



THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



SDG 1 — NO POVERTY

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1. Overview — SDG 1: No Poverty

Gulf University reaffirms its commitment to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty) through a combination of direct community welfare support, financial literacy education, household-level sustainability assessment, research and innovation, and digital financial inclusion. During the 2025–2026 Academic Year, this work was carried out across three institutional centres — the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre (CECEC), the Sustainability and Development Makers Center (SDM-C), and the Digital Transformation Center (DTC) — together with two SDG 1-tagged patents registered through the University's research arm.

This report consolidates SDG 1 evidence from three sources: the CECEC Annual Report 2025–2026, the SDM-C Annual Report 2025–2026, and the DTC Annual Report 2025–2026, for Education & Research two SDG 1-linked patents.

2. Key Highlights for Academic Year 2025–2026

SDM-C — Sustainability and Development Makers Center

- GUSW2025 (2nd Edition, 16–20 Nov 2025): SDG 1 addressed in 8 of 35 analysed activities (22.9%).
- ICSDI 2025 (First International Conference on Sustainable Development and Innovation): SDG 1 represented in 5.3% of accepted research papers.
- Sustainable Family Initiative (GU-SFI, Jan–Jun 2026): explicitly linked to SDG 1 in the updated SDM-C report, on the basis that the initiative helps participating households strengthen their economic resilience.

CECEC — Community Engagement and Continuing Education Center

- Pillar 2 (Donations & CSR) — Iftar Saim: 700+ Iftar meals distributed to low-income workers.
- Pillar 6 (Community Services) — Financial Awareness Lecture delivered by Mr. Abdulaziz Saif.

DTC — Digital Transformation Center

- Scholarships of up to 50% offered to deserving students, administered as a form of digital financial inclusion through the student portal.

Research & Patents

- Two SDG 1-tagged patents registered in 2025–2026 (Bahrain and Germany) for sustainable-agriculture technologies — see Section 10.

3. Community Engagement Related to SDG 1 (No Poverty) — CECEC

CECEC's contribution to SDG 1 is direct and community-facing, spanning two pillars of its operational framework: Pillar 2 (Donations & CSR) and Pillar 6 (Community Services). Both initiatives are explicitly SDG 1-tagged in the CECEC Annual Report 2025–2026.

Pillar	Initiative	SDG 1 Linkage
Pillar 2 — Donations & CSR	Iftar Saim (700+ meals)	Directed institutional and personal generosity toward economically vulnerable low-income workers.



Pillar	Initiative	SDG 1 Linkage
Pillar 6 — Community Services	Financial Awareness Lecture	Equipped community members with practical money-management skills to reduce financial vulnerability.

4. Gulf University Institutional Engagement Related to SDG 1 — SDM-C & DTC

Beyond direct community service, Gulf University addresses SDG 1 through institutional programming (SDM-C), household-level sustainability assessment (SDM-C's GU-SFI), and digital financial inclusion in student services (DTC). The table below summarises how each centre's reported activity connects to SDG 1.

Centre	Programme	SDG 1 Evidence (as stated in source report)
SDM-C	GUSW2025 (2nd Edition)	SDG 1 addressed in 8 of 35 analysed activities (22.9%).
SDM-C	ICSDI 2025	SDG 1 represented in 5.3% of accepted research papers.
SDM-C	GU-SFI	Report states: “SDG 1 – No Poverty, this initiative also serves to uplift their economic condition.”
DTC	Scholarships up to 50%	Described in the DTC report as a form of “Digital Financial Inclusion” delivered via the student portal.

5. Iftar Saim — Meal Distribution During Ramadan



In the spirit of Ramadan, CECEC organized and participated in the “Iftar Saim” (إفطار صائم, “Heartfelt Iftar”) initiative, distributing more than 700 Iftar meals over three consecutive days to low-income workers through the Ramadan tent. The initiative combined an institutional donation with personal staff contributions.

