

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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A conceptual report of key facts and figures about the Allama Iqbal Open University's impact upon and progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals

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The Allama Iqbal Open University was established in 1974 with the main objectives of providing educational opportunities to masses and to those who cannot leave their homes and jobs. It was the second Open University in the world and first in Asia and Africa. During all these past years, the University has more than fulfilled this promise and has opened up new opportunities for millions, particularly women, and supplemented the efforts of the federal and provincial governments in a big way and that too without becoming a burden on their resources.

At present the University have four faculties (Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, Faculty of Arabic & Islamic Studies and Faculty of Education) comprised of 35 academic departments with average student enrolment of more than 1.4 million per year, where more than 50% are females, and more than 2000 courses are being offered. AIOU has a network of 54 regional offices/campuses throughout the Pakistan. More than 70 percent of its students are employed.

AIOU Started its LMS network even before Covid-19 and has biggest network named Agahi for online tutorship. Agahi has complete image of students' tutorial record and alternative relevant info as well as their profile. AIOU has well established Institute of Educational Technology (IET) having in-house facilities for production of TV, Radio and non-broadcast programmes. AIOU is also a member of "PTV Tele-school" production team which is a dedicated channel for tele education. The University has its own printing press named Print Production Unit producing lacs of course books and billions of pages of other supplementary materials and admission forms etc. AIOU has strong collaborative networks with national and international universities and other organizations.

About this report: This document is a conceptual report of the Allama Iqbal Open University's impact upon and progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The data and narrative in this report are factually based on the available data from areas spanning research impact, education, responsible operations and public engagement. Allama Iqbal Open University is a world leading distance learning institution and understands its role in tackling the SDGs.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by all UN member states in 2015 and set out an ambitious plan for ending poverty, fighting inequality and building peaceful, just and sustainable societies by 2030. Achieving the SDGs will require the concerted efforts of all members of society. Universities are particularly well-placed to contribute to the creation of a sustainable future through their research and teaching activities. Universities at the forefront of research generate new knowledge and innovations that provide solutions to the interconnected social, economic and environmental challenges captured in the SDGs. As educators, universities equip students with the knowledge and skills that enable them to contribute to creating a sustainable future.

Being one of the world's leading research-oriented distance learning institutions and one of the universities to have social responsibility as a core goal in Pakistan, AIOU is playing a leading role in tackling the SDGs in four ways – through research, teaching learning process, public engagement activities and responsible campus operations.

This report on SDG'S by AIOU has introduced a number of case studies on some of the initiatives that are contributing towards the UN goals. They are inspiring examples of how Allama Iqbal Open University champions education, research and best practice for sustainable development. The University offers a range of degrees and individual initiatives that cover vital issues raised by the SDGs. Conducting cutting-edge and critical research on the SDGs, implementation and effects; employees' contribution to policy agendas through their work with development agencies and other organizations.

At Allama Iqbal Open University, the role of university in sustainable development extends beyond its role in research and teaching. AIOU is also contributing to the SDGs through their policies and practice, and working hard to ensure continuous improvement and lead by example. Additionally, there are many sustainability related activities and operations happening across all campuses related to research, innovation, teaching, operations, outreach, and partnership that identified as being related to SDGs.

AIOU recognizes and embraces its responsibility in the transition to a sustainable future. The University is committed to ensure that all activities, be it research, teaching, community service or operations, advance to a place that is better for humanity and planet. In this report, the outline of some of the many activities in the University that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs is placed. Since, it is not possible to capture all the amazing work of our staff and students that occurs across research, teaching, engagement/outreach and operations. However, the selection presented here gives an appreciation of the kinds of activities happening within the University that are setting a path to a more 'sustainable future for all'.

SDG Report 2020 by Allama Iqbal Open University provides examples of a range of initiatives our people are leading in pursuit of the goals set in the UN agenda 2030.



