



Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan

**Policy for Community Anti-Poverty Programmes in
connection with United Nations (UN) Sustainable
Development Goals (SDG)**

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Section-1: Definitions

In this Policy Document, unless otherwise specified, or anything repugnant to the Act and Statutes of Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), the following expressions shall have the meanings as follows:

1.1 *Community anti-poverty programmes* is all the purposeful learning activity undertaken to reduce poverty level to the wider community.

1.2 *Measure* is a plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose.

Section-2. Policy

Community Anti-Poverty Programmes

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy document is to provide anti-poverty programmes to BZU community as well as the wider community in general.

2. Scope:

The policy applies to the whole University including its sub campuses.

3. Policy Statement:

This policy intends to facilitate community to access University's resources (educational, financial aid and physical) and activities to all, regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability or gender.

4. Community Anti-Poverty Programmes Measures:

The University owes the responsibility to support the wider community in tackling poverty. There are programmes and/or activities designed and executed by the University to relieve poverty. These programmes can be community-led but they will be supported by the university.

4.1 The University commits itself to providing assistance to the local community in supporting the start-up of sustainable businesses through relevant education or resources. This assistance includes but not limited to:

- i** Allowing community members to join BZU Cohort programme as startups that include free course on entrepreneurship, free space and free assistance in stand-up, start-up and scale-up phases of incubates.
- ii** Providing mentorship programmes,
- iii** Providing vocational, skill and professional development training workshops
- iv** Providing programme specific access to university facilities

4.2 The University may endeavor to do the following, depending on the availability of physical, human and technical infrastructure:

- i** Provide financial assistance to the local community in order to support the start-up of the sustainable businesses through partner organizations.
- ii** Design and implement programmes for services access to the wider community

- iii Host events that are open to the general public for example, public lectures.
- iv Organize training or programmes to improve access to basic services for all.

4.3 All activities related to community start-ups e.g. ‘Call of admissions for local start-ups to join the University free of cost’ are advertised publicly to attract suitable start-ups and to serve wider community.