Initiative	Iftar Saim (إفطار صائم)
GU Institutional Donation	BD 150 (Bahraini Dinars)
Staff Contributions	Personal meal donations from GU employees
Total Meals	700+ Iftar meals over 3 consecutive days
Beneficiaries	Low-income workers — Ramadan tent
Season	Holy Month of Ramadan 2025–2026
Linked SDGs	SDG 1 — No Poverty SDG 2 — Zero Hunger SDG 3 — Good Health SDG 10 — Reduced Inequalities SDG 17 — Partnerships



6. Financial Awareness Lecture



CECEC and the College of Administrative and Financial Sciences jointly organized a community awareness lecture on “Financial Awareness,” delivered by Mr. Abdulaziz Saif. The session covered personal financial planning, smart money-management strategies, and practical decision-making tools — life skills directly relevant to reducing financial vulnerability.

Co-Organizer	College of Administrative and Financial Sciences, Gulf University
Speaker	Mr. Abdulaziz Saif
Topic	Financial Awareness — Smart Money Management & Decision-Making
Format	Community awareness lecture — open to students, staff & community
Linked SDGs	SDG 1 — No Poverty SDG 4 — Quality Education SDG 8 — Decent Work SDG 10 — Reduced Inequalities SDG 17 — Partnerships

7. Sustainable Family Initiative (GU-SFI) 2025–2026

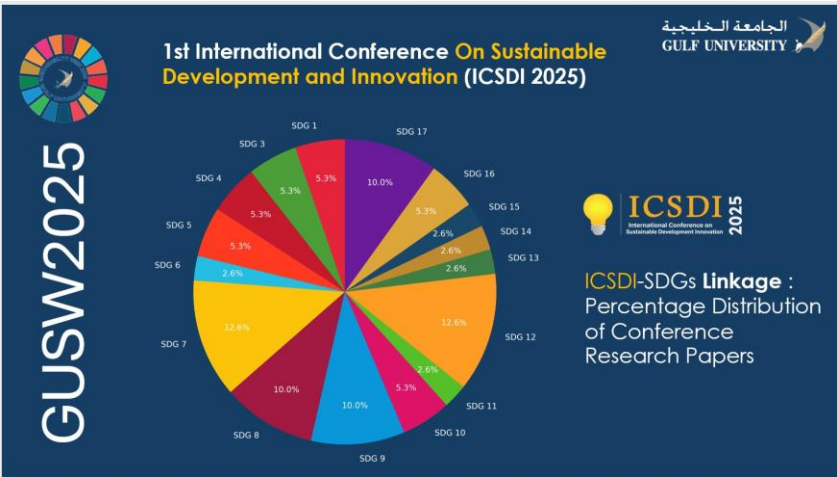
The Sustainable Family Initiative (GU-SFI), developed by SDM-C under the theme “Small Daily Actions, Lasting Generational Impact,” is a six-month programme (January–June 2026, 211 total participants) that supports Gulf University students, their families, and the wider Bahraini community in adopting sustainable household practices.

In the current SDM-C Annual Report, SDG 1 is explicitly listed among the SDGs the initiative contributes to, with the report stating that the programme “also serves to uplift their economic condition.” This is a general statement rather than a quantified outcome: the source report does not specify a weighted assessment domain, a percentage weighting, or a named financial-sustainability award. Any such figures should not be reported until they can be verified against a documented GU-SFI assessment rubric.

The initiative's other SDG linkages — SDG 3, 4, 11, 12, and 13 — are described in detail in the SDM-C report and relate to health, education, sustainable communities, responsible consumption, and climate action respectively.



8. First International Conference on Sustainable Development and Innovation (ICSIDI 2025)

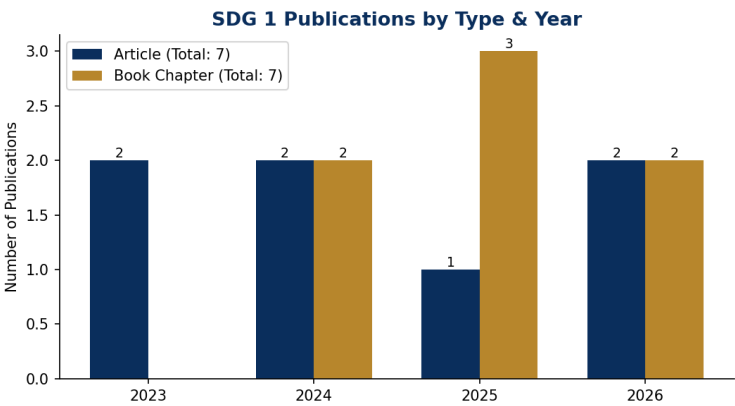


ICSIDI 2025, organized by the University Research Council with SDM-C as part of GUSW2025, brought together researchers, academics, and practitioners across engineering, environmental sciences, business, and social sciences. SDG 1 was represented in 5.3% of accepted research papers, alongside SDG 3, 4, 5, 10, and 16 at the same share. The largest shares of papers addressed SDG 7 and SDG 12 (12.6% each).

