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1. No Poverty

1.1. Equitable Access and Admissions

PAU is committed to advancing **SDG 1: No Poverty** by ensuring equitable access to education, particularly for students from low-income and marginalized communities. The University's transparent admissions process includes a structured financial needs assessment, alongside financial waivers and scholarship programs designed to reduce economic barriers and support students facing financial hardship.

These initiatives ensure that every student—regardless of socioeconomic background—has the opportunity to pursue high-quality education. Through academic support services, guidance, and tailored interventions, PAU empowers students to succeed academically and to contribute meaningfully to their communities and society at large.

1.2. Low-Income Student Support

PAU is committed to supporting low-income students by providing a range of essential services that reduce financial burdens and promote academic success. These include affordable housing options, meal subsidies, transportation assistance, and access to healthcare services. Together, these initiatives address both academic and non-academic challenges faced by students, ensuring they can focus on their studies without the added pressure of covering basic living expenses.

By easing financial strain and offering comprehensive support, PAU empowers students from lower-income backgrounds to continue their education, excel academically, and remain fully engaged in university life.

1.3. Scholarship and Financial Aid

PAU is committed to expanding access to higher education for students from low-income backgrounds through a comprehensive system of scholarships and financial aid. These programs are designed to reduce the financial burden on students and make higher education more attainable and affordable. In addition, the University provides low-interest loans to support students in managing their educational expenses and sustaining their academic progress.

Through this financial support, PAU ensures that no student is denied the opportunity to pursue higher education due to financial limitations. These efforts foster a more inclusive, equitable, and diverse academic community, reinforcing PAU's ongoing commitment to social responsibility and educational accessibility.

1.4. Graduation and Retention

PAU is dedicated to improving student retention and graduation rates, particularly for learners from low-income and vulnerable backgrounds. The University provides a comprehensive support system that includes academic mentorship, targeted academic assistance, and access to psychological and social counseling services. These interventions help students navigate



personal and academic challenges, ensuring they remain engaged and on track throughout their studies.

By fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment where students feel valued and empowered, PAU significantly strengthens their ability to succeed academically and progress toward graduation.

1.5. Social and Economic Empowerment

PAU promotes social and economic empowerment by offering entrepreneurship training, microloans, on-campus employment opportunities, and community engagement programs. These initiatives strengthen students' entrepreneurial capacities and contribute to sustainable development within the local community. By supporting small business ventures and creating meaningful employment pathways, PAU enables students and community members to achieve greater economic self-sufficiency.

Through these efforts, the University plays an active role in advancing economic resilience and contributing to the broader economic development of Palestine.

1.6. International Cooperation to Support Students from Low-Income Countries

PAU is committed to supporting international students from low-income countries, particularly those from neighboring regions, by offering dedicated scholarship opportunities and financial assistance. The University also strengthens access to higher education through strategic collaborations with both local and international institutions aimed at supporting students who face significant economic barriers.

These partnerships expand educational opportunities for students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, enabling them to pursue academic and professional pathways that would otherwise be out of reach. Through these efforts, PAU contributes to broader sustainable development goals, promotes global solidarity, and reinforces its role as a regional institution that champions equity and inclusion.

1.7. Strategic Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

SN	KPI	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
1.	Low-Income Admissions Rate	87%	90%	91%
2.	Affordable Housing Beneficiaries	88%	91%	91%
3.	Scholarship Recipients	93%	96%	96%
4.	Low-Income Graduation Rate	94%	97%	97%
5.	Entrepreneurship Trainees	88%	91%	92%
6.	Low-Income Intl. Scholars	95%	98%	99%



1.8. Activities and initiatives achieved (2024/2025)

SN	Activities / Initiatives	Link
1.	Employment Days	GO
2.	Career Success Activity	GO

1.9. SDG Scientific Research (2024)

SN	Article Name	Link
1.	Abdullah, N. A., Hdaifeh, A., Babaadoune, K., Jebreen, A., Awad, N., Rejeb, A., ... & Hassoun, A. (2025). Marine Ecosystems in Peril: The Impact of the Recent War on Gaza's Coastal and Marine Life. In <i>War on Gaza: Consequences on Sustainability and Global Security</i> (pp. 189-202). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.	click