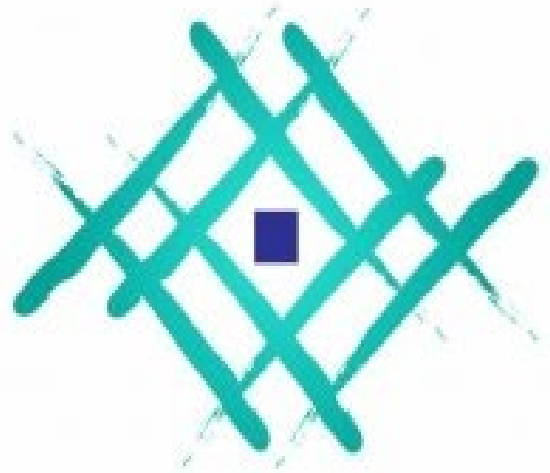


University Report on SDG 10



جامعة القصيم
Qassim
University

10 REDUCED
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SDG10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Sustainable Development Goal 10 (SDG 10) aims to reduce inequalities within and among countries, focusing on marginalized and vulnerable populations. In Saudi Arabia, addressing inequalities faced by people with disabilities is of utmost importance to create an inclusive and equitable society. Qassim University recognizes the significance of SDG 10 and has implemented measures to promote access, learning, and facilities for individuals with disabilities.

Accessible Learning Environments:

Qassim University's commitment to SDG 10 is reflected in its efforts to create accessible learning environments. The university ensures that its campuses and facilities are designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities, providing ramps, elevators, and other features that facilitate mobility and accessibility.

Inclusive Curriculum and Teaching:

The university integrates an inclusive approach into its curriculum and teaching methods. Qassim University's faculty members are trained to cater to diverse learning needs, ensuring that students with disabilities receive the necessary support and resources to succeed academically.

Support Services for Students with Disabilities:

Qassim University provides a range of support services for students with disabilities. These services include specialized learning resources, assistive technologies, counseling, and academic accommodations. The university aims to create an environment where all students can thrive and participate fully in their educational journey.

Collaboration with Disability Organizations:

The university collaborates with disability organizations and advocacy groups to gain insights into best practices and challenges related to inclusivity. These partnerships facilitate knowledge exchange and the implementation of strategies that promote equal access and opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Awareness Campaigns and Sensitization:

Qassim University raises awareness about the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities through awareness campaigns, seminars, and workshops. The university promotes an inclusive mindset among students, faculty, and staff, fostering an environment of respect and understanding.

Disability-Inclusive Research Initiatives:

The university's research efforts extend to disability-inclusive projects. Qassim University's research contributes to understanding the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and developing solutions that enhance their quality of life and participation in society.

Accessible Facilities and Services:

Qassim University ensures that its facilities, including libraries, laboratories, and recreational areas, are accessible to individuals with disabilities. The university prioritizes the creation of an inclusive environment that caters to diverse needs.

Promotion of Disability Rights:

The university advocates for disability rights and social inclusion within its community and beyond. Qassim University contributes to discussions on policy development, awareness, and advocacy efforts aimed at reducing inequalities and promoting equal opportunities.

Empowerment and Skill Development:

Qassim University aims to empower individuals with disabilities by offering skill development programs, workshops, and vocational training. These initiatives equip individuals with the skills they need to contribute to the workforce and society at large.

Qassim University's commitment to SDG 10 is evident through its comprehensive efforts to foster inclusivity and reduce inequalities for individuals with disabilities. By providing accessible learning environments, inclusive curriculum, support services, collaborating with disability organizations, raising awareness, conducting research, and promoting disability rights, the university actively contributes to creating a more equitable and inclusive society in Saudi Arabia. Through its dedication, Qassim University plays a significant role in advancing SDG 10 and ensuring that individuals with disabilities have equal access to education, opportunities, and facilities.

