Report on SDG 1 Progress Towards No Poverty



Daffodil International University

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SDG1:

Sustainable Development Goal 1, one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2015, calls for the end of poverty in all forms. The official wording is: "No Poverty".

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DIU's Contributions and Progress:

Number of low-income students receiving financial aid

Category	Number/percentage
Full waiver/ 100% scholarship/financial aid	300+
Partial scholarship/waiver/financial aid	7100+
% of financial aid receiving students to total students	43%+
Female students received financial aid	2200+

Majority of DIU Students come from Poor Family:

Daffodil International University (DIU) is operating in Bangladesh, a developing country. Given the fact that its fees are 40% lower than other private universities, rural and underprivileged students are attracted due to the lower financial capacity of their parents. Currently, over ninety percent (90%) of DIU students come from a rural background. These students consist of the children of farmers, household workers, street workers, rickshaw pullers, drivers, i.e., parents from a lower income background. They can ill afford to stay in proper urban accommodation. The university provides access to subsidized accommodation and food facilities for the poor but meritorious students with a low cost.

Students coming from a rural background	90%+
Subsidized accommodation facilities for students	5000+
Subsidized food facilities for students	15000+

Scholarship Facilities for poor students at DIU:

- DIU Scholarship
- Need-based Waiver
- Talent Scholarship Program
- Freedom Fighter Quota Waiver
- Scholarship for 'Are you the next startup?'
- Chairman Endowment Fund Scholarship
- Lutfar Rahman Scholarship
- Razia Begum Scholarship
- Mofiz Uddin Majumder Scholarship

- Delwar Hussain Chowdhury Scholarship
- Late Hafez Md. Abdur Rahim and Late Mrs. Jarina Begum Scholarship
- Late Professor Dr. Ahmad Husain and Late Mrs. Mahbuba Hossain Scholarship
- Akij Group (Trust) Scholarship
- Talent hunt scholarship for foreign students https://daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/int-scholarship/scholarship-int

Link: https://daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/scholarship

One Student One Laptop initiative:

Till date more than 50000 laptops have been distributed to students free of cost

At university, however, these students are expected to be IT enabled, i.e., to have adequate access to computers and computing facilities to do their assignments, projects, online discussions and report writing. However, it has been found that the majority of these students are unable to purchase their own laptops for their personal use due to lack of money. The University has taken initiative to provide one laptop to every student under the project "One Student One Laptop" so that the students coming from poor and underprivileged families can use laptops to advance their IT-based knowledge and they do not lag behind due to their poverty. Till date more than 50000 laptops have been distributed to students free of cost.

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Contributions to Knowledge:

The researchers of Daffodil International University conducted research and subsequently published the research results in reputed journals that contributed to the knowledge domain of SDG-1. Below is a highlight of such contribution:

Sl.	Article Title
	SARS-CoV-2 emerging Omicron subvariants with a special focus on BF.7 and XBB.1.5
1	recently posing fears of rising cases amid ongoing COVID-19 pandemic
	Application of a distributed verification in Islamic microfinance institutions: a sustainable
2	model
	Methods of Urea Fertilizer Application Influence Growth, Yield, and Nitrogen Use Efficiency
3	of Transplanted Aman Rice
4	A Stupendous Statistics on the Pandemic Impact on All Sectors of Bangladesh
5	Dryland Livestock Rearing Relies Heavily on Tree fodders: A Narrative Review
	The Impact of Green Entrepreneurship on Social Change and Factors Influencing AMO
6	Theory
	Psychological impact of school closure and social isolation on female students during Covid-
7	19: A case study from Bangladesh
	Exploring the nexus between fiscal decentralization and energy poverty for China: Does
8	country risk matter for energy poverty reduction?
	Economic Viability and Seasonal Impacts of Integrated Rice-Prawn-Vegetable Farming on
9	Agricultural Households in Southwest Bangladesh

