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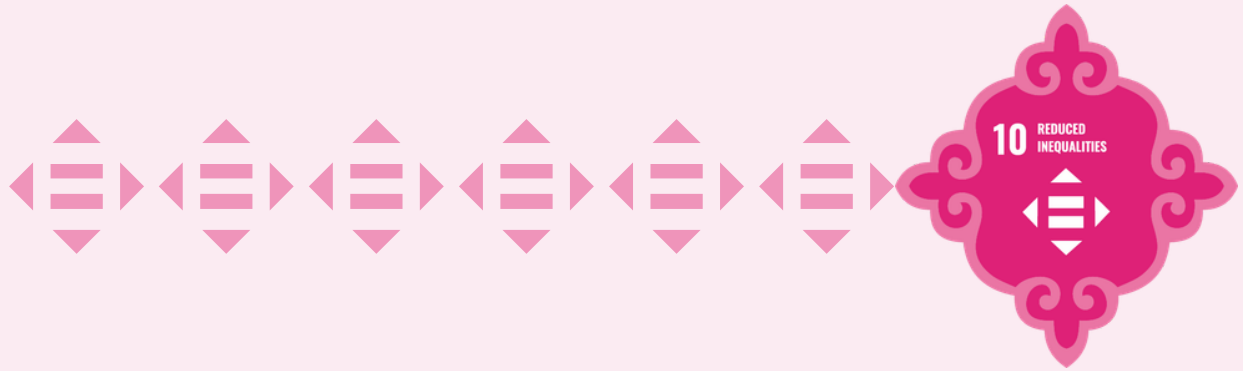
**FIGHTING
INEQUALITY FOR
A BETTER WORLD**

10 **REDUCED
INEQUALITIES**



THE GLOBAL GOALS





Introduction

Sustainable Development Goal 10 (SDG 10) aims to reduce inequalities within and among societies by promoting social, economic, and political inclusion for all. As a leading higher education institution in the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic, Nakhchivan State University (NSU) recognizes its responsibility to ensure equal access to education, eliminate discrimination, and create an inclusive academic environment for students and staff from diverse backgrounds.

In 2025, NSU continued to align its institutional policies, academic practices, and community engagement activities with the objectives of SDG 10. The university focused on widening participation in higher education, supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, and fostering a culture of equality, respect, and social justice. Through targeted financial assistance, accessible infrastructure, student support services, and awareness-raising initiatives, NSU worked to minimize barriers to education and participation.

This introduction outlines NSU's commitment and strategic approach to Reduced Inequalities, highlighting the university's role in promoting inclusive development and contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at the local and national levels.

Disability Support Services & Accessibility

NSU implements a comprehensive support system designed to help students with disabilities participate fully in university life:

- Sign language interpreters, note-taking support, and technological accommodations are provided to help students with hearing impairments engage in lectures and academic activities.
- Accessible facilities and infrastructure ensure students with mobility challenges can move freely across campus and participate in all academic and social events.
- Participation in seminars, training sessions, conferences, and other campus activities is actively supported so that students with disabilities are always included in university life.

Inclusive Education Center

The Inclusive Education Center ensures that all students receive education tailored to their socio-cultural and individual characteristics, as well as their needs. At the Center, educational programs, methods, and materials are delivered with consideration of all students' individual characteristics, needs, and interests. Ensuring students' access to quality education and reducing potential discrimination are among the Center's main objectives.

NSU's Inclusive Education Center plays a central role by:

- Tailoring individualized educational and rehabilitation programs for students with special educational needs.
- Collaborating with faculty and departments to ensure teaching methods and materials meet diverse learner needs.
- Organizing support services, including psychological, pedagogical, and developmental assistance to help students adapt and succeed academically.
- Raising awareness about inclusive practices and reducing discrimination through outreach and cooperation with local organizations.

Academic Events & Community Awareness

In 2025 NSU hosted and participated in key activities highlighting inclusive education:

- The First Republican Scientific Conference on “Inclusive Education: Achievements and Challenges Ahead” brought together educators, policymakers, and specialists to discuss the latest research and practices in inclusive education.
- National and regional events served to strengthen networks, share best practices, and build momentum towards wider inclusion in higher education.

