

Collaboration with NGOs for SDGs

(Student volunteering programmes, research programmes, and development of educational resources)

Overview

Gulf University (GU) maintains strong, structured collaborations with NGOs to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These collaborations take place through student volunteering programmes, joint research initiatives, and co-development of educational resources that support community empowerment and national development priorities.

1. Student Volunteering Programmes with NGOs

- Kiswa Bahrain & Good Word Society: Students volunteered in donation drives, elderly home visits, gift distribution, and social welfare activities.
- Bahraini Catalysts' Disabilities Society: Students supported inclusive events, marathons, and disability awareness campaigns.
- Friendship Society for the Blind: Students assisted with community service programmes promoting inclusion and accessibility.
- Environmental NGOs: Students participated in beach clean-ups, tree planting (900+ plants), and environmental campaigns.

2. Research Programmes with NGOs

- Health-focused NGOs: Joint projects on chronic disease awareness, diabetes prediction using AI, and community health research.
- Environmental NGOs: Collaboration on research pilots including AI smart irrigation systems and water conservation.
- Youth NGOs (e.g., Injaz, Hope Talents): Joint research and innovation initiatives supporting youth entrepreneurship and social innovation.

3. Development of Educational Resources with NGOs

- Hamza Al Zayyat Center for Quranic Studies: GU faculty delivered tailored leadership and soft-skills training.
- Bahrain Reads Campaign: GU developed reading and writing resources and conducted six literacy workshops.
- Bahrain Deaf Society: Co-development of sign-language educational content and accessibility training materials.
- AI & Sustainability Awareness: Development of community learning material on AI literacy, sustainability, and environmental protection.

Conclusion

Through structured partnerships with NGOs, Gulf University advances SDG-focused volunteering, research, and educational development. These collaborations enhance

community well-being, strengthen civil society, and position GU as a key national contributor to SDG 17.



Bahrain Reads



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