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**GLOCAL  
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SHAPING GLOBAL MINDS

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS  
(SDG)**

**SDG 1 – NO POVERTY**



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## **Glocal University's Impact on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

### *Striving Towards a Sustainable Future*

In line with our commitment to global sustainability, Glocal University is proud to showcase our dedicated involvement in four critical Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our initiatives transcend academia, actively contributing to SDG 1 - No Poverty, SDG 2 - Zero Hunger, SDG 3 - Good Health and Wellbeing, SDG 15 - Life on Land and SDG17 - Partnerships for the Goals.

**SDG 1 - No Poverty:** Through targeted educational programs, skill development initiatives, and community outreach, Glocal University is working tirelessly to alleviate poverty and empower individuals for a brighter future.

**SDG 2 - Zero Hunger:** Our agriculture and nutrition-focused projects aim to address hunger at its roots. By promoting sustainable farming practices, community gardens, and nutritional education, we're actively contributing to achieving Zero Hunger.

**SDG 3 - Good Health and Wellbeing:** Glocal University prioritizes the health and wellbeing of our community. From health education programs to on-campus wellness initiatives, we strive to create an environment where everyone can thrive physically and mentally.

**SDG 15 - Life on Land:** Recognizing the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem preservation, Glocal University is engaged in initiatives that promote sustainable land use, afforestation, and conservation efforts, ensuring a harmonious coexistence with nature.

**SDG17 - Partnerships for the Goals:** Relationships to support the goals, Publication of SDG reports, Education for the SDGs

# SDG 1 – NO POVERTY

The introduction of SDG 1 underscores the urgency for universities to actively engage in poverty alleviation. By leveraging research, financial aid, and educational initiatives, universities can make significant strides in eradicating extreme poverty. The outlined metrics and indicators provide a comprehensive framework for assessing progress and aligning university efforts with the broader global agenda for sustainable development. As institutions dedicated to knowledge dissemination and societal betterment, universities stand poised to be powerful agents of change in the pursuit of SDG 1.

**1.1 Research on Poverty:** In the context of SDG 1, research on poverty serves as a foundational pillar for understanding and addressing the complexities of extreme poverty. This component emphasizes the collaboration between universities and low or lower-middle-income countries in producing scholarly work. The goal is to generate knowledge that informs effective strategies for poverty alleviation. Metrics for research may include papers co-authored with countries facing economic challenges and assessing the quality of poverty-focused research output through citations received.

**1.2 Financial Aid to Students for Poor Students:** A crucial aspect of SDG 1 involves providing **financial aid** to students facing economic hardships, ensuring that poverty does not become a barrier to accessing higher education. This dimension encompasses identifying students in need, including refugees and displaced individuals, and extending significant financial aid. Metrics for this aspect may involve calculating the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) number of students receiving aid and covering basic needs like food, water, accommodation, and education.

**1.3 University Anti-Poverty Programme:** Universities, as influential institutions, play a proactive role in combating poverty through comprehensive **anti-poverty programs**. These programs go beyond academic research and financial aid, encompassing a broader spectrum of initiatives within the university community. This may involve targeted educational programs, skills development, and outreach efforts aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. Metrics for assessing the impact of university anti-poverty programs could include participation rates, success stories, and long-term outcomes for beneficiaries.

**1.4 Community Anti-Poverty Programmes:** Recognizing the interconnectedness between universities and their surrounding communities, SDG 1 calls for community anti-poverty programs. These initiatives extend the university's influence beyond its campus, actively engaging with **local communities to address poverty** at its roots. This could involve partnerships with local organizations, job creation initiatives, and community development projects. Metrics for these programs might include the number of community members impacted, the sustainability of interventions, and the overall improvement in living conditions.

In summary, SDG 1 addresses poverty comprehensively by integrating research, financial aid to students, university anti-poverty programs, and community-focused initiatives. This multi-faceted approach reflects a commitment to eradicating poverty in all its forms and underscores the pivotal role universities play in driving positive change at both individual and community levels.

