

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Al Ain University



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Contribution to SDG 1 No Poverty

Institutional position

Al Ain University advances SDG 1 by reducing financial barriers to higher education, supporting students through scholarships and financial aid, and connecting education with employability and social responsibility. The University's contribution is rooted in access: students who need support can use published financial-assistance routes, while academic advising, career development and graduate services help convert education into sustainable economic opportunity.

AAU also extends its contribution beyond campus through organised volunteering and partnerships with community and charitable organisations. The 2024 record includes recognition in the Aoun Award for Community Service, sustained support for the Ramadan Aman campaign and student engagement with older people. Together, these measures link educational inclusion with community solidarity and social protection.

Principal strengths

Strength area	AAU institutional strength
Access to education	Published scholarships and financial-aid arrangements reduce the cost barrier to university study.
Student progression	Advising, counselling and student services help learners remain engaged and complete their studies.
Economic opportunity	Career development, training and employer engagement strengthen job readiness and graduate mobility.
Community solidarity	Volunteer programmes and charity partnerships direct University capacity toward people and communities requiring support.

Institutional approach

AAU's strategic planning combines educational access, student success, employability and community engagement. Financial support is embedded in the admissions and student-finance environment, while Student Affairs, the Career Development Office and the Alumni Office provide practical routes from entry to graduation and employment.

This integrated model addresses poverty through human-capital development rather than through a single intervention. It enables students to enter higher education, supports them during study, develops market-relevant capability and mobilises the University community in service activities that reinforce social cohesion.

Implementation in 2024

The following evidence shows how the University's institutional approach was translated into activity during the principal reporting year.

2024 evidence	Contribution to the Goal	Sources
Financial aid and scholarships	AAU maintained public financial-support routes for eligible students and communicated the conditions through its admissions services.	E03 E04
Career Development and Training Exhibition	The 2024 exhibition connected students and graduates with more than 30 employers and training entities.	E05
Professional Development Series	Workshops strengthened the employability and professional readiness of students and graduates.	E06
Aoun Award for Community Service	AAU won third place in a national programme that develops structured service and social responsibility.	E07
Ramadan Aman and community care	Students supported a recurring safety and Iftar-distribution campaign and participated in engagement with older people.	E08 E09

Strengths across University functions

University function	Contribution and strength
Education and access	Scholarships, financial aid, academic guidance and transparent admissions information make higher education more reachable and support continued participation.
Research and knowledge	Business, law, social-science and sustainability research provide evidence relevant to inclusion, labour markets, financial capability and public policy.
Community engagement	Structured volunteering, charity partnerships and service-learning connect students with community needs while building responsibility and civic capability.
Employability	Career services, employer exhibitions, workshops and alumni development help learners turn qualifications into productive participation in the economy.

Current continuity

In 2025, AAU and Nafis announced full scholarships for UAE nationals in the Bachelor of Pharmacy programme, extending the University's use of partnership-based educational access and national workforce development.

Institutional conclusion

AAU's strength under SDG 1 is its connected access pathway: financial assistance opens the door to study, student support sustains progression, professional development improves economic prospects, and community partnerships direct University service toward social need.

Public evidence register

The following public sources support the institutional framework, implementation evidence and continuity presented in this report.

ID	Public source	Relevance	Link
E01	United Nations SDG 1 No Poverty	Goal context	Open evidence
E02	AAU SDG 1 institutional page	University SDG framework	Open evidence
E03	AAU financial aid and scholarships	Financial access	Open evidence
E04	AAU Student Finance Policy	Governance of student finance	Open evidence
E05	AAU Career Development and Training Exhibition 2024	Employment access	Open evidence
E06	AAU Professional Development Series 2024	Job readiness	Open evidence
E07	AAU wins third place in Aoun Award 2024	Structured community service	Open evidence
E08	AAU supports Ramadan Aman 2024	Community solidarity	Open evidence
E09	AAU students visit elderly care home 2024	Support for older people	Open evidence
E10	AAU and Nafis full Pharmacy scholarships 2025	Continuity and workforce access	Open evidence