10.6 Measures against discrimination

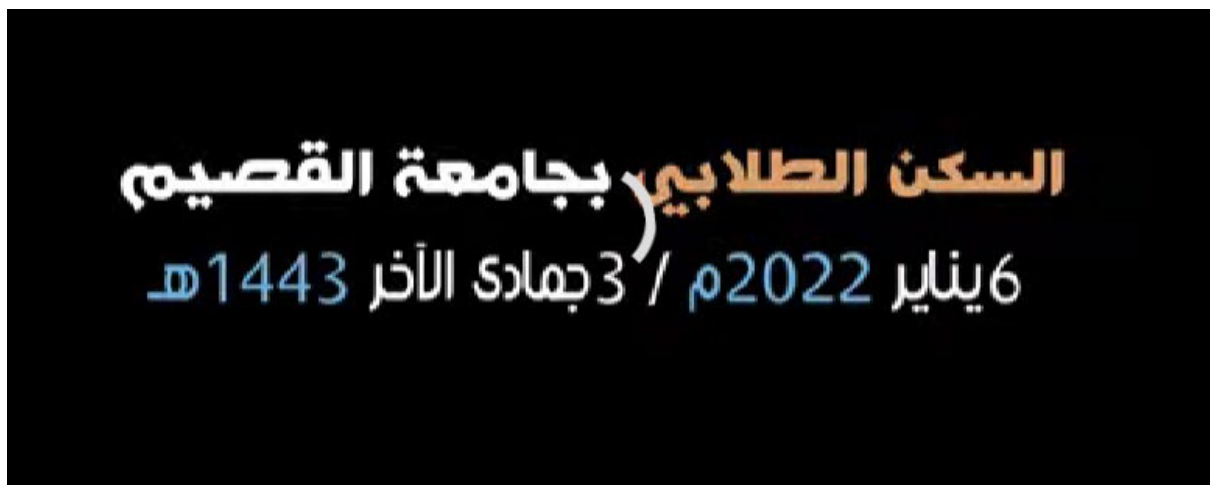
Students, staff and employees have the right to be free from discrimination based on protected attributes. The protected attributes under the Fair Work Act are: race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, family or carer's responsibilities, pregnancy, religion, political opinion, national extraction or social origin. Qassim University aligned with Saudi Arab laws to fight discrimination in all its types.

10.6.10 Does your university as a body have reasonable accommodation policy/strategy implemented, including adequately funded mechanism for persons with disabilities?

Student Housing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hb-4JnzB5RE> [1]

Check the video for more details



Student Housing Department

<https://dsa.qu.edu.sa/content/p/17> [2]

The university housing for students within the university city is one of the basic components of the university city and is important to provide the appropriate and comfortable atmosphere for students to continue their university studies easily, motivate them to excel scientifically, and use their free time and benefit from it for their benefit and benefit through the services provided by the university to them within the university city that are easy for the student to reach.

Departments of the Department:

- Student Affairs and Activities Unit.
- Supervision and Follow-up Unit.
- Maintenance and Services Unit.

Comprehensive Statistic:

- Number of buildings used (5) buildings.
- The building contains (12) suites, with a total capacity of (94) rooms for each building and the total rooms in the five buildings (470) rooms.
- The number of Saudi students is (160) students.
- The number of internal and external scholarship students is (170) students.

University Housing

<https://qa.qu.edu.sa/files/shares/handbooks/Student%20Manual.pdf> [3]

Campus accommodation for students within the university campus is an essential component of the campus and is important to provide a comfortable and suitable atmosphere for students to fulfil their university studies easily and motivate them for scientific excellence and to use their leisure time and benefit from it through the services offered within the university.

The General Administration of the University has been keen to find accommodation for students by signing the first and second phases of 6 buildings in the University City accommodating about 1050 students for each stage, including public facilities for each stage.

University housing for students in the College of Science and Arts in the province of Al-Rass and the College of Health Sciences in Al-Rass and the College of Health Sciences in the province of Al-Bukayriyah, and it is still under preparation.

University housing in the province of Al Bukayriya, which can accommodate 105 students, including scholarship students, and is rented from the Association for the memorization of the Koran in Bukayriah.

Housing on campus in the Southern Branch of the Philippines scholarship students and it includes 9 students.

University housing in Al-Wusta district was rented for 53 students

University housing in Al-Khabib neighborhood was rented to students of postgraduate studies which are Yemeni scholarship students which are 3 students

The Deanship of Students Affairs has established a unit to follow up the university housing and external student housing and coordinate with the deanships and private housing departments to develop the appropriate programs to educate students, develop their skills and exploit their free time.

The Directorate of Housing has provided transportation for all student housing and it meets their requirements and follows-up with them regularly.

Medical glasses subsidy

<https://qa.qu.edu.sa/files/shares/handbooks/Student%20Manual.pdf> [3]

Some university students suffer from low vision and need to use glasses (to correct their vision problems). This service is in accordance with special regulations established to regulate its utilization. The Fund assists them by paying (50%) of the value of the glasses, after it is proved that they need it by the specialist in the health unit at the university, and this service is in accordance with special controls established to regulate their use.

