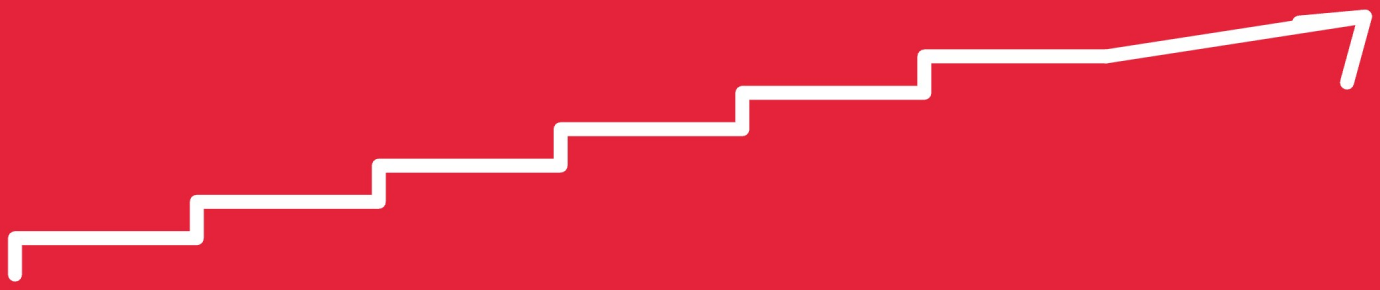
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL

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2024/2025 AT A GLANCE

105,782
Students enrolled in 2024/2025

46,544
Support cases from the Student Social Solidarity Fund

12,557
Students in subsidised university housing

9,000
Students using meal vouchers

275
International students with fee waivers or reductions

170
Partnerships with start-ups

990
Students given small-project loans

2,946
Trainees in essential-services courses

61
Medical caravans reaching 1,119 residents

1-2

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID TO ENROLL AT UNIVERSITY BECAUSE OF POVERTY

1-2-1 NUMBER OF STUDENTS

105,782
Students enrolled at Assiut University, 2024/2025

The total number of students enrolled at Assiut University during the 2024/2025 academic year is approximately 105,782 male and female students, distributed across the University's faculties, institutes, and various academic programs. This figure reflects the size of the student population served by the University through its educational and academic system and the educational services, student activities, and social care it provides, supporting access to university education and improving the quality of the educational process.

1-2-2 NUMBER OF LOW-INCOME STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Assiut University is committed to supporting students from low-income families through the Student Social Solidarity Fund, which aims to ease the financial burden on students in need and help them continue their university studies while promoting equal educational opportunities. Support includes payment of tuition fees, financial grants and student loans, as well as the provision of certain essential items and medical devices according to assessed need.

During the 2024/2025 academic year, approximately 23,422 male and female students from various University faculties benefited from the Student Social Solidarity Fund, with total support exceeding EGP 14 million.

23,422
Students benefiting from the Student Social Solidarity Fund

EGP 14M+
Total support from the Fund

These efforts affirm the University's commitment to advancing social justice and reducing the impact of economic circumstances on students' ability to continue their university education.

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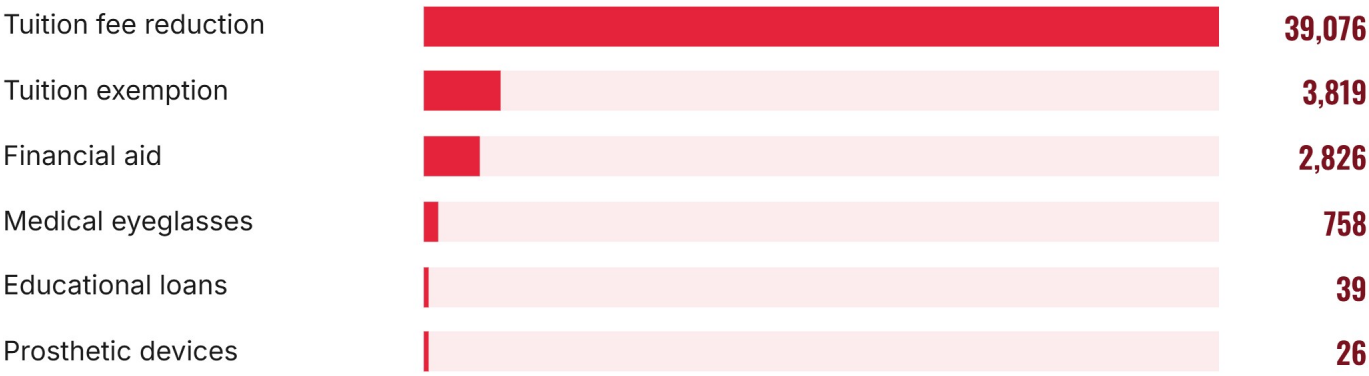
STUDENT SOCIAL SOLIDARITY FUND SUPPORT, 2024/2025

Support provided through the social solidarity funds in the University's faculties, by type of assistance.

