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SDG 1 Progress Report 2023

University of Dhaka



SDG 1: No Poverty

The first SDG, “End poverty in all its forms everywhere”, has been aligned with one of the founding values of the University of Dhaka. The public university offers education at a minimum cost, allowing students of all economic classes to be included based on merit. Furthermore, we offer various need-based scholarship packages to poor students. The main focus is to combat poverty by creating opportunities for the bottom household income students.

In 2023, our progress to no poverty has seen remarkable engagement in the forms of scholarship and stipend opportunities. Simultaneously our scholars have been researching how to alleviate poverty and collaborating with national and global partners to outreach programs promoting entrepreneurship and rural development.

- The Faculty of Engineering and Technology has collaborated with the University of West Florida, USA to arrange an outreach program with a budget of 600,000 BDT and 33,000 BDT monthly donation for six months in the rural areas of Bangladesh. The aim of the outreach initiative is to encourage engineering education and entrepreneurship in rural communities.
- Multiple research projects by the scholars of the University on poverty reduction and various drivers of poverty have been going on throughout the year. Notable of these are the projects of the Bureau of Economic Research, funded by the University of Dhaka and BER.
- Department of Zoology, University of Dhaka in association with the Zoological Society of Bangladesh organized the 23rd Biennial International Conference 2023 at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban auditorium, highlighting the theme: Transformation of Poverty through Improvement of Health and Innovative Utilization of Bio-resources. This conference aimed to address the connections between health, biodiversity, and poverty alleviation through sustainable resource management.
- This year, a total of 394 students (50% male, 50% female) have received scholarships from the Faculty of Social Science based on their performance and behaviour. Similarly, 155 students from the Faculty of Biological Science, 24 from the Faculty of Pharmacy, 48 from the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Science, 81 from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, and 36 from the Faculty of Arts have received this scholarship.
- 10 Post-Graduate Students have received a total of 2000 BDT per monthly allowance based on their academic sincerity.

- 566 students from the Faculty of Arts, 113 students from the Faculty of Science, 43 students from the Faculty of Law, and 451 students from the Faculty of Business Studies have received a one-time 900 BDT and monthly 450 BDT grant based on their results.
- On March 16, 2023, a total of 40 students of the university received the Sumitomo Corporation Asia & Oceania Pte. Ltd. Scholarship Based on their needs.
- The Institute of Health Economics has a separate fund called “Welfare Fund” to provide support for students from low-income families to enable them to complete university. From this fund, the institute gives BDT 3000 per month to each needy student. From 01 Jan 2023 to 31 Dec 2023, the two students received this financial support from the institute.
- Similarly, all the departments have poor funds, welfare funds, alumni funds, etc. to assist financially disadvantaged students. For example, this year Department of Management, Khaja Nazim Uddin Scholarship has been awarded to two students. Department of Sanskrit has disbursed 19,000 BDT scholarships to four students from the poor fund and five students from the medical fund. Department of Music has also granted scholarships to two students based on their income level.
- The Department of Banking and Insurance has disbursed a total of 641,000 BDT worth of scholarships in collaboration with Community Bank. 43 male students and 19 female students have received the scholarship.
- The Department of Finance has granted 15,000 BDT scholarship per student to 40 financially disadvantaged students partnering with Lanka Bangla Securities Ltd.
- We also provide need-based stipends through our residential halls to ensure a financial safety net for the students who fall under the bottom 20% of household incomes. This year, 18 students from the Surjasen hall, 25 students from the Muktijoddha Zia Hall, 6 students from the Jagannath Hall, 12 students from the Fajlul Haque Muslim Hall, 19 students from the Sir A F Rahman Hall, 23 students from the Bijoy 71 Hall, 20 students from the Bongomata Fajilatunnesa hall, 35 students from the Sufia Kamal Hall, 11 students from the Amar Ekushe Hall, 17 students from the Bangladesh Quait Moitri Hall, 13 students from the Solimullah Muslim Hall, 41 students from the Rokeya Hall, 17 students from Kobi Josim Uddin Hall, 19 students from Hazi Muhammad Muhsin Hall, 18 students from the Shahid Sergent Jahurul Haque Hall, 28 students from the Samsun Nahar Hall and 12 students from the Dr Muhammad

Shahidullah Hall was awarded a allowance of monthly 200 BDT for Bachelors and 300 BDT for Masters students.

- The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation Scholarship has been awarded to 30 students in the 2023-2024 academic year of 37,500 BDT in a single instalment based on their excellent academic performance.