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End poverty in all its forms everywhere

### **1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of No Poverty, as in the last 10 years university has published 28 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 6 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### **2) TEACHING & STUDENTS**

- Various departments of the university are running about 32 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)
- Student support schemes/Facilities provided to students relevant to target SDG
  - FINANCIAL SUPPORT SCHEME SSF-101
  - EARN TO LEARN SCHEME SSF-102
  - MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME SSF-103
  - FINAL YEAR PROJECT GRANT SSF-105
  - SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNITIES SCHEME SSF-106
  - Matric Free Education Plan (Balochistan,FATA & Gilgit Baltistan)

### **3) OPERATIONS**

- The department of Business administration and the department of commonwealth is eagerly working with all its attributes in the upholding of no poverty by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 15 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- The approval and sanction of Disparity Reduction Allowance 11<sup>th</sup>June, 2021 was a milestone in the improvement of the financial condition of the employees and their families.

### **4) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Webinar on “Innovation & Entrepreneurship” on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 2021

- One Day Interactive Workshop on “Awareness of Opportunities for International Career Paths”- A Initiative for Faculty Development and Students Career Opportunities
- Webinar on “Turning Research into Business” on September 15, 2020
- One Day Workshop on ‘Startup Entrepreneurship- Owing your Future’ – 5th Dec 2019
- Seminar on “Entrepreneurship” – 12 Sep 2019

## **5) OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP**

- a) Inclusive Education in Pakistan: Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Engage Project that is Funded by: USAID and it was Concluded in: 2009-10
- b) Establishment of National Center of Curriculum Studies and Educational Assessment at AIOU (NCCS&EA): Funded by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan that was concluded in 2015-16 with a capital cost of Rs. 24.244 mil.
- c) Girl Power Program (GPP): Funded by PLAN Int that was concluded in 2015-16with a Capital Cost of Rs. 7,36,80916/
- d) Building Skills for Life (BS4L) (Elementary): Funded by DFID, PLAN Int. for Sajawal/Thatta that was concluded in 2015-16 with a Capital Cost: Rs.2,09,51094/
- e) Building Skills for Life (BS4L) (Matric): Funded by DFID, PLAN Int. for Sajawal/Thatta that was Concluded in 2016-18 with a Capital Cost: Rs. 75,00000 (approximately)
- f) Empowering Girls from Marginalized Rural Families for Continuing Education: Funded by UNESCO & PLAN Int. --- Sanjh Preet that was Concluded in: 2018 with a Capital Cost: Rs. 38,22,176/
- g) Content Development and Capacity Building ... CA13-100 : Funded by Common Wealth of Learning (COL) that was Concluded in: 2016-2017 with a Capital Cost: CAD 22704 /

## **6) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG**

Laptop Distribution Ceremony for AIOU Students on Dec 26, 2020

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/laptop-distribution-ceremony-for-aiou-student-79387.html>



### 7) Free Accessible Lecturers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## 2 ZERO HUNGER



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 2 – ZERO HUNGER

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of Zero Hunger, as in the last 10 years university has published 55 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG Research Publications relevant to target SDG
- 11 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Number of courses relevant to target SDG 38 and only agricultural sciences is running about 13 relevant courses
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)
  - FINANCIAL SUPPORT SCHEME SSF-101
  - EARN TO LEARN SCHEME SSF-102
  - MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME SSF-103
  - FINAL YEAR PROJECT GRANT SSF-105
  - SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNITIES SCHEME SSF-106

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of department of Environmental design and health and nutritional Sciences and Agricultural sciences is eagerly working with all its attributes in the upholding of zero hunger by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 16 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people.

