

SDG1

No Poverty



2023-2024



Alexandria University contributes to **SDG 1: No Poverty** through a wide range of research, outreach, community-service, and policy-support activities that directly address the population-level challenges of socioeconomic inequality, urban poverty, and the conditions of low-income people in Alexandria and surrounding governorates. The university's initiatives span academic research, medical and social welfare programs, public-policy advisory roles, and targeted community interventions, all aimed at improving welfare and reducing vulnerability among disadvantaged households.

- **Socioeconomic Research Supporting Poverty Reduction**

Alexandria University conducts extensive **socioeconomic studies** through faculties such as Economics & Political Science, Commerce, Education, Nursing, and Medicine.

These studies examine:

- Urban poverty patterns, especially in dense districts like El-Max, Bahary, Karmouz, and industrial-worker communities.
- Population vulnerability, including informal workers, youth, single mothers, elderly citizens, and internal migrants.
- The socioeconomic determinants of health, education, income, and employment.
- Strategies for enhancing public welfare systems, food security, and social protection programs.

This research regularly informs government agencies, local municipalities, and national ministries, helping shape social-support strategies that target low-income people and marginalized neighborhoods.

- **Free and Subsidized Community Health Services for Low-Income People**

Alexandria University hospitals—one of the largest public hospital networks in Egypt—serve more than two million people annually, many of whom are low-income populations relying entirely on public healthcare.

Through these facilities, the university provides:

- Free surgeries, medical consultations, and emergency care
- Maternal and child health programs
- Preventive health campaigns (vaccination, screening, disease-prevention)
- Mobile medical convoys serving villages and urban poor settlements

These programs strengthen community welfare, reduce the financial burden of disease, and improve living conditions among vulnerable population groups.

- **Community Outreach Targeting Urban Poverty and Welfare Improvement**

Alexandria University's Community Service & Environmental Development Sector runs programs that directly support residents living in urban poverty conditions. Examples include:

- Food-distribution campaigns for low-income households
- Winter clothing and blankets campaigns for disadvantaged families
- Literacy and continuing-education programs for women and informal workers
- Training initiatives focusing on employability, digital skills, and small-enterprise development

- Social-support caravans offering healthcare, legal awareness, and social-welfare guidance

These programs are aimed at **strengthening welfare**, providing safety nets, and building resilience among vulnerable communities.

- **Capacity Building and Employment Support for Low-Income Youth**

Several faculties—including Engineering, Commerce, Agriculture, and Computers & Data Science—run skills-training workshops that target youth from low-income communities.

These programs cover:

- Entrepreneurship and micro-enterprise development
- Vocational skills training (IT, electronics, food processing, crafts)
- Career counseling and internship placement
- Women's empowerment and financial literacy

. These interventions help integrate marginalized groups into the labor market, addressing root causes of **socioeconomic inequality**

- **Social-Protection and Welfare Partnerships**

Alexandria University collaborates with:

- The **Ministry of Social Solidarity**
- Local NGOs serving low-income communities
- International agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, UN-Habitat, GIZ)
- Municipal councils in Alexandria Governorate
- These partnerships support projects in:
- Food-security and nutrition

- Housing improvements in informal settlements
- Community development in urban-poverty-affected areas
- Access to welfare services and social-insurance registration
- Such collaborations help create a coordinated approach to improving population welfare.

- **Applied Research on Urban Poverty, Slums, and Informal Settlements**

Through faculties such as Engineering (Urban Planning), Architecture, and Social Sciences, AlexU produces urban-poverty-focused research, including:

- Mapping slum areas and analyzing population density and living conditions
- Studying socioeconomic disparities between coastal and inland districts
- Evaluating infrastructure access for low-income communities (water, transport, sanitation)
- Designing affordable-housing strategies and urban-regeneration models
- Policy recommendations for improving welfare provisions in poor neighborhoods
- These studies support government initiatives including the “Decent Life (Hayah Karima)” national program.
- Alexandria University supports “Decent life initiative “ to eradicate poverty

Evidences and incidences are listed below

Medical Convoys for people I need – cooperation with “volunteering in Life” NGO

December 024



In continuation of Alexandria University's active participation in the presidential initiative for human development "Bedaya: A New Beginning for Building the Human Being", and under the auspices of Professor Dr. Abdelaziz Konsowa, President of Alexandria University, the Community Service and Environmental Development Sector, headed by Dr. Saeed Allam, Vice President of the University for Community Service and Environmental Development Affairs, organized a community service medical convoy, on Friday, December 13, 2024, to the King Mariout area in western Alexandria.