ASSISTANCE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	VALUE OF SUPPORT
Tuition fee reduction	39,076	1,138,659,436
Tuition exemption	3,819	252,807,987
Financial aid	2,826	184,140
Medical eyeglasses	758	148,400
Educational loans	39	8,500
Prosthetic devices	26	13,191,750
Total	**46,544**	**1,405,000,213**

SUPPORT CASES BY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

46,544 in total



Tuition fee reductions account for **84%** of all support cases (39,076 of 46,544).

1-3

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES TO COMBAT POVERTY

1-3-1 TARGETS FOR ADMITTING STUDENTS FROM THE LOWEST 20% OF HOUSEHOLD-INCOME GROUPS BY 2027

Assiut University applies published academic admission criteria and prohibits discrimination on the basis of economic or social status. The University also supports students in financial need through social solidarity programmes and financial assistance, helping reduce economic barriers that may prevent them from entering or continuing higher education.

Although Assiut University has not announced specific quantitative targets for admitting students from the lowest 20% of household-income groups in Egypt by 2027, its institutional direction includes support for this objective. This is reflected in certain University policies, including policies safeguarding students' rights and preventing discrimination, as well as policies for supporting students in financial need and providing financial assistance.

Our commitment

- Academic admission criteria are published
- Discrimination on economic or social grounds is prohibited
- Students in financial need are supported

Reflected in policies

- Student rights and anti-discrimination policy
- Policy on supporting needy students and financial aid

During the 2024/2025 academic year, approximately 46,544 male and female students from various University faculties benefited from the Student Social Solidarity Fund, with total support exceeding EGP 14 million.

46,544
Students benefited from the Student Social Solidarity Fund

EGP 14M+
Total support

RELATED DOCUMENTS

→ Assiut University Policies to Guarantee Student Rights and Non-Discrimination

→ Policy on Supporting Needy Students and Financial Aid – Social Assistance Office

1-3-2 GRADUATION OR COMPLETION TARGETS FOR STUDENTS FROM THE LOWEST 20% OF HOUSEHOLD-INCOME GROUPS (DOMESTIC)

Although Assiut University has no specific, approved quantitative targets for increasing graduation or completion rates among students from the lowest 20% of household-income groups in Egypt, it adopts an approach that supports students in continuing their university studies, promotes equal educational opportunities, and limits the impact of economic circumstances on their academic progress.

This approach is reflected in the services provided by the Student Social Solidarity Fund, including financial assistance and grants for students in need, which help ease economic burdens that may prevent them from continuing their studies or meeting graduation requirements. These measures also support fairness in access to university education and assist students who face financial difficulties during their studies.

1.3.3 SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Assiut University provides various forms of social and economic support to students from low-income families in order to reduce financial burdens that may prevent them from continuing and completing their university studies. The University provides support in the form of financial assistance, food, accommodation, and transportation through several channels:

FIRST · SOCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

The General Administration for Student Affairs and Youth Welfare, through the Social Assistance Office and the social solidarity funds in the faculties, provides several services, including payment of tuition fees, purchase of books, subsidised meals, purchase of medical glasses, and monthly grants for students in need. The University publishes an online student guide to its assistance and loan programme and the policy of the Social Assistance Office on its website. Faculty websites also publish how the Fund operates, how students can apply, and the application deadlines for support.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

→ Student guide to using the aid and loan program
→ Social Assistance Office
→ The mechanism of the Social Solidarity Fund to support students and obtain aid
→ Proposed timetable for tuition fee reduction applications, 2024/2025

1.3.3

FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

SECOND · FOOD

Assiut University supports students by providing subsidised meals in university cities and at the University's Central Restaurant. The University announces the opening of meal-voucher reservations for Central Restaurant meals on the websites of its faculties. The Food Services Administration within the Student Affairs Sector also provides cooked, subsidised meals to students residing in university accommodation, and to students living outside the university residence on the basis of official lists approved by the student welfare offices in the faculties.

