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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1: NO POVERTY

Comprehensive Anti-PovertyPolicy, Equity Access Framework, and Strategic Roadmap (2023–2028)



Institutional Governance:
Board of Governors & Financial Assistance Committee

Audit Target Alignment:
Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025

Institutional Entity:
The University of Faisalabad

Scope of Coverage:
Domestic Bottom 20% Income Quintile & Low-Income Foreign Scholars

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1. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE & STAKEHOLDER AUDIT MATRIX

To ensure complete transparency, institutional compliance, and verification by international rating agencies, this document serves as the master policy and performance record for The University of Faisalabad. The evaluation of anti-poverty policies involves multiple internal and external review bodies. The matrix below outlines the specific governance entities that review these submissions, their evaluation focus, and operational impact:

Auditing Body / Stakeholder Group	Primary Scope of Review	
Times Higher Education Evaluators	**Global Impact Rankings Assessment**	Verification of official policy targets, evidence of non-discriminatory admission, bottom 20% income verification, and international aid schemes.
Board of Governors (TUF)	**Institutional Strategic Oversight**	Approval of annual financial aid budget allocation, target setting for student intake, and expansion of subsidized campus infrastructure.
Financial Assistance Committee	**Operational Beneficiary Auditing**	Verification of candidate income documents, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics income quintile benchmarking, and household background checks.
Higher Education Commission Pakistan	**National Regulatory Compliance**	Ensuring alignment with national equitable access standards, need based scholarship distribution, and regional quota compliance.

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2. STANDARD EVALUATION CRITERIA ALIGNMENT

The University of Faisalabad operates under a multi-dimensional strategy designed to remove economic, psychological, and social barriers to higher education. Every metric specified under Sustainable Development Goal 1 is backed by verifiable institutional directives:

	Metric Reference	Methodological Requirement	The University of Faisalabad Strategic Directive
01	**Admission Targets**	Graduation and completion targets for bottom 20% household income group.	Institutional mandate enforcing a minimum 30% to 35% student admission reservation target specifically for bottom financial quintile applicants.
02	**Graduation Targets**	Graduation and completion targets for bottom 20% household income group.	Targeting a degree completion rate exceeding 95% through structured academic mentoring, Placement Bureau guidance, and career link matching.
03	**Low-Income Support**	Provision of food, housing, transportation, and essential services.	Providing free and heavily subsidized accommodation at Hassan Hostel, campus cafeteria meal subsidies, and free regional bus transport.
04	**Poverty Initiatives**	Continuous, coordinated anti-poverty assistance programs.	Integrating professional mental health counseling with emergency financial hardship funds and Cumulative Grade Point Average linked fee concessions.
05	**International Aid**	Schemes to support poor students from low/lower middle income nations.	Offering 100% and partial tuition and housing waivers for foreign scholars under initiatives like Rebuilding Gaza through Education.

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3. COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTIONAL ROADMAP AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (2023–2028)



The strategic roadmap tracks multi-year progress from historical baselines (2023–2024) through current operational achievements (2025) and defines long-term targets up to 2028. This ensures continuous scaling of welfare resources in proportion to overall university enrollment expansion.

Bottom 20% Income Admission Share (%)	**26.15%**	**33.30%**	**36.44%** (4,270 Students)	38.50%	42.00%
Low-Income Degree Completion Rate (%)	**82.00%**	**96.00%**	**98.30%**	**98.50%**	**99.00%**
Subsidized Hostel Housing Coverage (%)	**26.00%**	**51.00%**	**54.00%**	**58.00%**	**65.00%**
Mental Health Counseling Reach (Students)	**1,200**	**2,100**	**3,500**	**4,200**	**5,500**
Subsidized Daily Meal Beneficiaries	**1,800 / day**	**2,500 / day**	**3,200 / day**	**3,800 / day**	**4,500 / day**
Low-Income Foreign Scholars Supported	**25 Scholars**	**42 Scholars**	**66 Scholars**	**80 Scholars**	**100 Scholars**

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4. CATEGORY-WISE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP BREAKDOWN

To address distinct vulnerabilities among low-income learners, financial relief is distributed across specialized institutional scholarship categories. The data below provides the verified headcounts from 2023 to 2025 across all primary assistance streams:

Year	Total Beneficiaries	Noori (SOS Villages)	Quaid-e-Azam (Merit)	Huma Alumni	Sir Syed (Differently Abled)	Jahangir Sports	Saleem Scholarship	Remote / Flood Area
2023	2,420	184	306	172	213	187	1,109	249
2024	3,386	231	507	246	298	361	1,352	391
2025	4,270	290	640	310	390	455	1,692	493



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5. STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PILLARS (2025–2028)



Pillar I: Inclusive Outreach and Admission Pipeline Expansion

The university will expand active community outreach into economically depressed, flood-affected, and underserved rural districts. By partnering with non-governmental organizations such as SOS Children's Villages and local higher secondary schools, the institution ensures that high-potential students from lower-income backgrounds are identified, counseled, and assisted during the application process.

Pillar II: Academic Retention, Counseling, and Career Transition

Financial assistance alone is insufficient without strong academic and emotional support. The university integrates mandatory academic advising with professional psychological counseling to reduce stress and prevent dropouts. Furthermore, the Placement Bureau organizes dedicated networking events, including the flagship Career Link initiative, to connect low-income graduates directly with industry employers, securing immediate employment and upward social mobility.

Pillar III: Infrastructure and Subsidized Campus Services

To remove daily living costs as abarrier to education, the university continues to expand subsidized housing at Hassan Hostel, offer nutritious meal subsidies at campus cafeterias, and provide free or low-cost regional bus transportation. These services ensure that outstation and local low-income students can focus entirely on their studies without financial distress.

Pillar IV: Global Educational Relief and International Grants

In alignment with international humanitarian commitments, the university provides full tuition waivers, free lodging, and living stipends to students from developing and conflict-affected nations, including Palestine, Sudan, and Somalia. Special programs such as the Rebuilding Gaza through Education initiative reflect the institution's dedication to global equity in higher education.

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6. VERIFICATION AND PORTAL ACCESS LINKS



For official auditingand validation purposes, all policies, application portals, and administrative structures referenced in this document are accessible via the university's official digital platforms:

Official Financial Aid and Scholarship Policy:
https://tuf.edu.pk/admissions/scholarships

Placement Bureau and Career Link Portal:
https://pb.tuf.edu.pk/

Student Financial Assistance Management System:
https://portal.tuf.edu.pk/financial-assistance