9. Digital Financial Inclusion — ICT-Enabled Access to Education

The DTC Annual Report 2025–2026 states that Gulf University supports SDG 1 by leveraging ICT to enhance educational access and equity, specifically through scholarships of up to 50% for deserving students, administered as a form of Digital Financial Inclusion via the student portal. The DTC report does not provide further detail on payment mechanics (e.g., installment plans); accordingly, this report describes the scholarship and portal-based administration only, without elaborating on payment features that are not documented in the source.

10. GU Research & Patents Related to SDG 1



Gulf University's Education and Research Programs in supporting the SDG 1 among the goals the University's research and innovation output supports indirectly, evidenced by two registered patents for sustainable-agriculture technologies:



Patent	Country / Registry	Registration No.	Date	SDG Linkage
An Automated Irrigation System for Sustainable Farming	Bahrain (AGIP)	205/2025	13-Jul-2025	SDG 1, 2, 9, 11
Autonomous Agricultural Field Robot	Germany (DPMA)	20 206 100 862	25-Feb-2026	SDG 1, 2, 9, 11, 12

11. Summary of Impact and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Programme	Objective	Participants / Scope	Outcome
GUSW2025 (2nd Edition)	Sustainability Week activities addressing multiple SDGs, including poverty alleviation	Students, community, guests, faculty	SDG 1 addressed in 8 of 35 analysed activities (22.9%)
ICSIDI 2025	International conference showcasing sustainable development research	Researchers/authors of accepted papers	SDG 1 represented in 5.3% of accepted research papers
GU-SFI	Support household-level sustainability, incl. economic resilience	211 participants — students, families, community	SDG 1 listed among linked goals; no quantified financial outcome yet reported
Iftar Saim	Provide food support to low-income workers during Ramadan	Low-income workers	700+ Iftar meals distributed; BD 150 institutional donation
Financial Awareness Lecture	Improve financial literacy among target audience	Students, staff, community	Lecture delivered by Mr. Abdulaziz Saif
Scholarships up to 50%	Reduce financial barrier to higher education	Deserving students	Administered via student portal as Digital Financial Inclusion
SDG 1-tagged Patents	Advance sustainable-agriculture innovation	GU researchers (Bahrain, Germany registries)	2 patents registered in 2025–2026

12. Conclusion and Future Directions

Gulf University's SDG 1 (No Poverty) evidence for AY 2025–26 now draws on four verified sources — CECEC, SDM-C, and DTC — spanning direct community welfare (Iftar Saim), financial literacy education, household-level sustainability support (GU-SFI), digital financial inclusion in student services, and SDG 1-tagged research patents.

Future directions:

- Track outcomes, not just tagging. Where GU-SFI or scholarship programmes are linked to SDG 1, request the underlying assessment data (e.g., number of low-income households/students supported, measurable change over time) rather than reporting participation or eligibility criteria alone.
- Verify before adding specificity. Any future claim about a named award, weighted scoring domain, or payment feature should be confirmed against a specific source document before inclusion.
- Continue monitoring research and patent evidence for SDG 1 may expand with new registrations.

**Compiled from:**

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center (IEC) -Annual Report for the year 2025-26

<https://www.gulfuniversity.edu.bh/images/centers/innovation-entrepreneurship-center/annual-report/IEC-Annual-Report-2025-2026.pdf>

Sustainability Development Makers- Center -Annual Report for the year 2025-26

<https://www.gulfuniversity.edu.bh/images/centers/sustainability-and-development-makers-center/SDM-C-Annual-Report-2025-2026.pdf>

Community Engagement & Continuing Education Center (CECEC) -Annual Report for the year 2025-26

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Digital Transformation Center (DTC) -Annual Report for the year 2025-26

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