	Iron replacement therapy in iron deficiency anemia: A perspective revisited for low-and
10	middle-income countries
	Impact of lockdown due to COVID-19 on nutrition and food security of the selected low-
11	income households in Bangladesh
12	Farmers' livelihood and adaptive capacity in the face of climate vulnerability
13	Sentiment Analysis from User-Generated Reviews of Ride-Sharing Mobile Applications
14	IoT-Based Low-Cost Automated Irrigation System for Smart Farming

Poor Students Admission Target

UNESCAP Website mentions that 90% students of DIU are from poor families

The actions taken under SDG 4 section in the report of the UNESCAP Website mentions that more than 90% students of Daffodil International University are from poor families. They are also the first-generation students in their families who could reach tertiary level education.

Link: https://sdghelpdesk.unescap.org/sites/default/files/2020-

10/Daffodil%20Intenational%20University%20Case%20Study_SDG%20Help%20Desk.pdf

Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) Admission Policy:

DISS works for the underprivileged students and also creates market for the energetic, enthusiastic unemployed youths. Besides DISS will accommodate as well as their manual education. Moreover, it plans to create jobs for their interests. The admission policy of DISS covers admission opportunity for the Underprivileged children, Orphans etc.

Link: https://daffodil.social/index.php/admission

Publicly available DIU Admission notice:

The publicly available admission notice of Daffodil International University clearly mentions waiver, scholarship and quota facilities for poor students.

Link: https://m.facebook.com/daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/posts/10158774812442203/

Support Services for Poor Students at DIU

Subsidized Accommodation Facilities:

Policy: Accommodation Facilities and Policy Guidelines:

Link: https://sustainability4d.daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/accomondation-facilities-policy

Student Hostel Facilities:

Tota students' accommodation in hostels	5000+

Male Hostel:



Female Hostel Facility:

There are three hostels for female students' accommodation at DIU.

- 1. Rowshan Ara Scholars Garden 1
- 2. Rowshan Ara Scholars Garden 2
- 3. DISS Female Hall



Hostel Facilities:

In-room Amenities

- One Bed per Student shall be offered
- Fully furnished rooms with beds & underbed drawers
- Study tables & Chair
- Tube lights & Fan
- Dustbin in each room
- 300 square feet spacious room

Self Help Amenities

- Laundry Service
- Filter Water facility to be provided
- Medical facility available with first aid/ provided to sick Residents
- Doctor on call number(s) to be shared with the students
- Dining area

Cost-Effective Living Option

- Cost-effective compared to other living options
- Get all services together in the single hall cost
- Long corridor infront of room
- · Separate balcony in each room

Electricity & Internet

- Electricity facility
- Generator service available (Need Based)
- Broadband and wifi service

Housekeeping

- Rooms
- Washrooms
- · Common areas are cleaned on a daily basis

Entertainment

- Common Room
- Indoor games like carrom, chess, table tennis etc.

Hall facilities: https://hall.daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/

Subsidized Food Facilities:

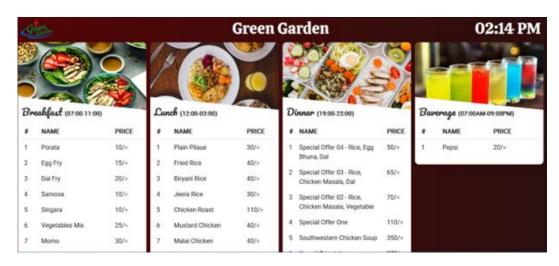
Providing subsidized food for students through GreenGarden and Startup Food	15000+
Providing subsidized food for staff	1200+

Green Garden Restaurant:

Green Garden Restaurant is operating adjacent to the green campus of DIU at Dattapara, Birulia, Savar, Dhaka. The Green Garden Restaurant offers a great tasting and delicious variety of foods based on the choice of different categories of students and staff including vegetarian, nonvegetarian, etc. with WiFi facility. The Restaurant provides fresh, organic and hygiene foods in order to satisfy its customers. The Green Garden is an initiative by the students of DIU and is being used as a Lab of NFE and THM Students.



