Policy subject: Student Hunger Alleviation Policy	Policy number: **8**/P.D/2024	Date of last revision: 2024/11/15
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Overview

The **Student Hunger Alleviation Policy** at Palestine Ahliya University aims to address student food insecurity by ensuring all students, regardless of financial background, have access to nutritious meals. The policy provides direct support for students facing hunger due to economic hardship and promotes awareness and collaboration to create a sustainable hunger alleviation system.

Objectives

1. **Provide Nutritious Meals**: Ensure all students, especially those in need, have access to healthy meals.
2. **Raise Awareness**: Increase awareness about food insecurity and its impact on students.
3. **Create a Support Network**: Establish food pantries, meal vouchers, and other support services for students in need.
4. **Encourage Collaboration**: Work with student organizations and local charities to strengthen support.
5. **Foster Solidarity**: Build a culture of responsibility for addressing hunger.
6. **Evaluate Programs**: Regularly assess hunger alleviation programs for effectiveness.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- **Students**: Ensuring all students, especially those in financial need, have access to food.
- **University Departments**: Involved in student welfare, food services, and community outreach.
- **External Partners**: Local food banks, NGOs, and community organizations.

Statements

1. **Commitment to Food Security**: The university ensures no student goes hungry.
2. **Equity and Access**: All students should have access to basic needs, including food.
3. **Collaboration**: The university will partner with local organizations to address food insecurity.
4. **Student-Centered**: Resources and services are tailored to meet the needs of food-insecure students.

Procedures

1. **Food Assistance**:
    o **Food Pantry**: An on-campus pantry for students in need.
    o **Meal Vouchers**: Vouchers for meals for students facing financial hardship.
    o **Free or Discounted Meals**: Some dining facilities will provide free/discounted meals.
    o **Emergency Assistance**: Immediate meals or groceries for students in crisis.
2. **Identification and Referral**:
    o **Confidential Application**: Students can apply confidentially for food support.
    o **Referrals**: Students will be referred to external resources if needed.
3. **Collaboration with Partners**:
    o **Local Food Banks**: Partner with local organizations for food distribution.
    o **Food Recovery**: Recover surplus food from dining services for redistribution.
    o **Student Initiatives**: Support student-led hunger alleviation projects.
4. **Awareness and Education**:
    o **Campaigns**: Regular campaigns to raise awareness.
    o **Staff Training**: Train staff to recognize and support food-insecure students.
    o **Community Engagement**: Engage students in hunger-related activities.
5. **Monitoring and Evaluation**:
    o **Track Participation**: Monitor usage of food assistance programs.
    o **Feedback**: Gather feedback to improve services.
    o **Annual Report**: Report on the program's impact annually.
6. **Funding and Sustainability**:
    o **University Funding**: Allocate a budget for food assistance programs.
    o **External Funding**: Seek donations and grants to support the programs.
    o **Long-Term Sustainability**: Ensure the program's sustainability through diverse funding and partnerships.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

1.	Number of Students Benefiting from Hunger Alleviation Programs