Education on the SDGs for the Wider Community

SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals | Reporting year 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) runs educational outreach on the Sustainable Development Goals for people beyond its current students, in particular its graduates, the residents of the neighborhoods (mahallas) of Tashkent around its campuses, and Palestinians displaced from Gaza who have been given refuge in Uzbekistan. Under Section 5.5 of the **UzSWLU Policy on SDG Partnerships and Policy Engagement** (approved January 2025), the University develops training programs that strengthen the capacity of public servants, teachers, specialists and communities to act on the SDGs, and supports the implementation of national programs in its local communities. Community outreach is coordinated by the First Vice-Rector for Youth Affairs and the Vice-Rector for Spiritual and Educational Affairs, with the Student Practice Department and the faculties.

Outreach to alumni

Graduates' Job Fair (April 2025)

UzSWLU held a job fair for its graduates focused on decent work and employment (SDG 8). A total of 127 organizations and enterprises took part with more than 500 vacancies, with wide participation of employers from the education sector. More than 6,100 graduates attended and received direct information from employers on vacancies, working conditions and employment guarantees; 275 students expressed interest in specific positions and 150 signed formal employment contracts on site. During the fair the University signed memoranda that support graduate employment and practical training, including with the Tashkent City Department for Poverty Reduction and Employment, the Creative Union of Journalists of Uzbekistan, the National Legal Information Center "Adolat" under the Ministry of Justice, the Tashkent Polytechnic Museum (a non-governmental non-profit organization) and the non-governmental educational organization "Proficiency."



Signing of memoranda on graduate employment at the Graduates' Job Fair, April 2025

SDG training for alumni working at the University

A large share of UzSWLU's academic and administrative staff are graduates of the University, and the Rector himself is a UzSWLU alumnus. The University's SDG training for staff therefore also reaches its alumni. In 2025 this included the faculty-training program on integrating sustainability into teaching, coordinated by the Center for Pedagogical Skills Development with the Sustainability Working Group under Academic Council Resolution AC-2025-017, and the seminar-training of 5 September 2025 on the structure, assessment criteria and indicators of the QS, THE and UI GreenMetric rankings, so that departments understand the SDG data the University reports.

Alumni sharing their experience with students

Graduates return to the University to take part in educational events with students. On 28 February 2025, at an event marking the 110th anniversary of the poet and public figure Zulfiya, the guest speakers included Gulinigor Avazova, a graduate of the International Journalism Faculty, winner of the Zulfiya State Prize and member of the Writers' Union of Uzbekistan, who took part as a guest speaker (SDG 5).

Outreach to the local community

Environmental education in Guzar mahalla

UzSWLU implements the national Concept for Raising the Ecological Culture of the Population until 2030 (Presidential Resolution No. PQ-184 of 15 May 2025) in Guzar mahalla, Uchtepa district. On 9 June 2025 students cleaned streets and public spaces, explained to residents why waste should be sorted and recycled, and held conversations with local young people and schoolchildren on a waste-free way of life. Since September 2025 the UzSWLU Eco Club has run monthly campaigns there with mahalla youth, faculty, students and community activists; in 2025, 300 UzSWLU students and local young people took part in the Eco Club community program (SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13).




Environmental education with residents of Guzar mahalla, June (left) and September 2025 (right)

Free language education for vulnerable residents

- **Alikhontura Soguniy mahalla, Uchtepa district (from 5 July 2025):** a University team led by the Vice-Rector for Spiritual and Educational Affairs started English, Russian and Japanese classes taught by UzSWLU faculty for low-income young people, young people with disabilities and others in need of social protection (SDG 1, SDG 4, SDG 10).
- **Guzar mahalla (2025):** a UzSWLU student runs a free English club, three times a week, for women included in the social register of the mahalla, covering grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and conversation on everyday and professional topics (SDG 4, SDG 5, SDG 10).
- **Chilonzor district (from September 2025):** after an open dialogue on 4 August 2025 between the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, the Rector and 55 youth leaders of mahallas of Chilonzor district, the University organized free foreign-language courses for young people of Ko'rkam, Beshchinor and 3-Charx Kamolon mahallas. Students' teaching practice is also being organized in these mahallas, creating a learning environment for local youth (SDG 4).