This came with the participation of a number of university faculties, namely (Medicine - Dentistry - Pharmacy - Science - Nursing - Higher Institute of Public Health - Medical Research Institute).

the convoy was organized in cooperation with the **“Volunteering is Life” Foundation**, stressing the importance of these convoys in providing **medical services to citizens in the most needy areas** in the villages of Kahla, Abul-Reesh, Ard El-Qerd, Ard El-Sa'aïda, El-Wadi, Masna'a El Toob, and Bashary in the King Mariout area.

During the day, 79 dermatology cases, 40 pediatrics cases, 34 nose and ear cases, 92 orthopedic cases, 102 internal medicine cases, 35 ophthalmology cases, and 95 dental cases were examined, totaling 477 cases, in addition to providing free medicines and transferring some cases to university hospitals, as well as providing free consultations in various medical specialties.

The Faculty of Nursing participated in the activities of the convoy by giving a health education seminar for the people of the region about mental health and wellness, types of psychological stress, its warning symptoms and how to deal with it, in addition to performing chronic diseases tests such as blood pressure and diabetes, where 70 cases of blood pressure and blood sugar were measured.

The Faculty of Science participated through a team from the Department of Botany and Microbiology, where they provided an explanation to the people of the region on how to grow mushrooms at home, how to make natural organic fertilizer, and awareness of plant diseases and the environmental damage of cutting trees.

Awareness and educational services were also provided to citizens of different ages and children through the Department of Community Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine.

At the end of the day, the people of the area thanked Alexandria University for this humanitarian initiative on behalf of the people of the village, especially the most needy, and for providing them with distinguished medical care.



As part of Alexandria University's continued active participation in the presidential initiative for human development (Bedaya) "A New Beginning for Building the Human Being", and under the auspices of Professor Dr. Abdelaziz Konsowa, President of Alexandria University, the Community Service and Environmental Development Sector, headed by Dr. Saeed Allam, Vice President of the University for Community Service and Environmental Development Affairs, launched yesterday, Friday the 11th of October 2024, a combined convoy to the village of Abis 8, with the participation of a large number of university faculties in all medical, community, educational and service disciplines, with the aim of providing services, awareness programs and various activities to serve the people of the village.

Dr. Wael Nabil, the Vice President of Alexandria University for Education and Student Affairs, participated, in the symposium organized by the “Decent Life Foundation” in cooperation with Alexandria University at the Faculty of Commerce, as part of a series of seminars held by the Foundation in cooperation with the Presidency initiative against poverty to spread the culture of volunteer work for university youth and introduce development and youth efforts in this regard.

During the symposium, Dr. Wael Nabil confirmed that Alexandria University participated in the initiative of “Decent Life” since its inception, as the university is keen to develop university youth’s awareness and introduce them to the great challenges facing poverty. The university regularly launches medical, service and community convoys to serve citizens in the most needy areas in Alexandria, Beheira, Matrouh, Barani and Siwa.



Dr. El-Sayed El-Saifi, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, indicated during his speech that the term dignified life has become a legitimate demand within the Egyptian society, expressing his happiness with the participation of university youth in the initiative to continue achieving the principle of social justice and eliminating poverty in all parts of Egypt.

Dr. Muhammad Anwar Farraj, Dean of the College of Education, explained that the university participates, through its students, in eradicating the illiteracy of citizens in villages, and regions most in need. The colleges of the educational sector at the university were able to eradicate the illiteracy of 2,037 citizens in cooperation with the General Authority for Adult Education. The university also organizes awareness convoys and distinguished programs such as The affectionate presidential program, which aims at the cohesion of the Egyptian family.

During the symposium, a documentary film was shown on the Decent Life Initiative and the most important service development projects implemented by the initiative



The Initiatives of Alexandria University to assist students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group

Promoting student who fall in the bottom 20% of household income include involving them in initiatives that educate and motivate them to adapt to their conditions and to adopt environmentally sustainable transportation methods to reach the campus. These initiatives may include awareness campaigns, workshops, or events that highlight the benefits of using cheap eco-friendly transportation options such as walking, cycling, carpooling, or public electric buses.

