assistance to the local community assisting the start-up of financially and socially sustainable businesses?**

Samarkand State University runs its operations as per the guidelines, legislations, provided by the Republic of Uzbekistan, and self-regulatory mechanisms, developed by the different councils.

**1.4.3 Does your university as a body organise training or programmes to improve access to basic services for all?**

Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov conduct many events through its faculties, departments, councils, trade unions and youth organization for creating awareness among students, teachers, staff, and local community about health, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, maternity, and child mortality etc.

In 2022, more than 10 events were conducted for creating awareness among students, staff and nearby communities. These events were dominated by the hunger and its impacts on life of a person or group of people, having low income.

It is evident that the Government of Uzbekistan revised its policy of poverty from time to time. These policies are prepared to define the targets of poverty eradication from all spheres of society. On the contrary, Samarkand State University creates a diverse opinion on different issues and problems attributed to poverty in the country. In this way, we not only create awareness among Uzbekistan citizens but also leverage the government by providing the international opinions about hunger and its consequences. This serves them meaningful ideas and solutions to incorporate in the policies to remove the hunger and providing access a nutritious food to all.





#### **1.4.4 Does your university as a body participate in policy making at local, regional, national and/or global level to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions?**

Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov and its stakeholders including members of councils, administrators, vice-rectors, professors, associate professors, and others participate in different government initiatives in formulating different policies and programs.

Many professors of socio-economic geography are working with government research and policy-making organizations.



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