

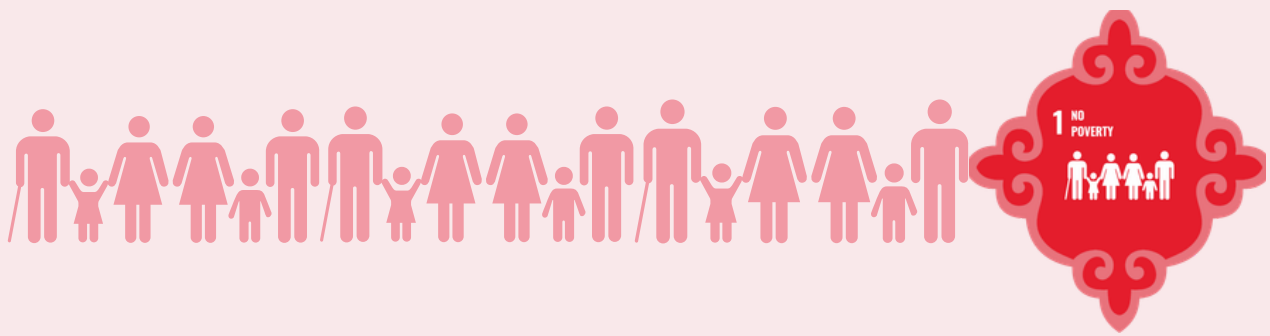


EDUCATING FOR A WORLD WITHOUT POVERTY

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POVERTY



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Introduction

"No Poverty" (SDG 1) is the first UN Sustainable Development Goal, a global commitment to end poverty in all forms by 2030, ensuring everyone, especially the vulnerable, has access to resources, services, and social protection, tackling issues from lack of food and sanitation to inequality, and building resilience against crises like climate change, ultimately aiming for universal dignity and inclusive prosperity.

Nakhchivan State University (NSU) is actively committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1, which aims to "end poverty in all its forms everywhere". The university addresses this goal through a comprehensive, multi-dimensional approach that integrates financial assistance, educational support, and community engagement initiatives to alleviate social inequality and empower its students and the broader community.



"TOGETHER FOR A POVERTY-FREE WORLD."

Empowering students through financial support and inclusive opportunities, Nakhchivan State University is committed to reducing economic barriers and fostering equal access to education for all.



Strategic Focus in 2025

In 2025, NSU continues to provide a large number of scholarships and financial aid to students, including those from disadvantaged or rural backgrounds, reducing economic barriers. The university offers affordable dormitory housing, loans, and support services, helping low-income and international students — thereby promoting inclusiveness and equal opportunity.

Through the increased accessibility of higher education for low-income students, NSU is directly contributing to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty and promoting inclusive excellence in the district.

This is a summary report of the progress, accomplishments and plans of the university for SDG 1 during 2025. It reinforces NSU's historic commitment to ensuring that no student is denied access to college because of inability to pay, and that access to higher education remains a force for opportunity, equity, and enduring change.

Dormitory and Meal Support

Nakhchivan State University provides on-campus dormitory housing for students. The dormitory accommodates hundreds of students.

These such programs were designed to relieve basic expenses of living for students, and instead enable them to concentrate on their scholarship, direct activism and study.

Figure 1. Dormitory and Meal-covered Support Recipients (2022-2025)

Dormitory and food aid both significantly increased in 2025, now serving more than 290 students.