Rules for Providing Financial Assistance for Medical Glasses

- This service is offered to all university students.
- The student must provide a written statement from the specialist in the University Health Unit confirming his need to use glasses.
- The student must abide by the instructions issued by the Deanship of Student Affairs, such as holding a university card and the commitment of good behavior in his appearance and behavior.
- The student must bring the original invoice for his purchase of glasses from one of the specialized shops, clearly stating the student's name, the date of purchase and the official seal of the shop.
- The student funding department shall bear (50%) of the value of the medical glasses approved in the purchase invoice from the competent shop, but the value of the glasses does not exceed (500) five hundred riyals.
- The student is not entitled to apply for more than one subsidy during his studies at the university.

Student Loans

Some students require some financial support to be able to afford the requirements of their study. Therefore, the student funding department is keen to provide financial resources in order to stand with students for helping them overcome these needs. It also provides the conditions for their psychological stability. This service is provided in accordance with special regulations established to regulate its utilization.

Student loan payment rules

- Provides financial support to all university students who attend school.
- The student must be eligible for the monthly student reward.
- The student must complete the loan application form and promise to pay all the money that he took.
- The student determines the financial support he needs, provided that the required loan should not exceed the amount specified by the administration of the student funding department.
- The student must abide by the instructions issued by the Deanship of Student Affairs, such as holding a university card and commitment to good behavior in appearance and dealing.
- The payment is made in monthly installments by automatically deducting from the student's monthly reward.
- All installment payments must be paid before the end of the semester in which the loan was paid.
- The student is not entitled to apply for more than one loan in the same semester in case of repayment of the full previous payment.
- The loan is canceled if it is delayed for more than two weeks from the date of approving the payment. The applicant must submit a new application in case he needs the loan.
- If the student wishes to postpone, drop the semester or withdraw from the university, he must pay the loan that he owes before evacuating his party from the university.

Students with the following cases are not eligible for a financial loan

- A. New student who is studying at the first level.
- B. The student whose reward has been cut due to receiving a warning or exceeding the period of regular study at the University.
- C. The student who has already taken a loan and has not yet completed the payment of all the installments.
- D. The student who owes previous financial installments to the funding department.
- E. A student who has been subjected to disciplinary punishment of depriving him of some University's benefits, such as subsidy, loans from the student funding department and other benefits

His Excellency the President of the University crowns the Student Housing Club as the champion of the major cultural competition

<https://dsa.qu.edu.sa/content/news/92> [4]

His Excellency the President of the University, Prof. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, honored the winning students in the major cultural competition organized by the Deanship of Student Affairs,

which included various branches of culture, arts and literature, after His Excellency witnessed the final confrontation that was held in the celebration hall (B) at the university city headquarters in Melida, and brought together the student club at the College of Dentistry in Melida, and the student club in student housing, which ended with the student housing club winning and obtaining the championship shield, in the presence of a number of university vice-rectors and deans of colleges and deanships. And university employees, in addition to a large number of students.

In the same context, the Deanship of Student Affairs honored the colleges that won the final evaluation in the activities of the Student Day, for their distinguished participation, which benefited a large number of university students and employees.

The Deanship of Student Affairs, represented by the Department of Cultural Activity, held the major cultural competition among students, which lasted for two weeks under the slogan "Reaching the Summit" with the participation of 18 colleges and in a knockout manner, where the competition witnessed several competitive rounds between colleges in cultural information, to enrich the cultural aspect, cultivate the spirit of competition between colleges, develop knowledge and raise the level of general culture among students.

[His Excellency the President of the University receives a report on the efforts made in student housing during the Corona pandemic](#)

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/1951> [5]

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, received on Wednesday, 28/1/1442 AH, a report on the efforts made in student housing during the Corona pandemic, in the presence of His Excellency the Vice President of the University, Dr. Muhammad Al-Saawi, and His Excellency the Vice President for Educational Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Al-Adeeb.



The report revealed the speed of the university's application of all precautionary measures imposed to confront the spread of the global epidemic Covid 19, and its sense of the size of the responsibility entrusted to it with the need to protect its students from the risk of infection with this epidemic, so it obligated housing students to adhere to precautionary measures and preventive measures while providing distance education and overcoming all difficulties, as the university embraces more than 1800 students from more than 90 nationalities from different countries of the world in student housing.

The report included statistics and figures for university housing, which includes students belonging to 93 nationalities, 28 employees, two departments and 60 workers, through 16 buildings, 96 suites, 1504 rooms, 8 facilities, a mosque, 16 internal prayer rooms, a market, a laundry, a restaurant, deaths, a coffee shop, and food supplies, and the report also included the number of Umrah trips before the Corona pandemic, which are 12 trips, 8 social trips, 25 meetings, 28 scientific activities, 8 recreational activities, and 36 sports activities before the pandemic.