Food choice and menu: https://greengarden.daffodil.university/display-board



Startup Food available at DIU Foodcourt:

Startup Food is the initiative from DIU to increase the food facilities with nutrition, hygiene and quality for Students, staff and guests in campus in an affordable manner.

Link: https://pd.daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/startup-food









Food Court for healthy food at DIU

Subsidized Transportation:





Students Shuttle Bus



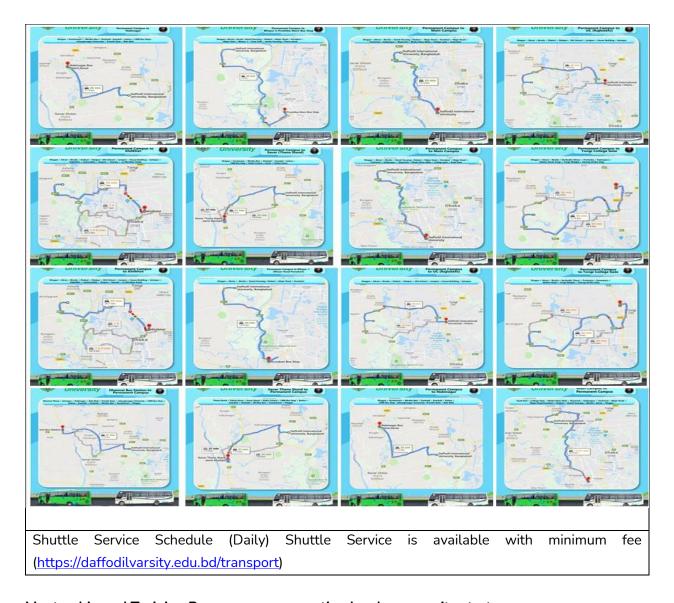


Students Shuttle Bus Parking

DIU Official Mini-bus



Zero-emission vehicles: DIU Electric Car & Bi-cycle for movement in campus



Mentorship and Training Programmes supporting local community startup:

1. Mentorship Program on Global Entrepreneurs Week for Startup Entrepreneurs

The Daffodil Entrepreneurs' Club of DIU organized a mentorship programme on Global Entrepreneurs Week for Startup Entrepreneurs. The visionary leader and successful entrepreneur of Bangladesh and Chairman of Daffodil International University, Dr. Md. Sabur Khan conduced a mentoring session based on his experience and learning to grow and sustain a startup. The Global Entrepreneurs Week



2023 will be a great opportunity for those entrepreneurs.

2. Training on Road to Entrepreneurship





Training on Road to Entrepreneurship organized by the Daffodil Entrepreneurship Club in collaboration with the Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship of DIU for the young startup entrepreneurs. The training was conducted by Mr. Ahsan Rony, Founder & CEO at Travel Bangladesh, and Ms. Afsana Ferdousi, Founder, CEO and Creative Head at Afsana Ferdousi and Co-Founder at Art Artist Artisan. They shared their insights and expertise on entrepreneurship in tourism & hospitality management and entrepreneurship in textile & fashion designing, respectively. It was also an opportunity for them to network with other entrepreneurs, business professionals, and students. The participants got certificates after completion of the training.

3. Session on Unlocking the Potential of Technology for Business Growth: Exploring Tools and Strategies



The Daffodil Entrepreneurs Club of DIU organized an online session on Unlocking the Potential of Technology for Business Growth: Exploring Tools and Strategies. Mr. Tanvir Ahmed Khan, Cofounder & Chief Technology Officer, Robust Research and Development Ltd. was the Keynote Speaker. The entrepreneurs from students and local startups took part in the programme and learnt a lot from the expert.