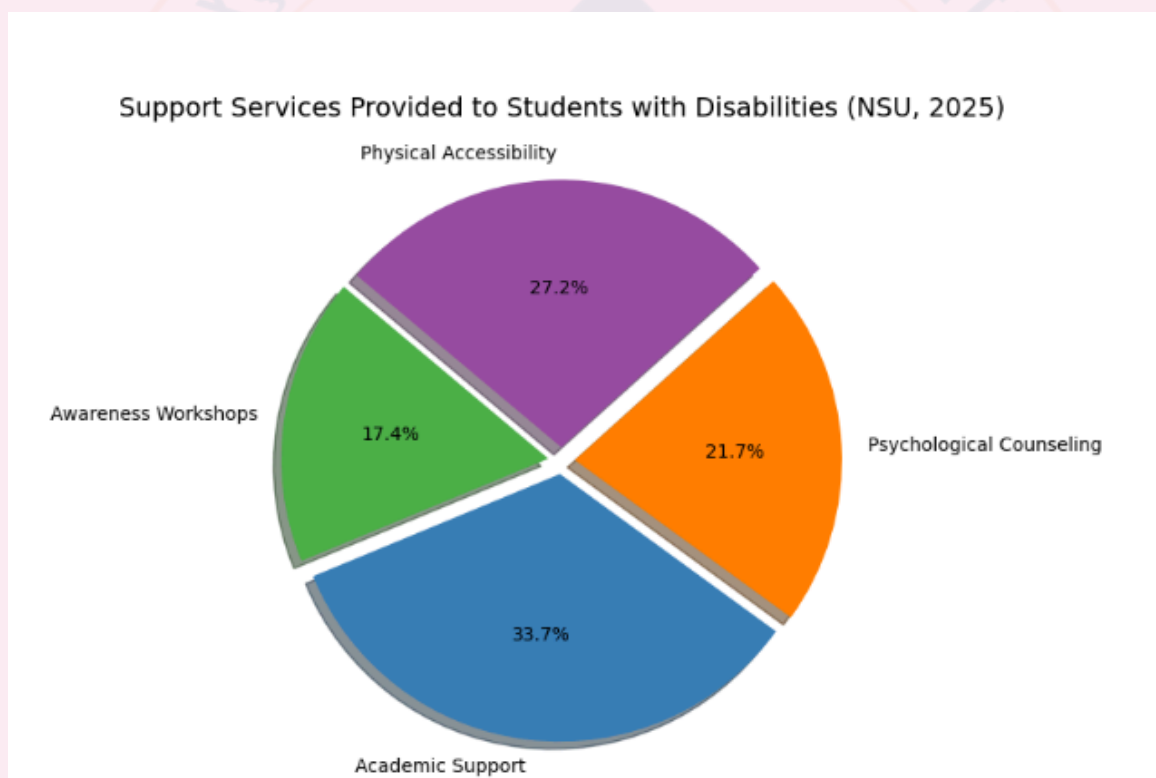


Institutional Commitment to Equality

NSU integrates the principles of equality and non-discrimination into its strategic planning, academic policies, and student support systems. The university promotes a learning environment based on fairness, respect, and equal participation, ensuring that no student is disadvantaged due to socio-economic status, disability, gender, or background.

Financial Support and Equal Access

In 2025, NSU expanded scholarship programs, grants, and financial aid mechanisms to support students from low-income families and disadvantaged groups. These measures reduced economic barriers to higher education and helped ensure equal access to academic resources, learning opportunities, and campus life.



Student Support and Campus Inclusion

NSU actively fostered an inclusive campus culture through:

Awareness-raising activities on equality and diversity

Counseling and mentoring services

Programs supporting international students and students from rural areas

These initiatives strengthened social cohesion, encouraged student engagement, and created a sense of belonging for all members of the university community.



Conclusion

In 2025, Nakhchivan State University reinforced its commitment to inclusive education and disability support by creating an accessible, supportive, and equitable learning environment for students with special educational needs. Through the work of its Inclusive Education Center, improved campus accessibility, tailored academic accommodations, and comprehensive psychological and pedagogical support, the university ensured that students with disabilities could fully participate in academic and social life.

These efforts not only reduced barriers to higher education but also fostered a culture of respect, dignity, and equal opportunity within the university community. By integrating inclusive practices into teaching, infrastructure, and awareness-raising activities, Nakhchivan State University made a meaningful contribution to SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Moving forward, the continued development of inclusive policies, staff training, and assistive technologies will further strengthen the university's role as a model for inclusive higher education and support the long-term academic success and social integration of all students.

