

# BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY



## REPORT ON SDG 1

### NO POVERTY



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## **ABSTRACT**

Baku State University (BSU) is actively working to address the "No Poverty" Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 1) by making higher education accessible to a diverse student population. With state scholarships, financial aid for low-income students, and support for socially vulnerable groups, the university ensures that a significant percentage of student's study for free. BSU also offers affordable accommodation, support services, and financial assistance to students in need, making education more inclusive. Additionally, some of its professors are actively involved in policymaking to combat poverty at a broader level. In summary, BSU is committed to reducing poverty through inclusive education and support services.

## **USED DATA**

### **Interdisciplinary policies of BSU:**

1. Accommodation Policy

### **Legislative acts:**

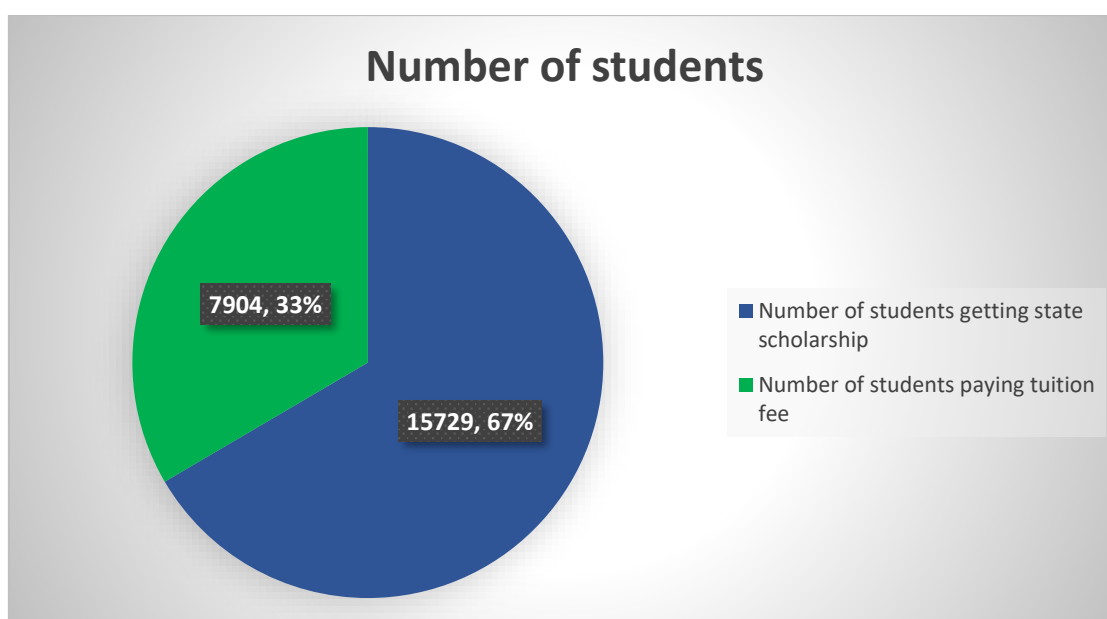
1. [Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on approval of "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for Socio-Economic Development"](#)

## NO POVERTY (SDG 1)

### CURRENT SITUATION

**Number of students** 23 633

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| <b>Number of students getting state scholarship</b>          | 15729 |
| <b>Number of students paying tuition fee</b>                 | 7904  |
| <b>Number of low-income students receiving financial aid</b> | 1304  |
| <b>Number of students getting aid from Students Union</b>    | 200   |



In total, about 70% of university students study for free. Student admission is implemented in centralized order by the State Commission of Students Admission, with test method.

BSU is a state university, and in addition to the paid education, there are also seats which are allocated under the state order. These seats are taken by students, who pass through the competition for free education, gaining more points than competitors, regardless of their material well-being.

However, in accordance with the policy of the Government, part of the socially unprotected groups of students can also study for free, even if they fail to pass for the free seats and can study on a paid basis.

The University is interested in the fact that every student who has been invested effort and knowledge graduates from the university. BSU is a state university, and in addition to the paid education, there are also seats which are allocated under the state order. These seats are taken by students, who pass through the competition for free education, gaining more points than competitors.

However, in accordance to the policy of the government, part of the socially unprotected groups of students can also study for free, even if they fail to pass for the free seats. These groups include: Disabled people of the 1st and 2nd groups, refugees, students from families in which a parent died, who bore the main burden of ensuring the financial stability of the family (by the loss of a breadwinner), disabled veterans' children of Karabakh war.

Mostly, assistance to BSU students from low-income families is provided as free education, and jointly with the student union, targeted material assistance after the application is reviewed and considered.

In accordance with the Accommodation Policy, some students at Baku State University can count on a place in the university dormitory, which is located within walking distance from the main buildings. When considering applications, one of the main criteria for allocating places in a dormitory is the financial need of the student. It should be noted that the cost of living in this hostel is lower than the regional average, and it should also be noted that there are no provisions for travel to the university and back.

The university provides free legal and psychological support to all students and teachers if they apply.

The university is interested in ensuring that all students, regardless of their financial situation, receive higher education. The university is doing everything possible to ensure that as many students as possible are sponsored by the state.

The university provides students with comfortable and inexpensive dorm rooms. (within possibilities)



In cooperation with the Union of Independent Students, financial support is provided to students in dire need. The University supports education lending programs conducted by Azerbaijani banks. In some cases, if a student applies to the university administration with a request to defer tuition fees, the university provides a deferment for several months. Even if our university as a body does not participate in the development of anti-poverty policies, it should be noted that some professors at our university are also deputies of the Milli Majlis. These are some of the most caring and active people who determine public policy in this direction.

## KEY FINDINGS

Key findings from the provided information about Baku State University's efforts to address the "No Poverty" Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 1) include:

**Access to Higher Education** Approximately 70% of university students study for free, indicating a commitment to providing education regardless of financial circumstances.

**State Scholarships** A substantial number of students receive state scholarships, further facilitating access to higher education.

**Financial Aid for Low-Income Students** The university provides financial aid to low-income students, supporting their pursuit of education.

**Inclusive Policies** Socially vulnerable groups, such as disabled individuals, refugees, and families who have lost a breadwinner, can access free education, ensuring a broader range of students can pursue higher education.

**Affordable Accommodation** BSU offers cost-effective dormitory accommodations, with a focus on financial need, reducing living expenses for students.

**Support Services** The university offers free legal and psychological support to all students and teachers, ensuring a supportive learning environment.

**Financial Support** Collaborating with the Union of Independent Students, BSU provides financial assistance to students in dire need and supports education lending

programs. Tuition fee deferments are also available in certain cases.

### **Faculty Involvement**

Some professors at the university are engaged in policymaking, contributing to efforts to combat poverty on a broader scale.

### **FUTURE GOALS**

To further advance their efforts to address the "No Poverty" Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 1), Baku State University (BSU) can consider the following future steps:



By taking these future steps, Baku State University can further its commitment to reducing poverty and ensuring that all students, regardless of their financial situation, have access to quality higher education and support services.