### 4) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Department of Agricultural Sciences is giving Technical and generating Skills in the Farmers of the Locality.
- Framers Day is organized
- Field Demonstration facilities are given to the farmers
- Webinar on “Innovation & Entrepreneurship” on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 2021

- One Day Interactive Workshop on “Awareness of Opportunities for International Career Paths”- A Initiative for Faculty Development and Students Career Opportunities
- Webinar on “Turning Research into Business” on September 15, 2020
- One Day Workshop on ‘Startup Entrepreneurship- Owing your Future’ – 5th Dec 2019
- Seminar on “Entrepreneurship” – 12 Sep 2019

#### **5) OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP:**

- Department of Agriculture Sciences is working with national and international universities PCRWR, NARC, PARC, AARI, Faisalabad, Aurat Foundation, The network of consumer protection, FAO. Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) to promote activities related to zero hunger.
- Building Skills for Life (BS4L) (Elementary): Funded by DFID, PLAN Int. for Sajawal/Thatta that was concluded in 2015-16 with a Capital Cost: Rs.2,09,51094/
- Building Skills for Life (BS4L) (Matric): Funded by DFID, PLAN Int. for Sajawal/Thatta that was Concluded in 2016-18 with a Capital Cost: Rs. 75,00000 (approximately)
- Empowering Girls from Marginalized Rural Families for Continuing Education: Funded by UNESCO & PLAN Int. --- Sanjh Preet that was Concluded in: 2018 with a Capital Cost: Rs. 38,22,176/
- Content Development and Capacity Building ... CA13-100 : Funded by Common Wealth of Learning (COL) that was Concluded in: 2016-2017 with a Capital Cost: CAD 22704 /

#### **6) FREE ACCESSIBLE LECTURERS ON SDG 2**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>

### 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 3 – GOOD HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

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### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of Good Health and Wellbeing, as in the last 10 years university has published 144 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG Research Publications relevant to target SDG
- 21 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 104 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### 3) OPERATIONS:

- The department of department of Environmental design and health and nutritional Sciences, Agricultural sciences and environmental sciences are eagerly working with all their attributes in the upholding of Good Health and Wellbeing by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 21 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people.
- Policy: Smoke Free Campus, Enforcement of Tobacco Control Laws in Universities of Pakistan on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

### 4) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Seminar on awareness related to “PREVENTION OF BREAST CANCER” has been organized by EDHNS.
- Online Interactive Session on “Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening” held on March 25, 2021
- Training of foster mothers from Rawalpindi division related to child health

### 5) OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP

- Network for human social development (NHSD)
- Shifa International Hospital
- Scaling up nutrition Pakistan (SUN)
- UNISEF

- University of Dundee
- Kings College London
- Nine Wells Hospital Dundee
- Shifa Eye Trust
- Health Services Academy
- Institute Of Community Ophthalmology
- Rawalpindi Eye Donor Organization REDO
- Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre

#### 6) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

- First International Conference on Health and Environment in March 2018
- One Day Seminar Eat Right Stay Active in April 2015
- Health And Sustainability March 2019
- Breast Cancer Awareness November 2019

#### 7) NEWS

AIOU launched BS Physical Education programme

<https://nation.com.pk/14-oct-2019/aiou-to-launch-bs-physical-education-programme>



Early childhood development (ECD) conference arranged by Rupani foundation in collaboration with Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad.

<https://deafreach.com/early-childhood-development-conference-in-islamabad/>



Seminar on Health & Sustainability held at AIOU, ISB

<https://e-updates.com/seminar-on-health-sustainability-held-at-aiou-isb/>



AIOU holds national seminar on Breast Cancer

<https://leadpakistan.com.pk/news/aiou-holds-national-seminar-on-breast-cancer/>



Euro-Pak Int'l moot on physical education

<https://dailylimes.com.pk/481023/euro-pak-intl-moot-on-physical-education-to-be-held-on-friday/>



### 8) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION**

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

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### **1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of Quality Education, as in the last 10 years university has published 370 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG (370)
- 75 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG (75)

### **2) TEACHING & STUDENTS**

- Various departments of the university are running about 117 courses that are relevant to target SDG
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  - FINAL YEAR PROJECT GRANT SSF-105
  - SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNITIES SCHEME SSF-106

### **3) OPERATIONS**

- The faculty of education and the department of Environmental design and health and nutritional Sciences, Agricultural sciences and environmental sciences are eagerly working with all their attributes in the upholding of quality education by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 42 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people.