4. Session on Startup Business and Bank Financing



The Daffodil Entrepreneurs' Club organized a Session on Startup Business and Bank Financing with a view of unraveling the Secrets of Startup Success and Bank Financing. The session was addressed by Mr. Md Kafi Khan, Company Secretary, The City Bank Limited. He highlighted the keys to unlocking their startup's potential and securing the bank financing they need to take it to the next level. Mr. Kamruzzaman Didar, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, DIU chaired the online session. Local startup owners took part in the session.

5. Session on "How to Start Export Business in SME Scale"



An online session on "How to Start Export Business in SME Scale" and unlock the secrets to international success was organized by the Daffodil Entrepreneurs' Club. Mr. Jahid Hussain, an experienced International Business Development professional in the field of Pharmaceuticals, Electronics and Food & Beverage sector was the trainer.

Learnings of the session were:

- ✓ New Export Market Identification
- Finding product opportunities

- ✓ Global market analysis process
- Pricing, marketing & promotional activities

6. Workshop on Unlock the Power of Content Marketing for Startups



Daffodil Entrepreneurs' Club of DIU organized a workshop on "Unlock the Power of Content Marketing for Startups" to learn how to craft compelling content that drives growth and engagement. The workshop was addressed by Mr. Debabrata Bhowmik, Sr. Principal Officer, Brand Research & Development, Marketing & Communications, Walton Hi-tech Industries Plc.

Learnings of the workshop:

- The basics of content marketing
- How to create content that is relevant, engaging, and informative for your startup
- Content marketing strategies
- •Create content aligned with startup goals.
- •Track content impact effectively.

7. Workshop on Fundraising for Startup

A workshop on **Fundraising for Startups** was organized by the Daffodil Entrepreneurs" Club in collaboration with the Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship of DIU. The speaker of the workshop was Mr. Mahfijur Rahman, Investment Associate (Venture Capital & Private Equity), Bangladesh Venture Capital Limited.

Learnings of the workshop:

- 1. Crafting a compelling investor pitch.
- 2. Exploring different funding options.
- 3. Building valuable networking connections



- 4. Strategies for scaling with raised funds.
- 5. Overcoming fundraising challenges.

8. Online Session on Public Speaking



An online session on Public Speaking was held at Daffodil International University for the young entrepreneurs to discuss and train them to know how to deliver a compelling presentation that will be widely accepted by the audience. Mr. Md Monjur, Director, Mahtab's Care and Former President, Dhaka University Entrepreneurship Development Club.

Learnings of the session:

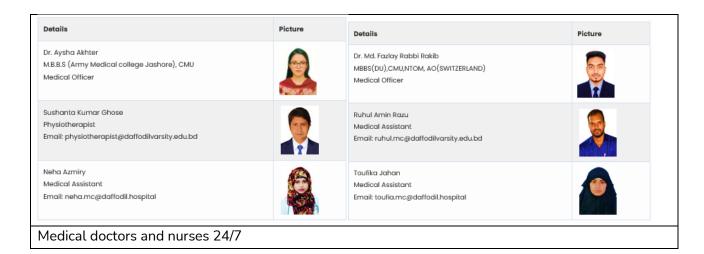
- 1. How to convey your ideas clearly and persuasively
- 2. How to boost your confidence
- 3. How to make your speech more engaging with audience
- 4. How to manage anxiety and nervousness
- 5. How to respond confidently to the audiences

Ensured Basic services access at DIU

DIU Medical Center sexual and reproductive health-care services



DIU Medical Center provides sexual and reproductive health-care services including information and education services. The center has full time doctors (both male and female) to provide necessary sexual and reproductive health-care services of both male and female students and employees. The local residents also get sexual and reproductive health-care services on some programme basis.



Link: https://daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/medical/diu-medical-center

List of Medical Staff: https://daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/medical/medical-personnel

Support from DIU Psychological Center

The professional mental health experts of DIU Psychological Center help us to reveal the insight and understanding of DIU's students, faculty members, and administrative employees' difficulties and make a positive change scientifically. The services of the center facilitate transformation as a self-independent person, and to deal with different kinds of life challenges effectively.