Free language classes in Alikhontura Soguniy mahalla, July 2025 (left), and the English club for women in Guzar mahalla, August 2025 (right)

Support for older residents and teachers

- **Older residents:** under Presidential Resolution No. PQ-167 of 15 March 2022 on the support of older people, UzSWLU volunteer groups, staff and tutors regularly visit lonely older residents of Uchtepa district who need care, providing moral, psychological and practical support throughout 2025 (SDG 3, SDG 10).
- **Teachers of the national education system:** the UzSWLU Network Center for Retraining and Professional Development of Pedagogues runs qualification-upgrade courses for teachers, free of charge for pedagogues who are citizens of Uzbekistan (SDG 4).

Outreach to displaced people

In December 2024, on the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan, 100 wounded Palestinian women and children and their accompanying family members were evacuated from Rafah in Gaza to Uzbekistan, and on 14 August 2025 the President approved a program of social support and integration for these guests from Palestine, covering education, health care, housing and employment. UzSWLU contributes its language expertise to this effort (SDG 10, SDG 16, SDG 17):

- **Interpretation and language support:** under the leadership of the Rector, teachers of the Department of Arabic Translation Theory and Practice of the Faculty of Translation provide Arabic interpretation for Palestinian citizens in Uzbekistan, helping them communicate and access services.
- **Recognition:** on 4 June 2025 the University Council announced that A.A. Yusupov, a teacher of the department, had received a letter of thanks from the Embassy of the State of Palestine in Uzbekistan and Ambassador Jawad Awad for his interpretation work with Palestinian citizens. On 18 December 2025, at the IV International Conference "Arabic in the Era of Globalization," the Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation presented letters of thanks to the department's teachers who interpret for Palestinians.

Summary

Audience	Activity	2025
Alumni	Graduates' Job Fair: 127 employers, 500+ vacancies, 6,100+ graduates, 150 contracts signed	April
Alumni	SDG and sustainability training for staff, many of whom are UzSWLU graduates	Throughout the year; seminar on 5 September
Alumni	Graduates as guest speakers at student events	28 February
Local community	Environmental education in Guzar mahalla under PQ-184; 300 participants	9 June; monthly since September
Local community	Free language classes for vulnerable youth and women	Alikhontura Soguniy (from 5 July); Guzar; Chilonzor (from September)
Local community	Volunteer visits to lonely older residents; free courses for teachers	Throughout the year
Displaced people	Arabic interpretation and language support for Palestinian citizens evacuated from Gaza	Throughout the year; recognized 4 June and 18 December

Supporting evidence

- UzSWLU Policy on SDG Partnerships and Policy Engagement: https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17922464826020.pdf
- Graduates' Job Fair: https://t.me/UzSWLU/32986
- Minutes of the Academic Council meeting, Protocol No. 14: https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17835046513163.pdf
- Seminar on ranking indicators: https://t.me/UzSWLU/39895
- Event with alumna Gulinigor Avazova: https://t.me/UzSWLU/30870
- Guzar mahalla campaign, 9 June 2025: https://t.me/UzSWLU/37548

- Eco Club monthly campaign: https://t.me/UzSWLU/41704
- Language classes in Alikhontura Soguniy mahalla: https://t.me/UzSWLU/37416
- English club for women in Guzar mahalla: https://t.me/UzSWLU/38821
- Dialogue with mahalla youth leaders: https://t.me/UzSWLU/38685
- Free language courses in Chilonzor district: https://t.me/UzSWLU/40149
- Volunteer visits to older residents: https://t.me/UzSWLU/35372
- Letter of thanks from the Embassy of Palestine: https://t.me/UzSWLU/35862
- Recognition of interpreters for Palestinians, 18 December 2025: https://t.me/UzSWLU/48621
- Support program for guests from Palestine (Fergana News): https://en.fergana.agency/news/139472/
- Presidential Resolution PQ-184 of 15 May 2025: https://lex.uz/en/docs/7528764