### **4) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- One Day Webinar on “Entrepreneurial Ideas in Humanities and Social Sciences”, March 10, 2021
- Webinar on “Innovation & Entrepreneurship” on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 2021
- AIOU INTERNAL FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS 2020-21
- One Day Workshop on ‘Startup Entrepreneurship- Owing your Future’ – 5th Dec 2019

## 5) OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP

- a) Inclusive Education in Pakistan: Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Engage Project that is Funded by: USAID and it was Concluded in: 2009-10
- b) Establishment of National Center of Curriculum Studies and Educational Assessment at AIOU (NCCS&EA): Funded by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan that was concluded in 2015-16 with a capital cost of Rs. 24.244 mil.
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- e) Building Skills for Life ( BS4L) (Matric): Funded by DFID, PLAN Int. for Sajawal/Thatta that was Concluded in 2016-18 with a Capital Cost: Rs. 75,00000 (approximately)
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- g) Content Development and Capacity Building ... CA13-100 : Funded by Common Wealth of Learning (COL) that was Concluded in: 2016-2017 with a Capital Cost: CAD 22704 /

International collaborations with the other academic institutes

- a) USEFP Fulbright Scholarship
- b) Commonwealth
- c) Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) / Chevening
- d) Erasmus +
- e) Australia Award Scholarship
- f) DAAD, Germany
- g) Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC)
- h) Jiangu University, China
- a. University of Leicester, UK

## 6) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

AIOU considered best for distance learning: *digital transformation policy started for promotion of education via internet*

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/461817/aiou-considered-best-for-distance-learning/>

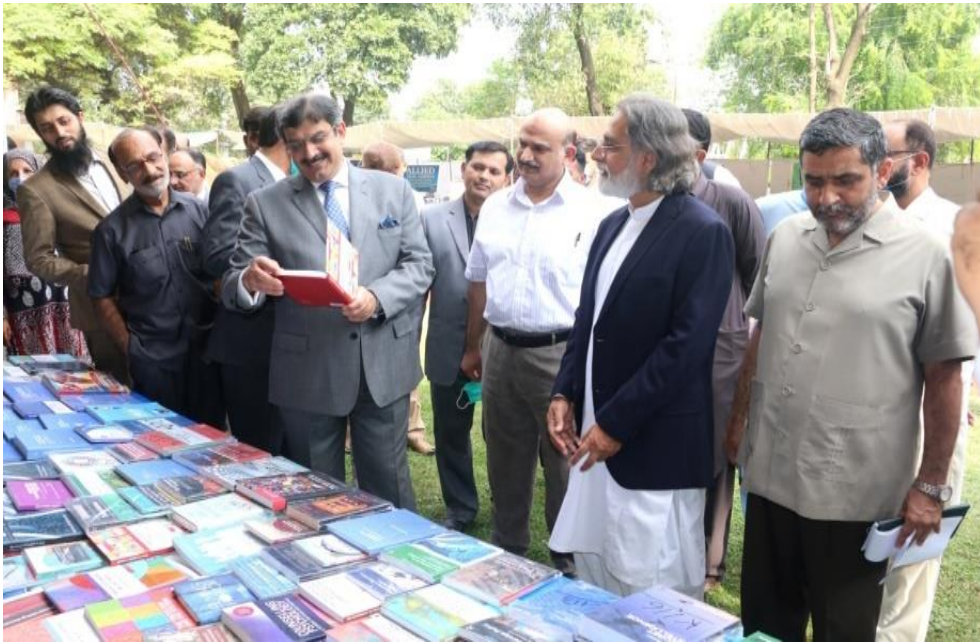


AIOU celebrates World Literacy Day



Two-day book fair held at AIOU

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/545075-two-day-book-fair-held-at-aiou>