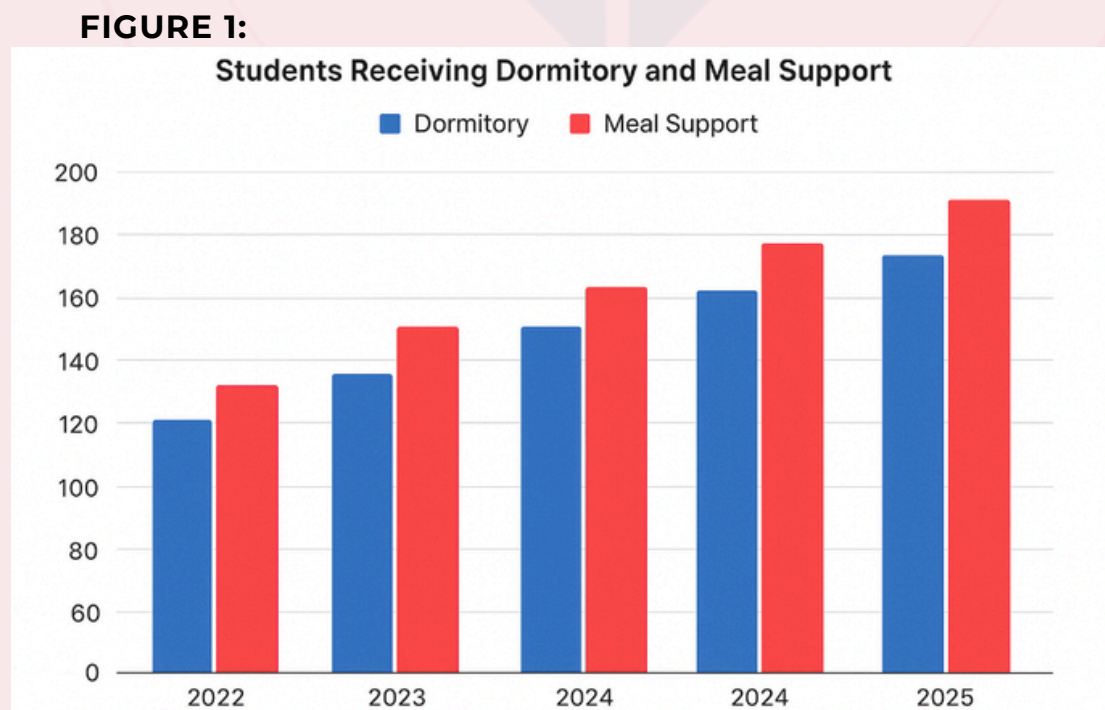
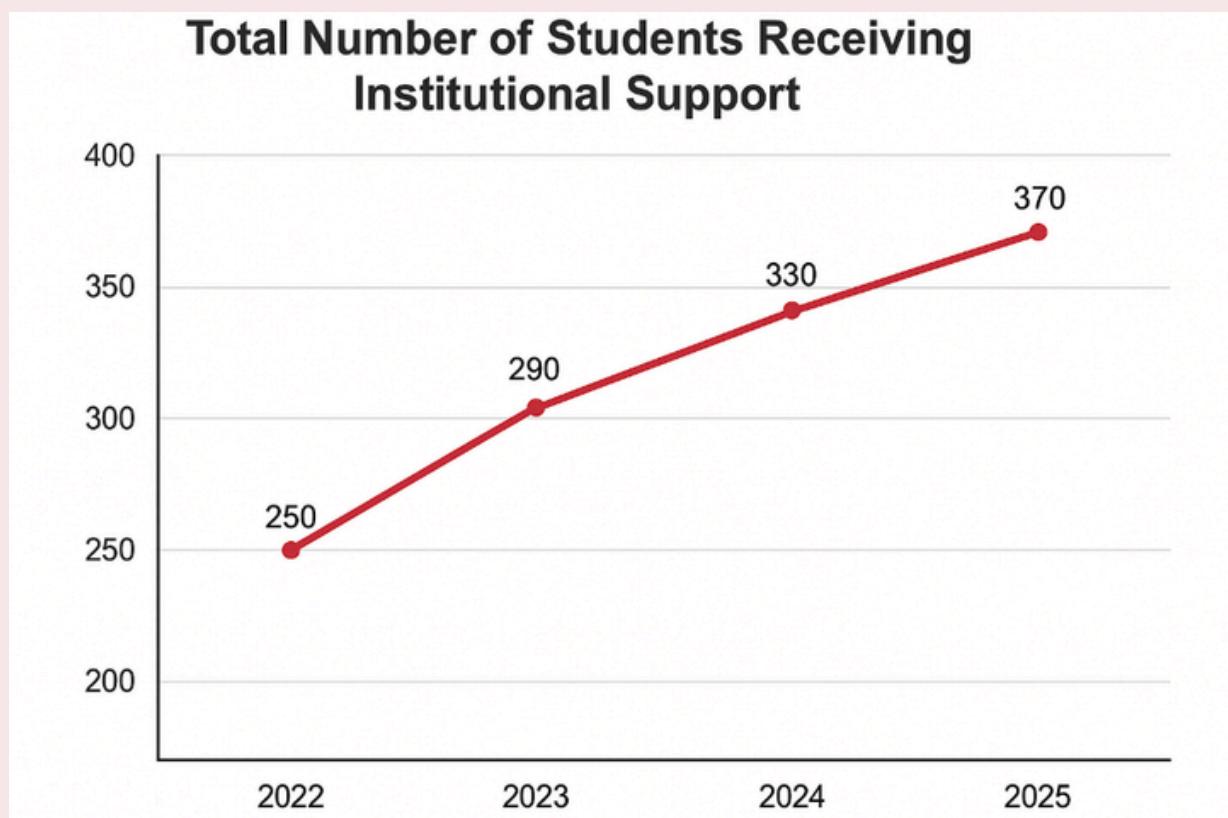