9,000
Students benefited from the meal-voucher service

~6,000
Subsidised meals a day in university accommodation

THIRD · ACCOMMODATION

Assiut University provides subsidised accommodation for male and female students in university cities. It publishes the conditions and application link on its website, and faculty websites publish application dates and the online application link for all students. In 2024/2025, 12,557 male and female students were admitted to university accommodation.

Designated buildings (37)

Female students	19
Male students	11
Female students with disabilities	5
Male students with disabilities	2

Students admitted (12,557)

Female students	8,278
Male students	4,168
Male students with disabilities	59
Female students with disabilities	52

RELATED DOCUMENTS

→ Announcing the start of booking food vouchers (Central Restaurant meals)
→ University accommodation services
→ Conditions and application link for university accommodation, 2024/2025
→ Application dates and online link for university accommodation

1.3.3

TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FOURTH · TRANSPORTATION

In coordination with various government entities, Assiut University offers students several options for discounted tickets, travel passes, and assistance. Students can obtain railway passes with discounts of approximately 40%–60% on regular and air-conditioned trains for daily commuting or travel between governorates. The subscription form is obtained from the faculty's Student Welfare Office and stamped.

654
Students benefited from discounted train tickets

40–60%
Discount on regular and air-conditioned trains

SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES

Assiut University provides financial and social support to international students from low-income countries through scholarships and tuition fee reductions, in addition to student welfare and accommodation services, in accordance with the University's regulations and students' eligibility for support. The main support mechanisms are:

1. **Full and partial scholarships:** in 2024/2025, a report indicated that scholarships were awarded to 20 international students. Of these, 11 received full scholarships covering 100% of tuition fees, while 9 received scholarships covering 50%. Nationalities included Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Nigeria, and Yemen.
2. **Tuition fee reductions:** the University reduces tuition fees for international students from low- and middle-income countries, helping to ease the financial burden of higher education.
3. **Social welfare and follow-up:** the International Students Care Unit coordinates admission and registration and follows up on international students' affairs. Students can also join the University's cultural and social activities, which help them integrate into the university community.

20
International students with scholarships

11
Full scholarships (100%)

9
Partial scholarships (50%)

RELATED DOCUMENTS

→ International Students Care Unit – Assiut University

1.3.4

PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES HELPING STUDENTS FROM THE LOWEST 20% OF HOUSEHOLD-INCOME GROUPS COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES

Assiut University adopts a range of programmes and initiatives to support students facing financial difficulties, helping them continue and successfully complete their university studies and reducing the impact of financial circumstances on their educational opportunities.

Student Social Solidarity Fund

One of the principal mechanisms, offering financial grants, contributions toward tuition fees, student loans, and certain essential items for eligible students, in accordance with the Fund's regulations.

University accommodation services

Housing, meals, and social care help reduce students' living expenses, particularly for students living away from home whose families face economic difficulties.

These programmes reflect the University's commitment to equal educational opportunities, supporting student retention and reducing the risk of academic difficulty or withdrawal for financial reasons. Although there is no documented evidence that these programmes are exclusively allocated to students from the lowest 20% of household-income groups, they constitute institutional mechanisms for supporting students in financial need.

NOVEMBER 2024 · SUPPORT FOR TAKAFUL AND KARAMA FAMILIES

In November 2024, the Social Solidarity Unit at Assiut University announced procedures for receiving applications from students from families benefiting from the “Takaful and Karama” program who wished to receive assistance with tuition fees. These procedures included verifying beneficiary information and submitting the program card and payment authorization to the relevant university authorities.

1. **Verify beneficiary information**
2. **Submit the program card**
3. **Submit the payment authorization**

RELATED DOCUMENTS

→ Takaful and Karama program announcement

1.3.5

SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME OR LOWER-MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

Assiut University provides educational support to international students from developing countries as part of its commitment to international academic cooperation and equitable access to university education. These efforts include scholarships and tuition-fee reductions for students from low-income and lower-middle-income countries, along with university care and services that help international students enrol and continue their studies. This support is provided through the International Students Welfare Unit.

During the 2024/2025 academic year, 275 international students from low-income and lower-middle-income countries, including Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Nigeria, and Yemen, benefited from scholarships and tuition-fee reductions of 50% or 100%.