Oracle : AIOU to promote digital transformation through cooperative partnership

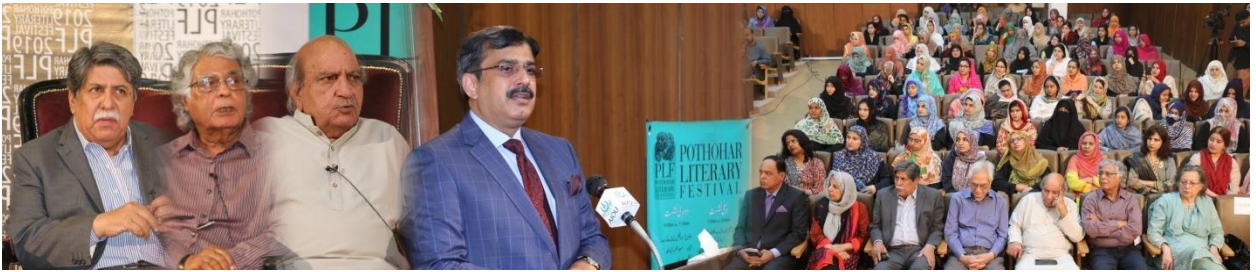
<https://www.marketscreener.com/quote/stock/ORACLE-CORPORATION-13620698/news/Oracle-AIOU-to-promote-digital-transformation-through-cooperative-partnership-30144316/>





POTOHAR Literacy Festival held at AIOU

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/459436-potohar-literary-festival-held-at-aiou>



**7) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 4**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5 – GENDER EQUALITY

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of Gender Equality, as in the last 10 years university has published 30 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG Research Publications relevant to target SDG
- 10 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 21 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Gender Studies is eagerly working with all its resources in the upholding of quality education by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 4 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people.
- Adoption of Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act No. 6 of 2010 on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011

### 4) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Online Interactive Session on “Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening” held on March 25, 2021
- Health Benefits of Open Urban Spaces for Adolescent Girls April 2016

### 5) OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP

- Girl Power Program (GPP): Funded by PLAN Int that was concluded in 2015-16 with a Capital Cost of Rs. 7,36,80916/
- Empowering Girls from Marginalized Rural Families for Continuing Education: Funded by UNESCO & PLAN Int. --- Sanjh Preet that was Concluded in: 2018 with a Capital Cost: Rs. 38,22,176/

### 6) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

AIOU VC Dr. Zia ul-Qayyum directed to offer free education to transgender

<https://thefortress.com.pk/aiou-vc-directed-to-offere-free-education-to-transgender/>



### 7) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 6 - CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Ensure availability and sustainable management of  
water and sanitation for all

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### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of Clean Water and Sanitation, as in the last 10 years university has published 20 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 04 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 16 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)
- Student support schemes/Facilities provided to students relevant to target SDG (data from DSA)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Environmental Sciences and department of Environmental design and health and nutritional Sciences are eagerly working with all their resources for the cause of clean water and sanitation by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 19 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people.
- AIU's any policy relevant to target SDG. Please give its link. (Policy reference with name and year of initiation)

### 4) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Public engagement activities relevant to target SDG (DSA data)

### 5) OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP

- Collaboration and work with any other agency relevant to target SDG

### 6) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 6

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>

## 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 7 – AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable  
and modern energy for all

### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION:

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of Affordable and Clean Energy, as in the last 10 years university has published 39 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 34 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 10 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)
- Student support schemes/Facilities provided to students relevant to target SDG (data from DSA)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Agricultural Sciences and department of Environmental design and health and nutritional Sciences are eagerly working with all their resources for Affordable and Clean Energy by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 11 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people

### 4) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

International conference on nano-materials modelling held at AIUO

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/357988/international-conference-on-nano-materials-modelling-held-at-aiou/>



National Conference on Emerging Sciences held at AIUO



### 7) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 7

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>

## **8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 8 – DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

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### **1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH as in the last 10 years university has published 55 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 19 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### **2) TEACHING & STUDENTS**

- 184 educational programs from basic level to doctorate level that are directly and indirectly related to SDG 8
- 334 Various certificates, diplomas and professional courses to target the scheme of SDG 8
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)
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  - MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME SSF-103
  - FINAL YEAR PROJECT GRANT SSF-105
  - SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNITIES SCHEME SSF-106
  - Matric Free Education Plan (Balochistan,FATA & Gilgit Baltistan)