1000+ students received mental health support and psychological support services from the center in 2022

60+ Staff received mental health support and psychological support services from the center in 2022



The center provides psychological counseling and mental health support to all students, faculty members, and administrative employees of DIU. Whatever the case will be, DIU's psychologists carefully listen to their concerns and strive to assist them in developing strategies that help to deal with mental challenges.

DIU Psychological Center link: https://dsa.daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/index.php/services-we-offer

World Food Day 2022: Leaving No One Hungry for a Sustainable Future

The Department of Nutrition and Food Engineering at Daffodil International University celebrated World Food Day 2022 with a focus on the theme "Leave NO ONE behind." Their dedication to ensuring safe and nutritious food aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 2, "Zero Hunger,"



aiming to eliminate hunger and malnutrition for a sustainable and equitable future.



Eid Bazar for Deprived-2023: A Celebration of Community and Giving

In a heartwarming display of community spirit and commitment to the SDGs, the Social Business Students' Forum (SBSF) organized the 'Eid Bazar for Deprived-2023.' This event exemplifies the essence of SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) by providing essential items to 52 underprivileged families, enabling them to

celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with joy and dignity. The act of giving back to the community is at the core of SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), as it reflects the collective effort to create a more inclusive and equitable society.



Art of Giving 2023: Spreading Joy and Nourishment

On May 17, 2023, Daffodil Family-Bangladesh, in collaboration with the Art of Giving Community, KIIT & KISS India, celebrated the 'Art of Giving' day by distributing food packets to support staff across four different locations in Bangladesh. This event contributed to SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and emphasized humanitarian causes and

promoting peace, joy, and harmony in the world, with Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman of the Daffodil Family, playing a key role in these efforts.

Nurturing Healthy Futures: DIU Nutrition Students' Community Outreach

The final-year students of Daffodil International University's Department of Nutrition and Food Engineering, Batch 201, undertook a Community Outreach activity to promote SDG 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing). They visited primary schools in Birulia, Savar, and Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) to raise awareness about nutrition and healthy habits among young students. Through interactive methods like role-plays, poster presentations, guizzes, and



games, they conveyed vital nutritional knowledge, emphasizing the importance of a balanced diet and physical activity for a healthier lifestyle. These students are actively contributing to healthier futures for their communities.

Celebrating Kathal (Jackfruit) Festival: Promoting Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity



Daffodil International University organizes the annual Katal (Jackfruit) Festival to promote the jackfruit as a national treasure and elevate it to international prominence. This event aligns with various UN Sustainable Development Goals, including responsible consumption and production and sustainable agriculture. The goal is to make jackfruit a global favorite, and systematic planning goes into each festival. The university hopes for increased participation from individuals, institutions, and government bodies related to agriculture in the upcoming seasons, extending

gratitude to students for their enthusiastic involvement in the festival's success.

The Hepatitis 'B' Virus or Liver Cirrhosis Immunization Program Arranged by DIU





One in every twelve people of the world are affected by Hepatitis 'B'. The Hepatitis 'B' Virus or Liver Cirrhosis Immunization Program was arranged by Social Business Students' Forum (SBSF) of DIU and managed by Family and Community Empowerment Support (FACES). This was organized as part of DIU's social responsibility with the motto of elimination of hepatitis B thinking about the

health and safety of everyone including the students of the University. The three doses of the vaccine were given by arranging three camps between May to August 2022.

More than one thousand students, employees, faculty and local community people got Hepatitis 'B' vaccine under the program. There is a need to be fully aware of this virus and getting vaccinated against 'Hepatitis B' virus helps to protect ourselves and our surroundings, and our families.

