

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Contribution to SDG 2 Zero Hunger

Institutional position

Al Ain University's contribution to SDG 2 combines food and nutrition education, sustainable-agriculture learning, health promotion, responsible food practices and community service. The College of Pharmacy's Nutrition and Dietetics expertise gives AAU a strong academic platform for translating food security and healthy-diet priorities into practical learning.

The 2024 evidence shows this approach in action through the My Farming My Self Sufficiency workshop with the General Women's Union, obesity and diabetes awareness activities, student engagement with Gulfood and Future Foods, and continued participation in Ramadan Aman. Campus waste and sustainability programmes add an operational dimension by addressing organic waste and responsible consumption.

Principal strengths

Strength area	AAU institutional strength
Nutrition expertise	Academic programmes and public-health activities translate nutrition science into healthier community choices.
Food security learning	Applied workshops connect agriculture, self-sufficiency and household capability.
Industry exposure	Students engage with food-sector innovation and future-food technologies.
Food responsibility	Community distribution and campus waste practices connect food access with responsible consumption.

Institutional approach

AAU addresses food security through education, applied science and community engagement. Nutrition and pharmacy activity strengthens understanding of diet-related health, while sustainability programmes encourage efficient use of resources and reduced food waste.

This model aligns student learning with UAE food-security priorities. It develops professional capability, supports informed household choices and creates community-facing opportunities through partnerships with government, industry and charitable organisations.

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
My Farming My Self Sufficiency	AAU and the General Women's Union delivered practical learning on cultivation, self-reliance and responsible consumption.	E04
Obesity awareness day	Nutrition students and an external medical partner provided guidance on healthy diet, exercise and prevention.	E05
Diabetes and Quality of Life	The University delivered public-health education linking diet and lifestyle with prevention and wellbeing.	E06
Gulfood and Future Foods	Students explored food-sector technologies, trends and professional practice at a major industry platform.	E07
Ramadan Aman	AAU supported the organised preparation and distribution of Iftar meals while reinforcing road safety and volunteer values.	E08

Strengths across University functions

University function	Contribution and strength
Education	Nutrition and Dietetics education prepares graduates to support food, health and wellbeing priorities through evidence-based practice.
Research and innovation	Pharmacy, health and sustainability research provides a platform for work on nutrition, agriculture, food systems and responsible resource use.
Campus practice	Waste-reduction arrangements include organic and inorganic waste treatment, recycling and measures to reduce paper and plastic consumption.
Community engagement	AAU uses workshops, health days and volunteering to turn food-security knowledge into accessible community learning and service.

Current continuity

The University's continuing environmental programme and later health-education activities maintain attention to sustainable consumption, nutrition literacy and community wellbeing beyond the 2024 evidence cycle.

Institutional conclusion

AAU's strength under SDG 2 lies in the connection between nutrition education, practical self-sufficiency, food-sector innovation, responsible campus practice and community action. This gives the University a credible multidisciplinary route to food security and healthier lives.

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 2 Zero Hunger	Goal context	Open evidence
E02	AAU SDG 2 institutional page	University SDG framework	Open evidence
E03	AAU GreenMetric waste programme	Organic waste and responsible consumption	Open evidence
E04	My Farming My Self Sufficiency workshop 2024	Agriculture and self-sufficiency	Open evidence
E05	AAU obesity awareness day 2024	Nutrition education	Open evidence
E06	Diabetes and Quality of Life event 2024	Diet and prevention	Open evidence
E07	AAU students visit Gulfood and Future Foods 2024	Food-sector innovation	Open evidence
E08	AAU supports Ramadan Aman 2024	Food distribution and service	Open evidence
E09	AAU Annual Report 2023 2024	Institutional implementation	Open evidence
E10	AAU Sustainability Research Center	Research platform	Open evidence