### **3) OPERATIONS**

- The department of Agricultural Sciences and department of Environmental Sciences are eagerly working with all their resources for DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 11 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- House Building Finance
- Car Advance

### **4) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- AIOU BIG IDEAS COMPETITION

- Webinar on “Innovation & Entrepreneurship” on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 2021
- One Day Interactive Workshop on “Awareness of Opportunities for International Career Paths”- A Initiative for Faculty Development and Students Career Opportunities
- AIOU INTERNAL FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS 2020-21
- One Day Workshop on ‘Startup Entrepreneurship- Owing your Future’ – 5th Dec 2019

#### 5) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

- COVID Honorarium to 500 employees
- Un-deducted salary in covid crisis
- Any news cuttings, web links or any activity pictures relevant to target SDG (Google + DSA)

#### 6) ANY OTHER

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) in collaboration with Qarshi University (QU), University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) and University of Management and Technology (UMT) organized two-day international conference on ‘Collective action for knowledge economy with technology (cake-tech) held at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) Islamabad held on February-25-26, 2019.

<https://www.vu.edu.pk/newsdetails.aspx?type=&newsid=3011>



#### 7) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 9 – INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE as in the last 10 years university has published 37 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 5 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 40 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Agricultural Sciences Chemistry Department, Physics Department and Department of Environmental design and health and nutritional Sciences are eagerly working with all their resources for INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 36 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- AIU's any policy relevant to target SDG. Please give its link. (Policy reference with name and year of initiation)

### 4) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- AIOU BIG IDEAS COMPETITION
- One Day Webinar on “Entrepreneurial Ideas in Humanities and Social Sciences”, March 10, 2021
- AIOU INTERNAL FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS 2020-21
- One Day Workshop on ‘Startup Entrepreneurship- Owing your Future’ – 5th Dec 2019

### 5) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) in collaboration with Qarshi University (QU), University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) and University of Management and Technology (UMT) organized two-day international conference on ‘Collective action for knowledge

economy with technology (cake-tech) held at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) Islamabad held on February-25-26, 2019.

<https://www.vu.edu.pk/newsdetails.aspx?type=&newsid=3011>

Aiou considered best for distance learning: *digital transformation policy started for promotion of education via internet*

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/461817/aiou-considered-best-for-distance-learning/>

Aiou striving to facilitate 1.4 mn students by incorporating use of latest technology

<https://www.technologytimes.pk/2020/10/07/aiou-striving-to-facilitate-1-4-mn-students-by-incorporating-use-of-latest-technology/>

AIOU to start 18 technical courses from January 15, 2020

<https://www.geo.tv/latest/266338-aiou-to-start-18-technical-courses-from-january-15>



#### 8) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 9

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 10 – REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Reduce inequality within and among countries

### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of REDUCED INEQUALITIES as in the last 10 years university has published 47 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 6 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 03 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Special Education and Gender Studies are eagerly working with all their resources for REDUCED INEQUALITIES by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 9 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- Adoption of Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act No. 6 of 2010 on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011

### 4) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

AIU VC Dr. Zia ul-Qayyum directed to offer free education to transgender

<https://thefortress.com.pk/aiou-vc-directed-to-offere-free-education-to-transgender/>



AIOU holds solidarity walk to project Kashmir cause

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/610211-aiou-holds-solidarity-walk-to-project-kashmir-cause>



### 5) Free Accessible Lectures on SDG 10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>

## 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 11 – SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Make cities and human settlements  
inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

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### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES as in the last 10 years university has published 15 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 34 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 36 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Agricultural Sciences and department of Environmental Sciences are eagerly working with all their resources for SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 11 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- Smoke Free Campus, Enforcement of Tobacco Control Laws in Universities of Pakistan on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

### 4) OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP

- Shifa International Hospital
- Scaling up nutrition Pakistan (SUN)
- UNISEF
- University of Dundee

