

5 GENDER EQUALITY



SDG 5 Progress Report 2023

University of Dhaka



SDG 5: Gender Equality

Sustainable Development Goal 5 stands for “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls” which encompasses a multifaceted approach toward achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, with particular emphasis on eradicating gender-based discrimination, facilitating equitable opportunities, and promoting gender parity across societal stratifications. The University of Dhaka (DU) demonstrates substantial concordance with these objectives through its institutionalized commitment to fostering an egalitarian academic ecosystem that catalyses female participation in tertiary education, scholarly pursuits, and administrative leadership.

The University of Dhaka's gender equality initiatives are strategically aligned with specific SDG 5 indicators, manifesting through various systematic interventions:

- The University of Dhaka celebrated International Women’s Day on 6th March, 2023 to promote gender equality and women empowerment to achieve their full potential in higher education and beyond.
- The Department of Women and Gender Studies organized various programs including poster presentations, and cultural programs with the theme 'Making Digital Space Safer for All', on International Women’s Day on 6th March 2023.
- The International Conference on “Gender, Social Justice and Sustainable Development: The Asian Perspective was arranged on 8th August 2023 by the Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Center for Gender and Development Studies at the University of Dhaka to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women.
- On the occasion of International Women's Day, a seminar titled 'Digital Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality' was held today 7th March 2023 under the initiative of Dhaka University’s Bangmata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Center for Gender and Development Studies to encourage women for continue their excellent work in every academic and other sector to end gender inequality and establish women's rights.
- The Department of Banking and Insurance has published many SDG 5 related publications and projects named “Influence of Perceived Job Flexibility on Work-Family Balance of Women Bank Managers: A Step Towards Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”, “Investing Role of Banks in promoting small and micro businesses owned by women” and “Women and Insurance in Bangladesh: Analyzing Hurdles in Achieving Inclusivity and Diversity” in 2023.

- The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Dhaka provided the Farida Begum Women Empowerment Scholarship to women students in 2023 to empower female students in programming and problem-solving.

Through these systematically implemented initiatives, the University of Dhaka continues to exemplify institutional commitment to SDG 5, fostering an academic environment that promotes gender equality and empowers women to achieve their full potential in higher education and beyond. This comprehensive approach not only addresses immediate concerns but also establishes a sustainable framework for long-term institutional transformation aligned with global gender equality objectives.