11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
11.1. Arts and Cultural Heritage Support
(Public Access to Heritage Buildings and Landscapes, Public Arts Events Organization)

Palestine Ahliya University (PAU) is committed to supporting arts and cultural heritage while fostering public appreciation and access to culturally significant facilities, such as heritage buildings and landscapes. By organizing cultural and artistic events, PAU enriches the cultural experience for students and the surrounding community while emphasizing the importance of preserving heritage and the arts. Key initiatives include:

- Expanding open cultural events to enhance community participation.
- Strengthening collaborations with local cultural institutions to diversify artistic and heritage-related activities.
- Developing student training programs to promote the value and significance of cultural preservation.
  These efforts ensure that heritage and the arts are celebrated and preserved for future generations while building strong community ties.

11.2. Sustainable Commuting and Housing Practices
(Sustainable Commuting Measurement and Promotion, Affordable Housing Provision for Students and Staff, Remote Working and Telecommuting Encouragement)

PAU is dedicated to reducing the environmental and economic impacts of commuting and housing by adopting sustainable practices and providing affordable options for students and staff. Key actions include:

- Increasing the availability of electric vehicle charging stations to promote the use of electric cars.
- Developing bike lanes and facilities to support cycling and other sustainable commuting methods.
- Launching awareness programs that highlight the environmental benefits of sustainable commuting   practices.
  Additionally, affordable housing is provided for students and staff to ensure accessible living arrangements near campus. Remote working options are encouraged to further reduce commuting needs, contributing to a greener, more inclusive university environment.

11.3. Sustainable Building and Campus Planning
(Sustainable Building Standards, Pedestrian Access Priority, Local Authority Collaboration for Community Planning)

PAU prioritizes sustainable building and campus planning to minimize environmental impacts and foster a healthy, accessible campus environment. By adhering to recognized sustainable building standards, the University ensures energy-efficient and eco-friendly infrastructure. Key initiatives include:

- Prioritizing pedestrian access to encourage walkability across campus and reduce dependence on vehicles.

- Collaborating with local authorities to align campus developments with broader sustainability and community planning objectives.
- Expanding infrastructure for sustainable commuting, such as additional electric vehicle charging   stations.
  These efforts reinforce the University's commitment to environmental stewardship, accessibility, and integration with the surrounding community.

11.4. Strategic Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

SN	KPI	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
1.	Public Arts Events	93%	95%	98%
2.	Sustainable Commuting Rate	94%	96%	99%
3.	Affordable Housing Units	93%	95%	98%
4.	Remote Work Participation	81%	83%	86%
5.	Sustainable Building Compliance	95%	97%	100%
6.	Local Authority Projects	91%	93%	96%

11.5. Activities and initiatives achieved (2023/2024)

SN	Activities / Initiatives	Link
1.	You Are Stronger Than Crises... Examine and Be Assured	Go
2.	From Dream to Reality: Success Stories and Steps to Excellence	Go