#### **1.3.1 UNIVERSITY TARGET FOR BOTTOM 20% HOUSEHOLD**

"At Glocal University, we hold a steadfast commitment to nurturing diversity and inclusivity within our student community. Our active pursuit is to admit students from a wide spectrum of socioeconomic backgrounds, with a specific focus on those within the bottom 20% of household income groups or individuals encountering financial challenges. We firmly believe in extending the transformative power of quality education and providing opportunities to individuals who might otherwise encounter hindrances on their path to higher education.

During the academic year of 2021-2022, Glocal University proudly admitted students from low-income backgrounds and offered scholarships amounting to 40,271,280 INR, benefitting a total of 537 students. This initiative is a testament to our unwavering dedication to creating equitable access to education and fostering an environment where all students can thrive and succeed."

#### **1.3.2 UNIVERSITY TARGET FOR BOTTOM 20% HOUSEHOLD**

"At Glocal University, our unwavering commitment to equitable higher education extends to setting targets for students in the bottom 20% of Indian household incomes. We aim to provide access and support for their academic journey, irrespective of their financial background. We've implemented policies, including academic support, counseling, work-study programs, emergency aid, affordable

housing, progress evaluation, and feedback mechanisms. These initiatives address financial and academic barriers, ensuring all students excel in their higher education at Glocal University."

### **1.3.3 UNIVERSITY SUPPORT FOR LOW GROUP – FOOD, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL SERVICES**

#### ***Empowering Financially Disadvantaged Students***

Glocal University upholds its steadfast commitment to ensuring that all students, regardless of financial means, access higher education and achieve academic success. Glocal University has crafted an inclusive support policy that focuses on critical areas such as food, housing, transportation, and legal services for students with financial constraints.

1. **Food Assistance:** To address food insecurity, Glocal University provides meal assistance programs, including meal plans, food banks for local eateries, promoting student well-being.
2. **Housing Support:** The University offers cost-effective on-campus housing with priority given to low-income students, guaranteeing safe accommodations.
3. **Transportation Services:** In promoting mobility, students receive transportation support, including subsidized bus passes, shuttle services.
4. **Legal Aid:** University extends legal support to students facing financial or housing-related legal challenges.

### **1.3.4 UNIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME GROUP**

Glocal University's comprehensive initiative program aims to ensure equitable access to higher education for students of income groups.

1. **Scholarship Opportunities:** The university offers scholarships based on academic achievement, financial need, and specific criteria tailored to low-income students.
2. **Affordable Housing:** The university offers affordable on-campus housing with specific allocations for low-income students, guaranteeing safe and secure accommodations.
3. **Transportation Support:** Glocal University eases the financial burden of commuting by offering subsidized bus passes, shuttle services, and carpooling options.

4. **Mental Health and Counseling:** Acknowledging the non-academic challenges faced by low-income students, the university provides counseling and mental health services.
5. **Progress Assessment:** A systematic process for regularly evaluating the progress of low-income students is in place to identify and address their unique needs and challenges.

### 1.3.5 UNIVERSITY SCHEME FOR LOW INCOME GROUP

"Glocal University's initiative for students from low-income backgrounds, previously known as 'University Scheme for Low Income Group,'. The program are as follows

1. **"Equity Access Program":** This program at Glocal University strives to provide equitable access to higher education for students with limited financial means.
2. **"Opportunity Scholarships":** Glocal University offers opportunity scholarships to help low-income students pursue their academic dreams.
3. **"Financial Aid for All":** The 'Financial Aid for All' program ensures that financial constraints don't hinder students from accessing quality education.
4. **"Pathways to Excellence":** Glocal University's 'Pathways to Excellence' initiative guides students from low-income groups toward academic success.
5. **"Access to Success Program":** The 'Access to Success Program' at Glocal University is designed to empower all students, regardless of their financial backgrounds, to achieve their educational goals.

### 1.4.1 UNIVERSITY SUPPORT TO LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR BUSINESS

Initiatives for Glocal University's 'Sustainable Business Start-Up Support' for local community support include:

1. **Local Business Training:** Offering specialized training and workshops for local community members for start-ups.