Figure 2. Total number of students who have received an institutional grant or scholarship (2022-2025)

300 per year, the number of students supported institution-wide has increased from 250 in fall 2022 to 370 in fall 2025, a 48% increase in students supported during this time. This increase reflects NSU's responsive and growing keeping pace with the issue of student poverty.

FIGURE 2:



Refund and Reduction of Tuition Charges

NSU had practiced a policy of granting partial or full tuition fee exemptions to the students from low income families, internally displaced persons (IDP) and persons with disabilities based on financial need.

There exists various scholarship for students at Nakhchivan State University. These are:

- 1.Low-income Support Program
- 2.Inclusive Scholarships
- 3.President scholarship
- 4.Scholarship for the Bachelor's degree level
- 5.Scholarship for the Master's degree level
- 6.Scholarship for the Doctoral degree level"
- 7.Targeted scholarship
- 8.Future Teacher Scholarship
- 9.For students up to 23 years old who have lost their parents or are deprived of parental care – Bachelor's degree level.
- 10.For students up to 23 years old who have lost their parents or are deprived of parental care – Master's degree level.
- 11.Entrepreneurship Scholarship
- 12.Individual scholarship

- 13. SABAH Groups Scholarship
- 14. Heydar Aliyev International Education Grant – Scholarship for Foreign Students
- 15. Financial assistance to families of martyrs
- 16. Financial assistance to war veterans and veteran families
- 17. Financial assistance for disability
- 18. Financial assistance to internally displaced persons and so on.

President scholarship

In the Republic of Azerbaijan, it is granted with the purpose of strengthening state support for students who have achieved high results in the field of education, ensuring more favorable conditions for their studies, and increasing their motivation towards education.

Scholarship for the Bachelor's degree level

Regardless of whether students receive education under state order, at the state's expense, or on a paid basis, scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in full-time education (excluding part-time study) at higher and secondary specialized educational institutions based on their overall academic performance.

Targeted scholarship

Regardless of whether students are enrolled under the state order, at the state's expense, or on a paid basis, scholarships are awarded to students studying in the full-time form of education (excluding part-time studies) at higher and secondary specialized education institutions, based on their overall academic performance.

Future Teacher Scholarship

It is awarded to those who score more than 500 points in the entrance exams to higher education institutions and select teaching as their first or second choice of specialty.