275
International students supported in 2024/2025

200 · full waiver (100%) | **75 · 50%**

NO.	DESCRIPTION	STUDENTS
1	Full tuition-fee waiver (100%)	200
2	Tuition-fee reduction (50%)	75
	Total	**275**

Palestine · Syria · Jordan · Nigeria · Yemen

BEYOND TUITION SUPPORT

- Dedicated academic and administrative guidance through the International Students Welfare Unit, covering admission, registration, and residence procedures.
- Access to university housing and student services on equal terms with other students.
- Participation in student activities and cultural events that promote integration and intercultural exchange.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES TO COMBAT POVERTY

1-4-1 HELPING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY START FINANCIALLY AND SOCIALLY SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES

Assiut University supports the local community in establishing businesses through entrepreneurship and economic empowerment initiatives. These initiatives aim to develop individuals' skills and help them turn ideas into viable and sustainable projects. They promote self-employment, build entrepreneurial capacity, and expand opportunities for economic and social empowerment, thereby supporting sustainable businesses and local community development. The University does this through education and relevant resources, including:

98
Beneficiaries of central laboratories

933
Farmers and food producers reached by veterinary caravans

170
Partnerships with start-ups

1 · ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY FACILITIES: CENTRAL LABORATORIES

The central laboratories at the Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine provide a range of services to the local community to support different projects. During 2024/2025, 98 people benefited from these laboratories:

LABORATORY	SERVICES	NO.
Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory	Propagation of plants using tissue culture techniques, production of high-quality, disease-free plants, and training of students and researchers.	35
Plant and Animal Physiology Laboratory	Studies related to plant and animal physiological processes in agricultural fields.	22
Molecular Biology Laboratory	Studies and analyses in molecular biology and agricultural biotechnology.	18
Chemical Analysis Laboratory	Chemical analyses that support agricultural research and scientific applications.	7
Microinjection Unit	Specialized research services related to microinjection techniques.	4
Applied Microbiology Laboratory	Studies and research related to microorganisms and their agricultural applications.	2

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CARAVANS, START-UPS AND TRAINING

2 · Veterinary caravans

The caravans organised by the veterinary colleges aim to achieve community, developmental, and health objectives and to support local projects. During 2024/2025, **933 local farmers and food producers** benefited from these caravans.

3 · Partnerships with start-ups

During 2024/2025, Assiut University established **170 partnerships with start-ups** for manufacturing and product development, giving entrepreneurs access to the University's expertise, facilities, and technical support to turn their ideas into marketable products.

4 · TRAINING, WORKSHOPS, AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

During 2024/2025, Assiut University organised a range of activities supporting entrepreneurship and the economic empowerment of the local community through training, skills development, and awareness of how to establish small businesses. Key activities included:

"Rural Women and Economic Empowerment" forum · January 2025

Organised in cooperation with the National Council for Women. It encouraged women to establish small and micro-enterprises, showcased productive women-led projects in Assiut Governorate, and trained groups of women from villages across the governorate on establishing small home-based businesses.



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1-4-1

WORKSHOPS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



“Small Artistic Projects” workshop · November 2024

Held under the presidential initiative “A New Beginning for Human Development” in cooperation with the Faculty of Fine Arts and the Faculty of Specific Education. It focused on developing artistic skills that could be used to establish small businesses.

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“Business Incubators as a Gateway to Entrepreneurship” seminar · June 2025

Organised by the Training Unit at the Faculty of Education and attended by 22 assistant teaching staff members. It addressed the concept of business incubators, their role in supporting entrepreneurs, and the development of entrepreneurial and innovative-thinking skills.

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5 · ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB SUCCESS



The University's Entrepreneurship Club, represented by the start-up Youns Learning Platform, won the grand prize in the Rally Egypt entrepreneurship competition. The start-up was founded by a female Assiut University student and received a cash prize of EGP 150,000, in addition to another prize worth EGP 50,000 from a sponsor. This demonstrates the University's support for developing entrepreneurial ideas and turning them into start-ups.

EGP 150,000
Grand prize

EGP 50,000
Sponsor prize

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1.4.2

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES

Assiut University supports efforts to empower local community members to establish small and micro-enterprises and improve their access to available financing programmes, through cooperation with entities concerned with enterprise development and entrepreneurship. This support takes three main forms: direct financial support, access to concessional financing, and applied partnerships between the University's faculties and the local community.