In line with the state plan to develop Egyptian villages and within the activities of the **Decent Life Initiative** to support human building for students and their families, Alexandria University organized an awareness convoy in the Abis 7 area, one of the bottom 20% household income group, on Saturday, March 19, 2022, as part of a series of visits. The campaign targeted 200 individuals from different target groups. The Faculty of Science participated in awareness programs that included training of disadvantaged students for laboratory experiments and some simplified scientific concepts. The Faculty of Arts provided a psychological counseling service. For the low income groups in this region the Higher Institute of Public Health participated in providing awareness, health education, and a survey of the possibility of parasitic infection to a number of residents of the region. The Fund for **Combating and Treating Addiction and Abuse**, affiliated with the Ministry of Social Solidarity, raised awareness of the drug abuse law and provided health support to those in need of treatment. The Electricity Company also continued to provide technical support and receive complaints from the villagers and submit them via the electronic platform.

The campaign targeted about 800 individuals from various groups, and 500 units (blankets and food commodities)



AU Participation in policy making at local, regional, national levels to implement programmes and policies to end poverty

- In response to the presidential national Plan 2030 , Alexandria university is participating in the national initiative to build human capacity and end poverty. The president of Alexandria university has established a new unit that is affiliated with the ministry of social solidarity with the purpose to enhance a cluster of support activities to serve students, graduates and employees to have a better life and end poverty. The unit will adopt the policy of the ministry and share its outcomes with the ministry to have a better life for all. The unit will work on raising students capacity and raise their willingness to volunteer in campaigns to support the population in need and align with the objectives of the national plans of **“having a decent life”**



- Alexandria University AU is contributing to The Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) which is a 10 Year Strategy that provides a tool for implementing, the Shared Vision Objective of the Member States, “to achieve sustainable socio-economic development through equitable utilization of, and benefit from the shared Nile Basin water resources”. The Strategy has also been shaped by other regional and global policy documents such as the Africa Water Vision 2025, the AU’s Agenda 2063, and the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Strategy, prepared in consultation with the Member States has identified six strategic priorities for **2017-2027**. The contribution of AU is confined to providing full grants to disadvantaged students and graduates from the Nile basin countries to continue their studies. AU also provide social assistance and capacity building training workshops to build human capacity to achieve sustainable socio-economic development in the context of the challenges facing the foreign affairs of the new republic of Egypt



Basic Services Announcements to the community

Guideline for Infection Control in Student Facilities and Teaching Buildings at Alexandria University



Announcement of Alexandria University in collaboration with the medical central region of Alexandria -preventive division of the ministry of health launches the presidential initiative “1000million health “

Women students health, early cancer detection, chronic diseases, renal diseases, blood pressure, diabetes, Kidney functions



The Institute of Medical research held on July 2022 an environmental and social day for awareness about Hepatitis.

Under the patronage of Prof. Abdel Aziz Konsowa, President of Alexandria University, Prof. Ashraf Al-Ghandour, Vice President of the University for Postgraduate Studies and Research, and Prof. Amal Ghanem, Dean of the Medical Research Institute, participated in the activities of the Scientific Day organized by the Medical Research Institute, coinciding with World Hepatitis Day Awareness Day.

The day included a presentation of the latest clinical recommendations and results of scientific research in the field of liver diseases. During the day, the Institute also provided screening, analysis, and x-ray services for patients attending the Institute's outpatient clinics, free of charge, to increase community awareness of liver diseases and ways of prevention, diagnosis, and appropriate treatment.



Community awareness about Hepatitis C

Nile basin scholarship

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Alexandria University is keen to support students from the Nile basin countries who fall in the lowest 20% economic level. Students apply to such scholarships through the university website, (<https://nbs.alexu.edu.eg/>) and a special committee exams the applications based on competitiveness. Below is the number of scholarships offered per country.

Country	No. of Scholarships
Burundian	6
Chad	1
Congolese	4
Kenyan	11
Rwandan	8
SOUTH SUDAN	9
Sudanese	28
TANZANIAN	24
Ugandan	8
Total	99