SABAH Groups Scholarship

All students studying in SABAH groups are provided with a scholarship of 50 manat for their first semester in the SABAH groups. For the following semesters, the scholarship amount is determined based on the "Procedure for awarding and paying targeted SABAH scholarships to SABAH project (group) students," and students receive scholarships of 50 manat (incentive) or 70 manat (excellent performance).

Financial assistance to families of martyrs

Members of martyr families, war veterans, persons with disabilities of groups I and II, as well as individuals with the status of internally displaced persons, are exempted from paying tuition fees in accordance with the state's social protection policy.

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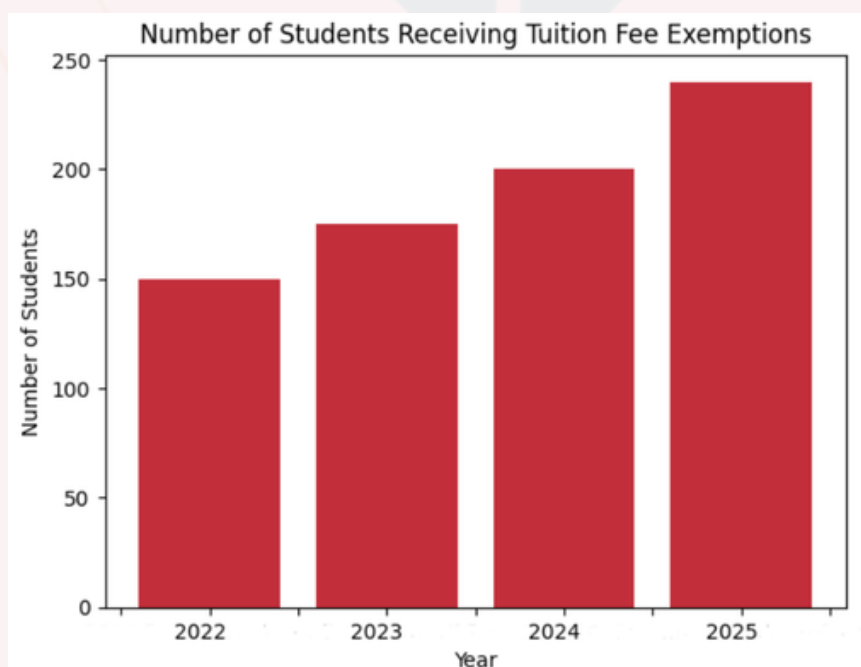
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For students up to 23 years old who have lost their parents or are deprived of parental care – Master's degree level.

Figure 3. High proportion of students on fee waivers (number of students receiving fee waivers 2022–2025)

This number shows an ongoing upward trajectory of students who are receiving tuition waivers, the total number of whom has increased by almost 20% in 2025 from the year before.

FIGURE 3:



Devices and Access to Digital Learning

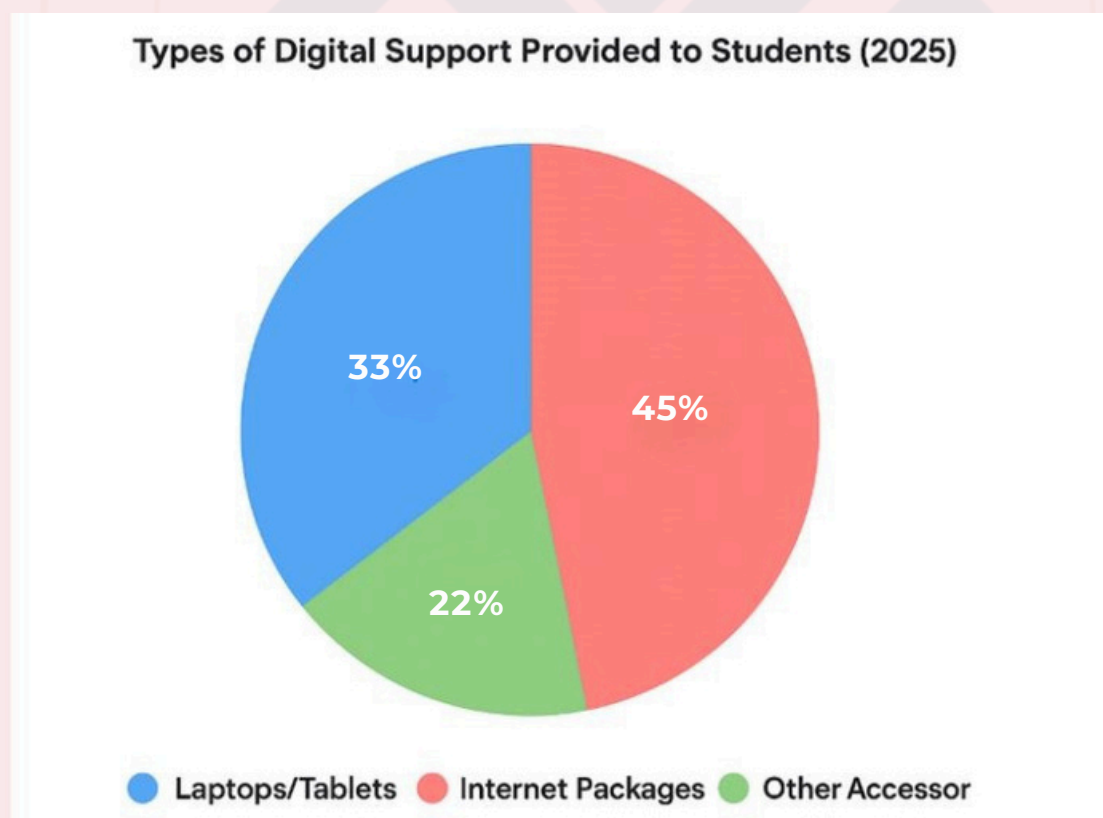
To close the digital divide, NSU would maintain its distribution of laptops, tablets, internet packages and other learning tools to as many students as had no digital access. This was particularly important for students learning remotely and students from low-income families.

Figure 4. Digital Support for Students in 2025 Types

Most digital assistance was for internet access and mobile devices.

This graph illustrates the categories of digital student support provided in 2025. Internet bundles were the favorite among customers who bought the devices, making up 48%, followed by laptops/tablets (35%) and other accessories (24%). The grant facilitated access to online learning materials for all.

Figure 4:



Scholarship Source	Beneficiaries	Coverage / Benefits
NSU Internal Scholarships	NSU undergrad + postgrad	Stipends, tuition aid, bursaries
Azerbaijan Government Scholarships (2025/26)	International students	Full tuition, stipend, flight allowance, insurance
Heydar Aliyev Scholarship	International and local students	Funding + living support
International Mobility Scholarships	Selected students	Study abroad semesters / research stays

Conclusion

In 2025, Nakhchivan State University has demonstrated a sustained and strategic commitment to achieving SDG 1, “No Poverty,” by ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder access to higher education. Through a combination of scholarships, financial aid, affordable housing, loans, and comprehensive student support services, NSU has actively reduced economic barriers for students from disadvantaged, rural, and low-income backgrounds, as well as for international learners.

These initiatives not only enable individual academic success but also contribute to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty in the region. By prioritizing inclusiveness, equity, and opportunity, NSU reinforces its role as a transformative institution that empowers students, strengthens communities, and aligns local educational outcomes with global sustainable development objectives.

The 2025 progress underscores that access to higher education, when paired with targeted financial and social support, is a powerful mechanism for promoting social mobility, inclusive excellence, and long-term societal resilience. NSU’s ongoing efforts establish a foundation for continued advancement toward ending poverty in all its forms within the university and its wider community.