990
Students given loans for small projects

25
Students on the MSMEDA field visit

66
Cooperation protocols with practical faculties

1 · LOANS TO SUPPORT SMALL PROJECTS

During 2024/2025, the University provided loans to support small projects for 990 students, helping young people turn project ideas into income-generating ventures and encouraging self-employment and financial independence.

2 · ACCESS TO CONCESSIONAL FINANCING PROGRAMMES



In March 2025, Assiut University's Centre for Monitoring and Studying Community Problems conducted a field visit to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency as part of the “Partnership for Growth” initiative. The visit aimed to introduce young people to support opportunities for small businesses and concessional financing programmes, encouraging economic initiatives, promoting self-employment, and expanding opportunities to establish financially and socially sustainable businesses. The visit benefited 25 students from Al-Azhar University.

3 · COOPERATION PROTOCOLS WITH PRACTICAL FACULTIES

66
Cooperation protocols signed in 2024/2025

During 2024/2025, the University supported the local community through 66 cooperation protocols signed with practical faculties. These protocols connect community members, producers, and small business owners with the University's expertise, laboratories, and technical resources, which reduces the cost of starting and running small enterprises.

- Faculty of Sugar Technology and Integrated Industries
- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Engineering

1.4.3

TRAINING COURSES AND PROGRAMMES TO IMPROVE EVERYONE'S ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Through its Community Service and Environmental Development Sector, and in cooperation with government entities and civil society organisations, Assiut University implements training, awareness, and community programmes designed to improve access to essential services and quality of life. These efforts include medical, veterinary, agricultural, and psychological outreach caravans; health-awareness seminars; and the launch of a training guide for providing social and health guidance services in hospitals in Assiut Governorate. These activities aim to raise hospital visitors' awareness of diseases and prevention and facilitate patients' access to necessary medical care.

Activities also included training and awareness programmes under the national literacy and adult education project, in cooperation with the General Authority for Adult Education, as well as training assistant teaching staff involved in the literacy project. These efforts support lifelong learning and reinforce community members' right to education.

Outreach caravans

Medical, veterinary, agricultural, and psychological.

Health awareness

Seminars and a guidance training guide for hospitals in Assiut.

Literacy and adult education

With the General Authority for Adult Education.

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SPECIALISED TRAINING COURSES

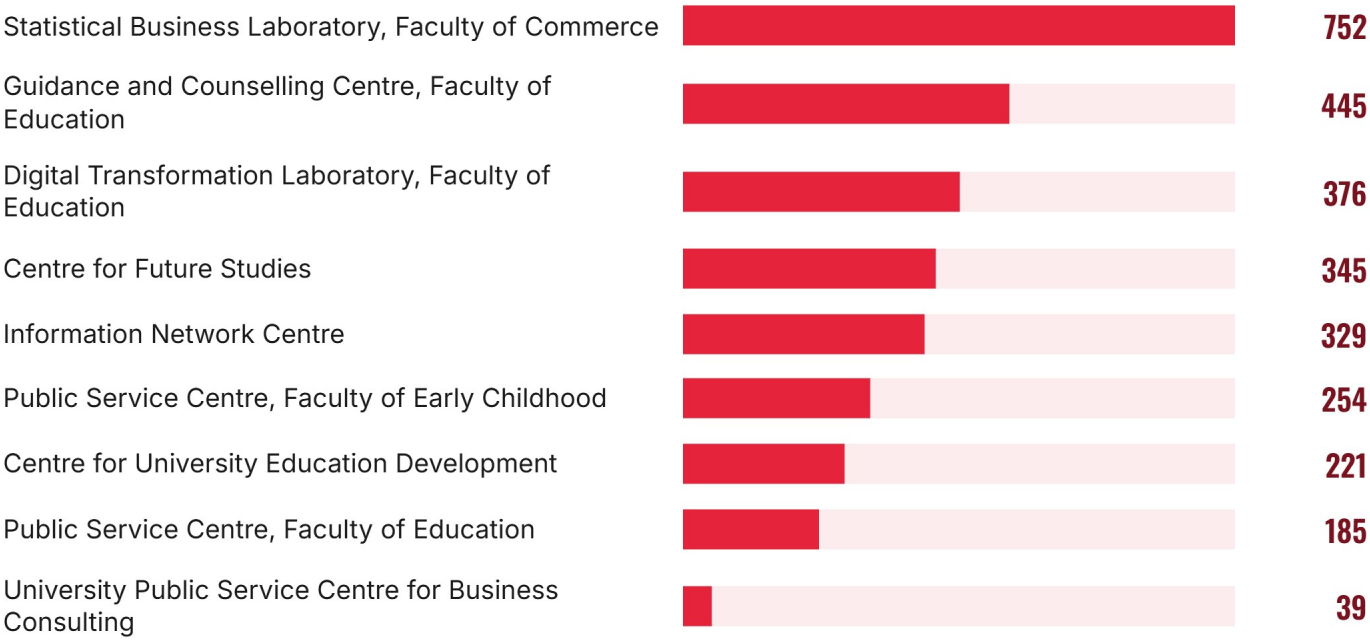
During 2024/2025, numerous training courses were organised to improve access to essential services through specialised centres at the University's faculties. These courses serve the wider community, including faculty members and their assistants, students, and external community members, integrating the University's academic role with community service, environmental development, and the development of its own resources.