### 5) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

National Conference on ‘Hum Pakistani’ Narrative

<http://www.paighamepakistan.com/national-conference-on-hum-pakistani-narrative/>



Road Safety Lecture at AIOU



**6) Free Accessible Lecturer on SDG 11**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 12 – RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

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### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION as in the last 10 years university has published 22 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 09 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Number of courses relevant to target SDG are 19 among them 13 courses are offered by agricultural sciences department
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Agricultural Sciences and department of Environmental Sciences are eagerly working with all their resources for SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 11 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people

### 4) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 12

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>

### 5) ANY OTHER

- “Carbon Footprint Assessment of Allamah Iqbal open University” is a report made by Biology Department declaring the institute to be green university as the carbon consumption in AIOU per head is 0.7 tons.



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

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### **1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of CLIMATE ACTION as in the last 10 years university has published 29 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 60 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### **2) TEACHING & STUDENTS**

- Various departments of the university are running about 31 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### **3) OPERATIONS**

- The department of Agricultural Sciences and department of Environmental Sciences are eagerly working with all their resources for CLIMATE ACTION by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 11 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- Smoke Free Campus, Enforcement of Tobacco Control Laws in Universities of Pakistan on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

### **4) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG**

AIOU holds awareness walk for PM's Green Pakistan campaign

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/335388/aiou-holds-awareness-walk-for-pms-green-pakistan-campaign/>





AIOU Olive tree plantation drive at Main Campus, Islamabad



Spring Tree Plantation Campaign begins at AIOU

<https://www.pakistanpoint.com/en/story/576085/spring-tree-plantation-campaign-begins-at-allama-iqbal.html>

##### 5) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 13

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>

## 14 LIFE BELOW WATER



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14 – LIFE BELOW WATER

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

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### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of LIFE BELOW WATER as in the last 10 years university has published 2 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG
- 02 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 08 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Agricultural Sciences is eagerly working with all their resources for LIFE BELOW WATER by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 8 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- AIOU's any policy relevant to target SDG. Please give its link. (Policy reference with name and year of initiation)

### 4) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 14

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>

## 15 LIFE ON LAND



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 15 – LIFE ON LAND

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

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### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of LIFE ON LAND as in the last 10 years university has published 32 Research Publications that are relevant to this SDG.
- 03 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 27 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)
- Student support schemes/Facilities provided to students relevant to target SDG (data from DSA)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Biology and Department of Environmental Sciences are eagerly working with all their resources for LIFE ON LAND by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 16 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- AIOU's any policy relevant to target SDG. Please give its link. (Policy reference with name and year of initiation)

### 4) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

Green Pakistan: AIOU holds plantation drive

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1661390/green-pakistan-aiou-holds-plantation-drive>



AIOU holds awareness walk for PM's Green Pakistan campaign

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/335388/aiou-holds-awareness-walk-for-pms-green-pakistan-campaign/>



AIOU Olive tree plantation drive at Main Campus, Islamabad



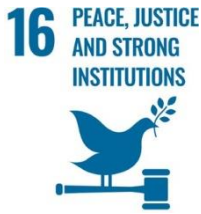
Spring Tree Plantation Campaign begins at AIU

<https://www.pakistanpoint.com/en/story/576085/spring-tree-plantation-campaign-begins-at-allama-iqbal.html>



##### 5) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

### 1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS as in the last 10 years university has published 34 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG (34)
- 03 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG (01)

### 2) TEACHING & STUDENTS

- Various departments of the university are running about 10 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)

### 3) OPERATIONS

- The department of Sociology, Law Department and Department of Islamic Jurisprudence are eagerly working with all their resources for PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 09 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people

### 4) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS RELATED TO SDG

AIOU holds solidarity walk to project Kashmir cause

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/610211-aiou-holds-solidarity-walk-to-project-kashmir-cause>



Christmas Celebration at AIOU



### 5) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 17 – PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the  
global partnership for sustainable development

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### **1) RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

