

ANNUAL SDG-1 NO POVERTY REPORT



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SDG 1: NO POVERTY

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Chittagong University in Bangladesh plays a significant role in supporting Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG 1), which aims to eradicate poverty in all its forms everywhere. By providing comprehensive financial support to students, the university enhances access to quality higher education for economically disadvantaged families, thereby contributing to poverty alleviation—a core objective of SDG 1. Here's how Chittagong University's initiatives align with and support this goal:

Subsidized Education and Living Costs: The university offers highly subsidized tuition, dormitory accommodations, transportation, and library facilities. In 2024, it provided dormitory facilities to 6,703 students, approximately 25% of its total student population. These subsidies make education more accessible and affordable, reducing the financial burden on students and their families. Additionally, non-resident students receive other facilities at equally subsidized rates.

Gender Inclusion: Of the students receiving subsidized dormitory and meal facilities, 3,755 (57%) are male and 2,948 (43%) are female, demonstrating the university's commitment to non-discriminatory support. This inclusive approach ensures that education and its resultant benefits reach a broad demographic, contributing to reduced inequalities.

Affordable Costs: The university charges an average of Tk. 2700 (approximately 23 USD) per semester for resident students, covering tuition fees, transportation, and dormitory charges. This low cost ensures that education is attainable for students from low-income families, thus directly supporting the goal of poverty reduction.

Partnerships for Financial Aid: Chittagong University collaborates with private sponsors such as rotary clubs, commercial banks, and welfare foundations like 'Moral Parenting' to offer additional financial aid. These partnerships enhance the university's capacity to support economically disadvantaged students, further aligning with SDG 1 by broadening the scope and impact of its financial assistance programs.

Through these activities, Chittagong University not only provides essential educational opportunities but also actively participates in the broader social effort to lift families out of poverty, supporting the overarching objectives of SDG 1 and contributing to societal progress.