Community Health Outreach: Free Check-up Campaign in Daffodil Smart City



Daffodil International University, in alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals, conducted a successful "Community Health Outreach" event, focusing on Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Collaborating with the DIU Medical Center and Department of Public Health, the event provided free medical checkups, healthcare advice, and educational sessions to over 120 local residents. The university's commitment to social responsibility and access to quality healthcare was evident in this initiative, which marks the beginning of ongoing efforts to support the

community's well-being. Stay tuned for more updates on their mission to create a healthier and happier community.

Activities and Events:

Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS): Nurturing Vulnerable Children for a Sustainable Tomorrow



The Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS), inaugurated on November 14, 2022, is a non-profit organization with a mission to uplift extremely poor and underprivileged children. Inspired by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in India, DISS aims to nurture these children into valuable contributors to society while emphasizing values and respect. The initiative aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is part of Daffodil International

University and Daffodil Foundation's commitment to academic social responsibility. The inauguration was graced by Prof. Dr. Achyut Samanta, founder of KIIT and KISS, and attended by Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman of Daffodil International University, along with other university officials and project leaders. DISS represents a commitment to creating a brighter, more sustainable future for underprivileged children.

Empowering Entrepreneurial Leadership: Daffodil Leadership Summit 2023

The Daffodil Leadership Summit 2023, hosted by the Faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship at



Daffodil International University in Birulia, Dhaka, gathered over 100 students and educators to inspire and educate on entrepreneurial leadership. Accomplished women entrepreneurs, including Ms. Selima Ahmad, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, and Ms. Kohinoor Yeasmin, shared their insights. The event featured a panel discussion led by Dr. Md. Shibli Shahriar, aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting entrepreneurial leadership and gender equality. Professor Dr. Mohammed Masum Iqbal,

the Dean of the Faculty, expressed gratitude to the guests and participants for their contributions.

Empowering Entrepreneurs for the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Industry-Academia Lecture Series

Mr. Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, Chairman and CEO of PRAN-RFL Group, delivered a keynote address at the 'Industry-Academia Lecture Series on Essential Qualities of an Entrepreneur to meet the Challenges of Fourth Industrial Revolution.' This event, organized by the Industrial Innovation Center (IIC) at Daffodil International University, emphasized the role of private sector entrepreneurs in Bangladesh in boosting production and creating jobs despite various challenges. Mr. Chowdhury's



insights align with SDGs related to economic growth and decent work.

DIU Accelerator Cup 2023: Fostering Entrepreneurial Excellence



The DIU Accelerator Cup 2023 held at Daffodil Smart City in Dhaka celebrated student entrepreneurship and innovation, aligning with SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). Daffodil International University students from various departments showcased their entrepreneurial competing for the best startup title. Winners received seed funds and internships at leading startups, with Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, the university's Chairman, emphasized the institution's commitment to fostering

entrepreneurship and economic growth. These promising winners are expected to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs through their entrepreneurial journey.

Global Entrepreneurship Week 2022: Empowering Bangladesh's Entrepreneurs for a Sustainable Future

From November 14 to 20, 2022, Bangladesh joined the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) in celebrating Global Entrepreneurship Week. This worldwide initiative, supported by 20,000 partners across 200 countries, featured 40,000 activities to inspire and empower nearly 10 million individuals in entrepreneurship development. As a GEN member country, Bangladesh's participation in Global Entrepreneurship Week 2022 aims to raise awareness and empower aspiring entrepreneurs,



contributing to the growth of a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in the nation. This event aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by fostering innovation, economic growth, and sustainable business practices for a better future.

Empowering Entrepreneurs: DIU's 1st Entrepreneurs' Reunion -2022



In alignment with SDG, the Department of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Daffodil International University organized its inaugural "1st Entrepreneurs' Reunion -2022." This successful celebrated entrepreneurs while fostering connections between current students and alumni entrepreneurs. The program was graced by the presence of the university's Honorable Chairman, Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Faculty Chancellor. Deans. members. entrepreneurs, and students at the International

Conference Hall, Daffodil Smart City, Ashulia. Entrepreneurs of the country create jobs for others and indirectly contribute to the poverty alleviation of families.