- The university can proudly boast the work of its faculty members in the context of PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS as in the last 10 years university has published 16 Research Publications that are relevant to target SDG (16)
- 06 Research grants have been won by the various faculty members that are relevant to target SDG (06)

### **2) TEACHING & STUDENTS**

- Various departments of the university are running about 5 courses that are relevant to target SDG
- Link to course inventory [http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page\\_id=1748](http://oric.aiou.edu.pk/?page_id=1748)
- Student support schemes/Facilities provided to students relevant to target SDG (data from DSA)

### **3) OPERATIONS**

- The faculty of sciences, faculty of education, department of business administration and commerce Department are eagerly working with all their resources for PEACE, PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS by various courses, publications, activities and student internships. Overall, 114 faculty members are currently engaged in the working of this SDG and adding their due share in the betterment of life of people
- AIOU's any policy relevant to target SDG. Please give its link. (Policy reference with name and year of initiation)

### **4) OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP**

International collaborations with the other academic institutes

- a. USEFP Fulbright Scholarship
- b. Commonwealth
- c. Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) / Chevening
- d. Erasmus +
- e. Australia Award Scholarship
- f. DAAD, Germany
- g. Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC)
- h. Jiangsu University, China
- i. University of Leicester, UK



## 5) UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY/NEWS

AIOU to provide education to afghan refugees

<https://nation.com.pk/20-apr-2020/aiou-to-provide-education-to-afghan-refugees>



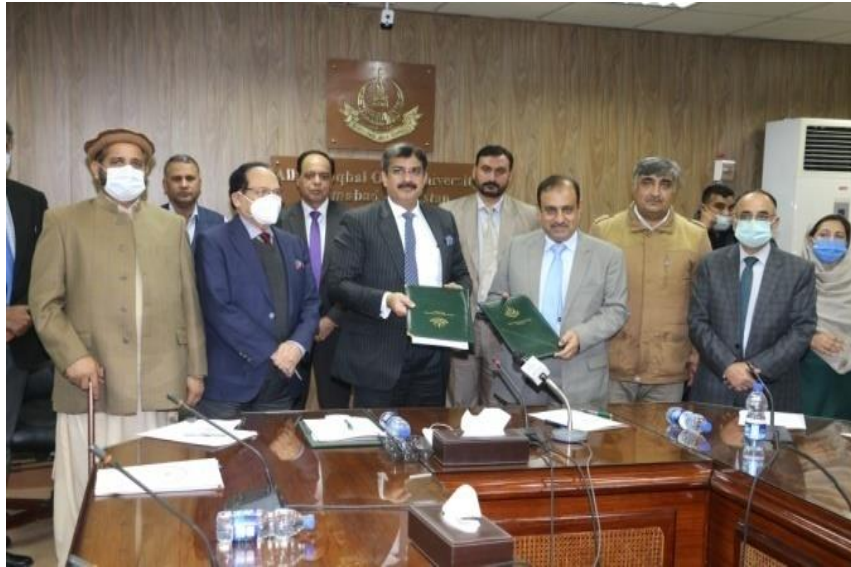
Aiou and Zong ink mou to facilitate students, employees

<https://islamabadpost.com.pk/aiou-zong-ink-mou-to-facilitate-students-employees/>



AIOU signs MOU with Hazara University for cooperation

<https://dnanews.com.pk/aiou-signs-mou-hazara-university-cooperation/>



Alight Pakistan signs MOU with AIOU

[http://millionkidstoschool.org/p\\_detail.php?act=news-events&post=alight-pakistan-signs-mou-with-aiou&i=iyiwe](http://millionkidstoschool.org/p_detail.php?act=news-events&post=alight-pakistan-signs-mou-with-aiou&i=iyiwe)



Universitas Terbuka (UT) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU)

<https://www.ut.ac.id/en/news/2019/10/ut-collaborates-aiou-pakistan>

Two Chinese language centers being set up at AIOU



<https://dailytimes.com.pk/405677/two-chinese-language-centres-being-set-up-at-aiou/>

#### **6) Free Accessible Lecturers on SDG 17**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhO8XHFUcDg>



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