2,946
Total beneficiaries of the training courses

9
Specialised units and centres

BENEFICIARIES BY UNIT OR CENTRE

Total 2,946



1.4.3

MEDICAL CARAVANS FOR THE EXTERNAL COMMUNITY

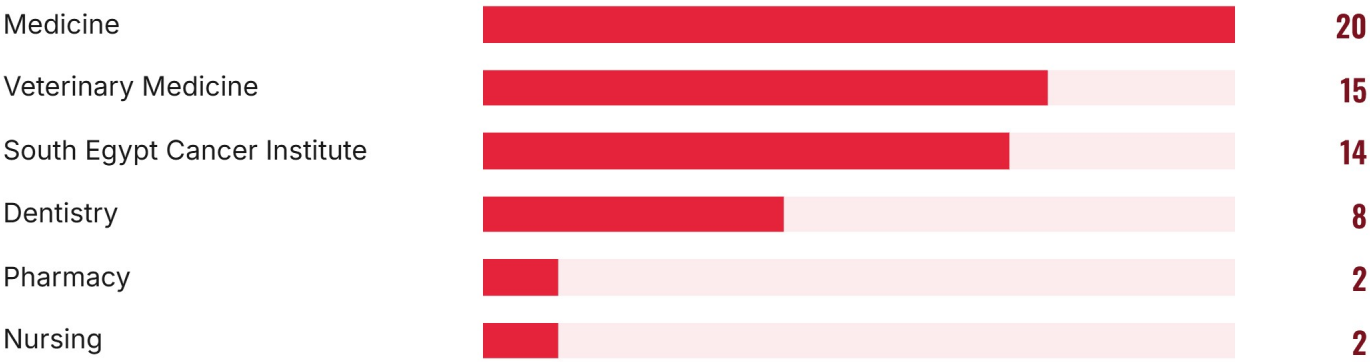
During 2024/2025, the University also provided a range of treatment services to the external community through medical caravans organised by the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine and other faculties and institutes. A total of 61 caravans were organised, benefiting 1,119 residents.

