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SDG 1
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UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 1 through a coordinated pathway that runs from admission to graduation and into the community: targeted admission and completion targets for students from low-income households, direct financial aid and wraparound support services, dedicated access routes for students from the world's least developed and lower-middle-income countries, direct financial and in-kind assistance for local start-ups, community-based education programs, and active participation in local and national policy making on poverty reduction. This page summarizes UzSWLU's contribution in the 2025 reporting year.



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Reducing Financial Barriers to Admission and Study

UzSWLU maintains an institutional target that at least 20% of students admitted through its annual admission cycle come from households within the lowest 20% of household income in Uzbekistan, or from a more tightly defined group facing serious financial disadvantage. Of the 5,834 first-year students admitted in the 2024–2025 academic year, 1,187 met this target - a result of 20.3%, exceeding the University's 20% target. Beyond admission, the University provided financial aid to 6,448 of its 22,208 enrolled students in 2025, all on the basis of documented financial need, through grants, tuition assistance and related support that helps students meet their basic needs while studying.

20.3%

of 2025 admissions from the bottom financial quintile (target: 20%)

6,448

of 22,208 students received need-based financial aid in 2025

98.22%

completion rate for target-group students who began their studies

19

students from Palestine, Afghanistan and Bangladesh supported in 2025





Supporting Students Through to Graduation

Admission is only the first step. UzSWLU pairs its admission target with a matching completion target of at least 85% for the same group. Of 618 eligible target-group students due to complete in 2025, 607 did so - a rate of 98.22% - and all 607 completing graduates were recorded as employed. This outcome rests on a coordinated support pathway: free psychological counseling, health consultations, academic mentoring and tutoring, and financial measures including scholarships, tuition assistance, flexible payment arrangements and subsidized accommodation for students facing financial hardship. The University's Social Equity and Inclusion Office and Solidarity Fund coordinate identification, needs assessment, financial protection, academic support, monitoring and the transition into employment as a single continuous process rather than isolated interventions.





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Opening Doors for Students from the World's Poorest Countries

Using the World Bank's income classification, UzSWLU provided tuition grants and a 50% reduction in accommodation fees to 19 international students from low-income and lower-middle-income countries in 2025: 3 students from Palestine (West Bank and Gaza), 3 from Afghanistan and 13 from Bangladesh. The scheme is financed from the University's own extra-budgetary funds, administered through its enrollment, finance and international-student records, and is intended to make study at UzSWLU financially accessible for capable students regardless of their country's income level.



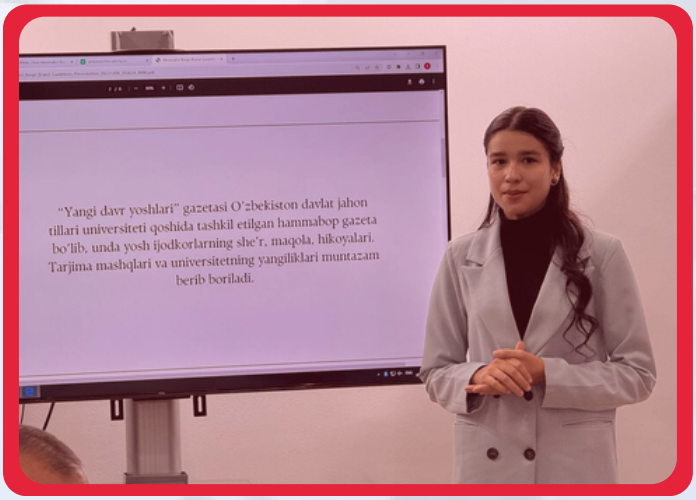


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Backing Local Entrepreneurs and Start-Ups

Through its Step into the Future program and its Department for Commercialization of Scientific and Innovative Developments, UzSWLU supports the creation of financially and socially sustainable local businesses with education, mentoring and direct finance. In 2025, the University's Commercialization and Support Fund provided at least UZS 142 million in direct financial assistance across five documented projects - KulolMan (a pottery start-up, which also received premises on the University campus), Junior Club, StuDub, Umar.uz, and a subsidy that helped a young person from the local community open a barbershop. Entrepreneurship education continued throughout the year through the One Student One Project acceleration program and the My Start-up Project club, culminating in a competitive presentation of business ideas open to young people from the local community free of charge.





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Extending Education Into the Community



UzSWLU directly delivered community-based education programs in 2025 to improve access to learning for school pupils, socially vulnerable young people and educators - reaching beyond its own student body into the neighborhoods of Tashkent. This included recurring language classes for vulnerable youth in the Uchtepa district, a Daily English club for pupils at a local school, and an intensive teacher-training program delivered with the British Council that reached 160 English-language teachers. The University's Network Center for Retraining and Professional Development of Teaching Staff planned professional development for 897 participants in 2025, with 156 participants completing direct, distance and international training cohorts by May.





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Shaping Policy to End Poverty

UzSWLU participates directly in poverty-related policy making at local and national level under its continuing Policy for Identifying and Engaging Local Stakeholders. In November 2025, the University organized a roundtable, Progress in Achieving SDG 1 - No Poverty, bringing together academics, government officials, NGOs, students and faculty to generate recommendations on education, employment and social protection for low-income groups. At local level, the Rector personally visited and supported households assigned to him under a district poverty-reduction mechanism, and the University's governing Council formally reviewed and set tasks for the resulting community programs. UzSWLU also convened national dialogue connecting food security, environmental policy and poverty reduction, bringing together members of parliament, party leadership and researchers.





About this report

This page presents a summary of UzSWLU's 2025 contribution to SDG 1. It is published as part of the University's ongoing sustainability reporting alongside the other Sustainable Development Goals, and the evidence for each measure is published on the SDG 1 page of the University website.

