

10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



SDG 10 Progress Report 2023

University of Dhaka



SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

The goal of SDG10 is to “Reduce Inequalities within and among countries”. In perspective to the University of Dhaka, this SDG particularly is very important and significant in terms of achieving. As the largest higher educational arena in Bangladesh, the sense of equality is a very important factor in order to achieve academic and administrative excellence. From the starting till the present, the sense of inequality has been entering the system of the university and developed in a very effective manner. As a result, University of Dhaka has got students from different backgrounds, race, religion, countries and quorum. Being a part of the glorious history of Bangladesh, University of Dhaka always had to stay equal and justified to everyone. Moreover, the impact of this SDG has given the whole university body to create diversification and have more alternatives and options in different research where diversification is a very important factor.

The particular SDG impacted the campus of University of Dhaka in following ways:

- Traditionally, the admission structure of the university admission process was a bit questionable with the quota system, but recently the university has taken the decision to modify the system into a more agreeable structure. There are some quotas for the underprivileged students over the country, who due to failings of infrastructure, could not become competent like the regular students who are going to sit for the admission. The students from the hill-tracts, some specific minority groups, handicapped students who want to continue their higher studies, qualified sportspersons (upon passing the test) and ‘hijra’ are chosen from their pool who want to apply for their specific quota. This quota system actually helps them to get a chance to study at the highest level at the University of Dhaka.
- In case of any offensive inquiry, the university always forms the committee with the people who can not show any bias due to the previous connections with the inquiry subjects. These inquiries are very subject neutral, and due to this - the decisions taken are always welcomed. University of Dhaka is very strict regarding the academic rules, and if any occurrence occurs - then it is ensured that the thing that is done by the committee is following the rulebook of the university.
- The university, divided into departments each, are bound to abide by the rules of delegating the duty of student adviser to one or more of the teachers of that particular department. It results in improvement between the two sides, also it creates less confusion between the students about whom to communicate. It also helps to resolve the issues which are internally created between the students which are not solvable by them. It maintains the overall harmony between the sides.

- The university examination system has the structure of multiple examiners for one exam script in order to get the marking basis on quality. There's a slight chance of bias if in any case the psychology of a teacher judges a student in a different way. University of Dhaka addressed this issue a long time ago, modifying this structure into a 3-examiner policy in the final exams of the semester/year of every department.
- The university ensures the proper facilities for both male and female gender in case of any service or any academic issue. In case of infrastructural issues, they are also taken care of with equal sincerity. For the betterment of students, there are counseling sessions available with the Department of Psychology, Department of Clinical Psychology and the Teacher-Students Center.
- Due to financial constraints, many students suffer from problems like income strain or medical problems. The University of Dhaka recently introduced the part-time job concept inside the campus which may help the students with this issue up to a certain extent. Also, for medical expenses, all students are subscribed to the health insurance policy.
- There are monitoring cells at different levels of university to keep the matter of inequality in checkup frequently. These monitoring cells are very proactive in case of taking care of the students who need help in case of any occurrence.
- The current number of students from foreign countries are very less, but the authority of the university ensures that the university is making them feel undeprived in the privileges they shall get. A hall is dedicated to the foreign students of the university for this particular purpose. By this way, this university makes sure that the students from the international arena get the same opportunities here at the university.