61
Medical caravans

1,119
Residents benefited

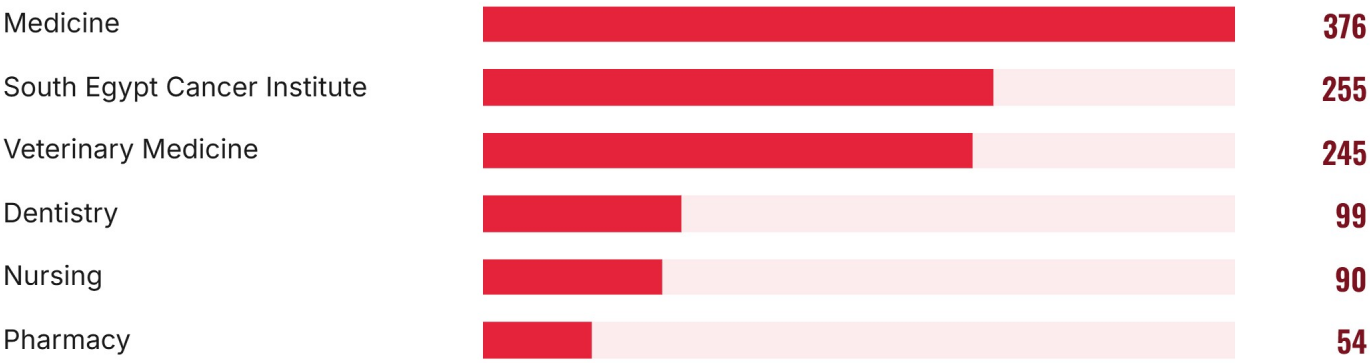
CARAVANS BY FACULTY OR INSTITUTE

Total 61



RESIDENTS BENEFITED

Total 1,119



1.4.4

UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATION IN POLICYMAKING AIMED AT ERADICATING POVERTY

Assiut University contributes to the development of policies and development programmes aimed at reducing poverty by drawing on academic and research expertise, cooperating with government entities and civil society organisations, and organising events that support evidence-based public policymaking and expand opportunities for training, employment, and economic empowerment. During 2024/2025, several activities were carried out to support these objectives, including:

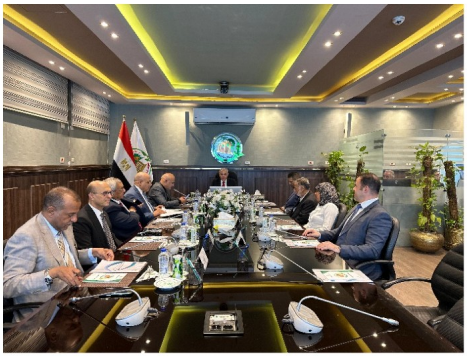


“Using Scientific Evidence in Public Policymaking” seminar · 10 October 2024

Organised by the University's Civil Society Support Centre in cooperation with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Middle East and North Africa at the American University in Cairo. The seminar addressed ways to strengthen the use of scientific evidence in policy design.

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Board of Directors of the Upper Egypt Development Authority · 20 August 2025



The President of Assiut University, Dr. Ahmed Al-Menshawy, took part in the 68th meeting of the Authority's Board of Directors (second term), chaired by Major General Engineer Sherif Saleh. The Board reviewed the development projects implemented and supervised by the Authority across Upper Egypt governorates over the past three years, within the framework of the state's sustainable development plan.

The meeting stressed the importance of engaging local communities and residents in the planning and implementation of development projects to ensure maximum benefit and achieve spatial and social justice. The University President affirmed Assiut University's commitment to strengthening cooperation with the Authority and to offering its academic, research, and technical expertise in support of sustainable development in Upper Egypt. He also stressed the importance of integrated cooperation among state institutions, universities, and civil society organisations, and noted that the Authority has helped create a supportive investment environment and new employment opportunities.

1.4.4

THE UNIVERSITY'S 2024–2029 STRATEGY

The University's 2024–2029 Strategy includes strengthening the role of the Community Service and Environmental Development Sector, linking educational and research programmes to the actual needs of the community, and enhancing cooperation with local, regional, and international institutions in support of sustainable development.

KEY ACTIVITIES DURING 2024/2025

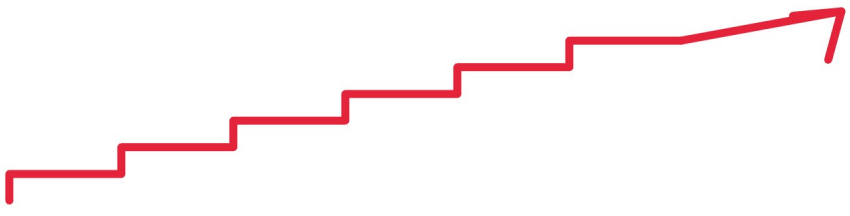
01 **Advancing evidence-based policymaking**
Organising seminars and forums to use scientific evidence in public policy.

02 **Strengthening partnerships for development**
Taking part in development initiatives and collaborating with relevant institutions.

03 **Linking education and research to community needs**
Implementing the University strategy to enhance community service and support sustainable development.

OUR COMMITMENT

Building partnerships, sharing knowledge, and creating opportunities for a more inclusive and prosperous society.



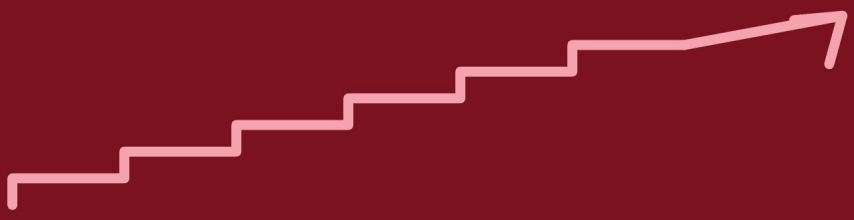
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