



UNIVERSITY OF OUM EL BOUAGHI

**Report on the United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 1:
No Poverty**

ABSTRACT

This report highlights the efforts and contributions of the University of Oum El Bouaghi in Algeria toward advancing Sustainable Development Goal 1: No Poverty.



Introduction

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent a universal framework addressing the most pressing global challenges. Among them, **SDG 1: No Poverty** seeks to eradicate poverty in all its forms. The **University of Oum El Bouaghi**, Algeria, has made significant progress in ensuring that students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds have equal access to higher education. This commitment directly contributes to the national and global efforts toward poverty reduction. The university's policies, programs, and initiatives reflect its dedication to equity, inclusion, and social justice in line with the principles of SDG 1.

1. Anti-Poverty Framework of the University

As a **public institution**, the University of Oum El Bouaghi strictly adheres to the principles of **free education for all**, as established in **Article 53 of the Algerian Constitution** and reinforced by **Law No. 84-05, Law No. 99-05, Law No. 2000-04, and Law No. 08-06**.

This framework guarantees **free and accessible higher education**, aligning with Algeria's national policy of social inclusion. The university's mission emphasizes that **education is a right, not a privilege**, and therefore no student is excluded based on financial background.

2. Direct Support for Low-Income Students

Graduation and Completion Support

The University of Oum El Bouaghi is dedicated to the academic success of all students regardless of economic status. While there are no specific targets for the bottom 20% income group, the university ensures **equal opportunities** for all to continue their studies and complete their degrees. Students who obtain a Bachelor's degree are eligible to pursue Master's and Doctoral studies **without income-based restrictions**.

Postgraduate Access

Admission to Master's and Doctoral programs is based on **academic merit and national regulations**, ensuring fairness and inclusivity. This structure reinforces the principle that higher education should remain accessible to

everyone, thereby supporting the goals of poverty eradication and upward mobility.

3. Support Services for Low-Income Students

The University provides **comprehensive social support** to students from low-income families, including:

- **Free meals** served daily in university canteens, ensuring healthy and balanced nutrition.
- **Free accommodation** in several residence halls for both male and female students.
- **Free transportation** through urban and semi-urban bus services connecting the university to surrounding areas.

These services aim to remove socio-economic barriers that could hinder academic success and student well-being.

4. Bursaries and Financial Aid

To promote student retention and completion, the university grants **bursaries** to students upon obtaining their **Baccalaureate**. These bursaries are maintained even if a student repeats an academic year and are only suspended after **two consecutive failures**. In addition, the university encourages its staff and students to take part in **associations and solidarity activities** that assist low-income students, reinforcing a culture of compassion and mutual support.

5. Support for International Students from Low-Income Countries

The University of Oum El Bouaghi extends its inclusive policy to **international students**, particularly from **low and lower-middle-income countries** such as Western Sahara, Niger, Mali, Libya, and Palestine. These students benefit from **free tuition, housing, meals, transportation, and healthcare**, embodying the university's commitment to global solidarity and educational equality in line with SDG 1 principles.

6. Promoting Entrepreneurship and Local Development

Through its **Business Incubator**, **Entrepreneurship Support Center**, and **Scientific Complex for Development and Innovation**, the university actively supports students and the local community in creating **sustainable start-ups**.

These structures help transform innovative ideas into viable enterprises by offering training on:

- Business creation and management,
- Idea generation and design thinking,
- Financial planning and business modeling.
- The university also provides **free access to facilities and equipment** to encourage innovation and community-based economic growth.

7. Financial Support for Local Start-Ups

The Business Incubator helps students and entrepreneurs **secure funding** from relevant authorities for their innovative projects. The university also provides access to workspaces and technical resources within the incubator, promoting **financial sustainability and economic empowerment** in the local community.

These actions contribute to **poverty reduction through entrepreneurship**, aligning with SDG 1 and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

8. Training for Access to Basic Services

The University organizes **training sessions and educational programs** to enhance community access to essential services, including:

- **Health, nutrition, and child mortality prevention,**
- **Improved living standards** such as clean water, sanitation, cooking fuel, electricity, housing, and basic assets.

- These programs, coordinated by the **Directorate of University Services** and the **Directorate of Subsidiary Activities**, aim to improve local quality of life and promote sustainable community development.

9. Participation in Policy-Making and Poverty Reduction

The University of Oum El Bouaghi plays an active role in **policy dialogue** at the **local, regional, national, and international levels**. It regularly hosts and participates in **conferences, workshops, and consultations** focused on poverty eradication and sustainable development. Furthermore, **university professors serve as experts** in government and institutional policymaking processes, contributing to the design and implementation of strategies targeting poverty alleviation and economic growth.

Conclusion

The **University of Oum El Bouaghi** has developed a **comprehensive, multidimensional approach** to combating poverty through education, innovation, and community engagement.

By ensuring free access to education, providing direct support to disadvantaged students, promoting entrepreneurship, and contributing to policymaking, the university plays a crucial role in achieving **SDG 1: No Poverty**.

Its inclusive and sustainable model ensures that **“no one is left behind”**, reinforcing its commitment to social equity and economic progress at both the national and global levels.