The report also revealed the details of the precautionary measures implemented by the university for student housing students, through the establishment of a command and control center, which carried out a number of main measures, namely the establishment of a special clinic for the Corona virus in cooperation with the health cluster in a 15-hour building 24, in addition to converting and dividing all relevant departments and working bodies into committees and linking them directly to the center, using the mobile club and housing them inside the student housing, not allowing them to leave, and bringing the volunteer club and housing them inside the housing. students, not allowing them to go out, and forming a security team for student housing.

The preventive measures also included housing 15 workers in the Maintenance and Services Department inside the student housing after ensuring their safety and transferring their management and follow-up to the Command and Control Center, and housing 25 workers inside the student housing after ensuring their safety and transferring their management and follow-up, to the command center, as well as housing 11 nurses inside the student housing and linking nutrition and service to the center, and the report also contains the procedures and health protocols followed and the stages carried out by the student housing for scholarship students with a mechanism Coordination for their deportation to their home countries.

[His Excellency the President of the University visits the student housing and stands on its needs](https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2534)

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2534> [6]



His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, visited on Monday morning, 16/8/1442 AH, the student housing headquarters in the university city, where he toured all its facilities, and assured His Excellency of the safety and quality of all services, as well as the housing needs, accompanied by the Vice President for Educational Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Al-Adeeb, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Al-Ajlan, and the Vice Deans and its employees.

His Excellency the President of the University toured the Housing Agency, then visited the Housing and Grants Department, the Command and Control Center, the training and development halls, in addition to the housing diwaniya, the reading club library and the technical club, before concluding his visit at the student housing farm, where he participated in planting a seedling, stressing the importance of taking care of agriculture and developing the farm to achieve the "Green Saudi Arabia" and "Green Middle East" initiative, launched by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Crown Prince, may God protect him.

His Excellency the President of the University Sponsors the Greeting Ceremony for the Students of the University Housing

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/1821> [7]

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, extended his warmest congratulations and blessings to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, His Highness the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman - may God protect them - His Highness the Governor of Qassim Region Prince Dr. Faisal bin Mishaal bin Saud bin Abdulaziz, and His Highness His Deputy Prince Fahd bin Turki bin Faisal bin Turki, on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr this year, praying to God to lift this epidemic from the whole world in As soon as possible, God willing.

Al-Daoud also congratulated all male and female students during the "remote" greeting ceremony held by the university, represented by the Deanship of Student Affairs on Sunday, 1/10/1441 AH, for university housing students, with the participation of the Vice President for Educational Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Al-Adeeb, the Vice President for Planning, Development and Quality, Prof. Dr. Khaled Al-Harbi, and a number of deans and vice-deans of colleges and supporting deanships.

In his speech delivered remotely during the ceremony, Al-Daoud expressed his happiness to listen to the students of the university housing, check on them, and congratulate everyone on this different Eid in which we meet remotely, due to the circumstances of the Corona pandemic, asking God to return and meet as we were, stressing that he is following all developments and reports first-hand for those who traveled, who stayed and who will travel, saying: "We at the university and the Kingdom are happy to host you at the university, and we are proud of you when the student graduates from the university and returns to his country loaded with science and knowledge, and we are honored to see our brothers and sons participating with us from abroad after receiving science, knowledge and lessons at our university, which pleased us and pleased with what we offer at this university.

The greeting ceremony began with verses from the Holy Quran, delivered by student Abdul Razzaq bin Abdullah from Ethiopia, after which the student Abdullah bin Hussein bin Kaiya from Yemen, delivered a speech on behalf of the students on this occasion, in which he said: "I am pleased and honored on behalf of the scholarship students at the university to extend my warmest congratulations to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, His Highness the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, His Highness the Governor of Qassim Region, and His Highness His Deputy, praying to God to preserve the Kingdom Its security and safety, and in advance thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the President of the University, for the efforts made by scholarship students at the university.

After that, the student Salman bin Ammath Al-Harbi delivered a poem on this occasion, and then Dr. Ali bin Freih Al-Aqla, Dean of Student Affairs, spoke in a speech in which he raised congratulations and blessings on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, thanking him for the interest that the university housing finds from the university presidency, calling on God to grant success and payment to everyone for their attendance and honor for this ceremony, and then the paragraphs of the ceremony began, which included a number of works of scholarship students from a number of countries representing the civilizations of their countries and cultures.



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