

REPORT



SDG 1. NO POVERTY

AZERBAIJAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

1.1. Research on poverty

- ❖ Azerbaijan Technical University - in its strategy aims to expand its international relations and make cooperation multilateral. Currently, proposals for bilateral relations with many less developed countries in Asia and Africa are being prepared.
- ❖ One of the targeted strategies is to prepare the necessary documents for the opening of AzTU branches in Central Asian countries and other places, determine the action plan, and conduct joint research with international researchers. (https://www.aztu.edu.az/web_admin/upload/files/aztu.edu.az/menus/9-2022/Strategiya.pdf)

The goals of these collaborations are:

- ✓ Teacher exchange in universities.
 - ✓ Student exchange.
 - ✓ Collaboration in academic research.
- ❖ AzTU has extensive research opportunities, and academic staff and students work to conduct comprehensive research to solve social and economic problems. Azerbaijan Technical University has one institute (Institute of Sustainable Development), one faculty (Economics and Management), and two departments (Departments of Economics and Statistics and International Trade, logistics, and Marketing) that investigate such problems. Accordingly, the teaching staff of the university and students studying for master's and doctoral studies research these topics.

1.2. Proportion of students receiving financial aid to attend university because of poverty

- ❖ AzTU is actively working on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal “No Poverty” (SDG 1), making higher education accessible to various groups of students. By providing government scholarships, financial assistance to low-income students, and support for socially disadvantaged sections of the population, the university provides free education to a significant number of students. AzTU strives to reduce poverty through inclusive education and support services.
- ❖ In total, about 60 % of university students study for free. Following the policy of the Government, some of the socially unprotected groups of students can also study for free, even if they fail to pass for free, they can study on a paid basis with government scholarship. These groups include Disabled people of the 1st and 2nd groups, refugees, and students from families in which a parent died, who bore the main burden of ensuring the financial stability of the family (by the loss of a breadwinner), disabled veterans' children of the Karabakh war.
- ❖ Mostly, assistance to AzTU students from low-income families is provided as free education, and jointly with the student union, targeted material assistance after the application is reviewed and considered. (Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on approval of “Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for Socio-Economic

Development") Official web-site of President of Azerbaijan Republic
<https://president.az/en/articles/view/50474>

- ❖ To achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of "No Poverty" (SDG 1), AzTU plans the following future steps:
 - ✓ To increase expertise and awareness in poverty reduction
 - ✓ Expand scholarships and financial aid.
 - ✓ Expand social services with financial support.
 - ✓ Increase faculty and staff training.
 - ✓ Accepting student feedback.
 - ✓ Expand opportunities for employment and career advancement.

- ❖ AzTU cooperates with the Educational Student Loans Fund (ESLF), created under the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan. This Fund provides access to education, creates equal opportunities in education and expands the scope of education through the introduction of a system of educational student loans. AzTU also supports this policy to achieve quality and affordable education, becoming the main provider of education financing on a preferential basis.

Tabel 1.

Data Collected	2022
Number of students	10428
Number of low-income students receiving financial aid (ESLF)	205

1.3. University anti-poverty programmes

AzTU's No Poverty policy was developed towards the Sustainable Development Goals and a target plan was prepared to improve the social conditions of low-income students.

AzTU policy - NO POVERTY (SDG – 1)

Policy created: 2022.

Policy reviewed: not reviewed yet.

Poverty affects society and the economy and is essential to the well-being of society and the maintenance of social equality. In order to combat poverty and reduce poverty, it is essential to create social programs, education and job opportunities, and support the health and education of the population.

As in other fields, AzTU has defined its own successful policy on poverty alleviation. These policies and initiatives can help the university play an important role in eradicating poverty and creating a more inclusive and equitable learning and working environment for all students and staff, regardless of social background.

The policy strategies carried out by AzTU in terms of goals are as follows:

Scholarships and financial aid:	Offering need-based scholarships and financial aid programs to ensure access to higher education for students from low-income families
Support for education and upskilling:	Providing opportunities for students to work part-time and provide opportunities for them to gain income along with useful skills and experience.
Food safety programs:	Establishing partnerships with food warehouses, food aid programs or local food banks to address food shortage problems among the population.
Access opportunities to health and business services:	Providing convenient or free health services, psychological health advice and health programs to support the physical and mental well-being of students.
Access to technology and internet:	Providing all students with access to the necessary technology and reliable internet connections for their academic searches.
Ensuring employment and career services:	Career services and job placement programs are offered to students, especially those from low-income families, to help them achieve risk-free employment after graduation. to be done.
Financial savvy and education:	Organizing seminars, trainings or courses on financial savvy to equip students with the skills needed to effectively manage their finances.
Research and policy communications:	In AzTU, support is given to action initiatives aimed at the eradication of poverty, unity and social justice, as well as local, national and intellectual support aimed at solving the problems related to poverty. Supporting political experiences at all levels.
Ownership and innovation:	Providing students with resources, mentoring and financial opportunities to develop their experiences in poverty alleviation will enable the development of an environment that encourages ownership and innovation. resurrection
Notification and education campaigns:	Increasing awareness about the problems of hunger and poverty through various means of notification (AzTU TV, media). This may include the organization of projects, workshops and seminars, as well as the use of social media and other communication channels to reach a wider audience.
Internal business experience:	Implementation of inclusive employment acceptance experiences for faculty, employee committee and disciplinary positions, taking into account various social-economic guidelines.
Attempts at diversity, unity and inclusion:	The large-scale implementation of initiatives that develop a diverse, diverse, and equitable campus environment by ensuring that all students have the same opportunities for success. to be encouraged.
Collaboration with social organizations:	Utilization of resources and cooperation with local non-commercial organizations, state institutions and social organizations in solving problems related to poverty among the population.
Monitoring and Accountability:	Continuous monitoring and preparation of accounts of the work carried out in AZTU in dealing with issues related to poverty,

including all demonstrators connected with the abolition of poverty.

❖ AzTU plans a body for graduation/completion targets for students. Social Development Center and Student Union Committee are directly working to improve the social conditions of low-income students.

https://www.aztu.edu.az/web_admin/upload/files/aztu.edu.az/menus/8-2023/SI%CC%87M%20%20%C9%99sasham%C9%99si.pdf

https://www.aztu.edu.az/sub_site/az/telebe-hemkarlar-ittifaqi-komitesi-70

❖ AzTU students can get scholarships from Government, and University.

5324 - students study free of charge at AzTU.

1056 - students study free of charge with government scholarships.

5671 – students got scholarships from the government.

2 - students got AzTU scholarships.

183 - students got special financial assistance from AzTU (Students' Union Committee)

30 - students got additional financial support from external organizations (Youth Fund)

❖ AzTU has a Canteen (in restoring), and Campus (in restoring), which are planned for all students, and special targets for students from low-income families to enable them to complete university.

❖ AzTU has schemes to support poor students from low or lower-middle-income countries by offering free education, special scholarships, grants, and free courses.

<https://www.aztu.edu.az/az/news/almaniyadan-devet-olunan-muellim-aztu-da-alman-dilini-tedris-edecek-7879>

1.4. Community anti-poverty programmes

AzTU provides financial assistance to assist students in the start-up of financially and socially sustainable businesses. Also, AzTU provides seminars and attends international projects the assist start-up.

<https://www.aztu.edu.az/az/project/innovasiya-ve-dayaniqliliq-prinsipleri-ile-klasterlerin-islenmesine-baslamaqda-ve-istirakda-universitetlerin-potensialinin-artirilmasi-layihesi-uniclad-2>

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