2. **Access to University Resources:** Extending access to Glocal University's educational resources, libraries, and online courses to local community members.
3. **Mentorship Networks:** Creating mentorship networks connecting local entrepreneurs with experienced mentors from the university or the wider business community.
4. **Sustainability Workshops:** Conducting workshops on sustainable business practices and corporate social responsibility, benefiting both startup founders and the local community.
5. **Networking Events:** Hosting events that bring together local entrepreneurs, university students, and potential customers to foster collaboration and business growth.
6. **Community Outreach Programs:** Initiating outreach programs to identify the needs of local businesses.



In pursuit of its 'Sustainable Business Start-Up Support' initiative for the local community, Glocal University spearheaded impactful endeavors in 2022. Among these initiatives was the unveiling of the state-of-the-art Mechanical Lab during a dedicated event. This cutting-edge facility not only showcased modern machinery and tools but also provided students with a hands-on experience, allowing them to explore practical applications of mechanical engineering principles. The event, characterized by engaging demonstrations and interactive activities, went beyond theoretical understanding, fostering a passion for innovation and problem-solving in the realm of mechanical engineering. Through such initiatives, Glocal University demonstrated its commitment to supporting sustainable business start-ups and contributing to the local community's growth.



## 1.4.2 UNIVERSITY SUPPORT TO LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR BUSINESS

Initiatives for Glocal University's Financial Assistance Program to support local community start-ups for financially and socially sustainable businesses include:

1. **Microgrants:** Providing microgrants to aspiring entrepreneurs in the local community.
2. **Community Investment Funds:** Establishing community investment funds that enable residents to invest in local startups and stimulate economic growth.
3. **Access to University Resources:** Allowing local business owners access to university libraries, research facilities to run their enterprises efficiently.
4. **Partnerships with Local Organizations:** Collaborating with local chambers of commerce, non-profits, and governmental agencies to identify and support promising sustainable business initiatives.
5. **Promotion of Sustainability:** Organizing workshops and events that promote sustainable business practices and emphasize social and environmental responsibility in entrepreneurship.





Glocal University hosted a captivating event showcasing its array of cutting-edge science laboratories. Students were provided with a hands-on experience across diverse scientific disciplines, from biology and chemistry to physics. The event aimed at fostering a culture of experiential learning, allowing participants to conduct practical experiments and engage with advanced laboratory equipment. Faculty-guided demonstrations and interactive sessions enriched students' understanding of scientific concepts and methodologies. Glocal University's commitment to providing a comprehensive and practical education in the sciences was highlighted through this event, creating an immersive learning environment that nurtures curiosity, critical thinking, and innovation among the university's scientific community.

### 1.4.3 UNIVERSITY PROGRAM/TRAINING FOR BASIC SERVICES

Glocal University is committed to improving access to basic services for all members of our community.

1. **Financial Literacy Training:** Financial education programs provide valuable insights into managing personal finances and accessing financial services.
2. **Healthcare Awareness Seminars:** Glocal University offers seminars to educate the community on healthcare resources, preventive care, and accessing medical services.
3. **Educational Outreach:** Outreach programs aim to improve access to quality education by offering scholarships, career guidance, and tutoring to underserved students.
4. **Legal Aid Clinics:** Our legal aid clinics provide guidance on accessing legal services for all.
5. **Environmental Sustainability Programs:** Training on sustainable practices ensures access to a clean environment and the understanding of how to protect it.
6. **Gender Equality Initiatives:** Programs designed to promote gender equality and provide tools to access resources and opportunities equally.

### 1.4.4 UNIVERSITY AS A BODY TO PARTICIPATE IN POLICY

1. **Education for All:** Collaboration with Local Education Authorities:
2. **Public Health and Access:** Glocal University takes an active role in influencing healthcare policies at the local and regional levels.
3. **Environmental Conservation:** Participating in conversations centered around environmental conservation, sustainable practices, and local environmental initiatives.
4. **Economic Growth and Livelihoods:** University collaborates with local governing bodies and government representatives to advocate for policies that encourage entrepreneurship, create job opportunities,
5. **Social Welfare and Inclusivity:** Our active involvement in the design and implementation of social welfare policies ensures they effectively meet the needs of marginalized and disadvantaged groups within our community.

**6. Community Empowerment:** Our institution is committed to empowering individuals to engage in local governance and decision-making processes through various community engagement initiatives.