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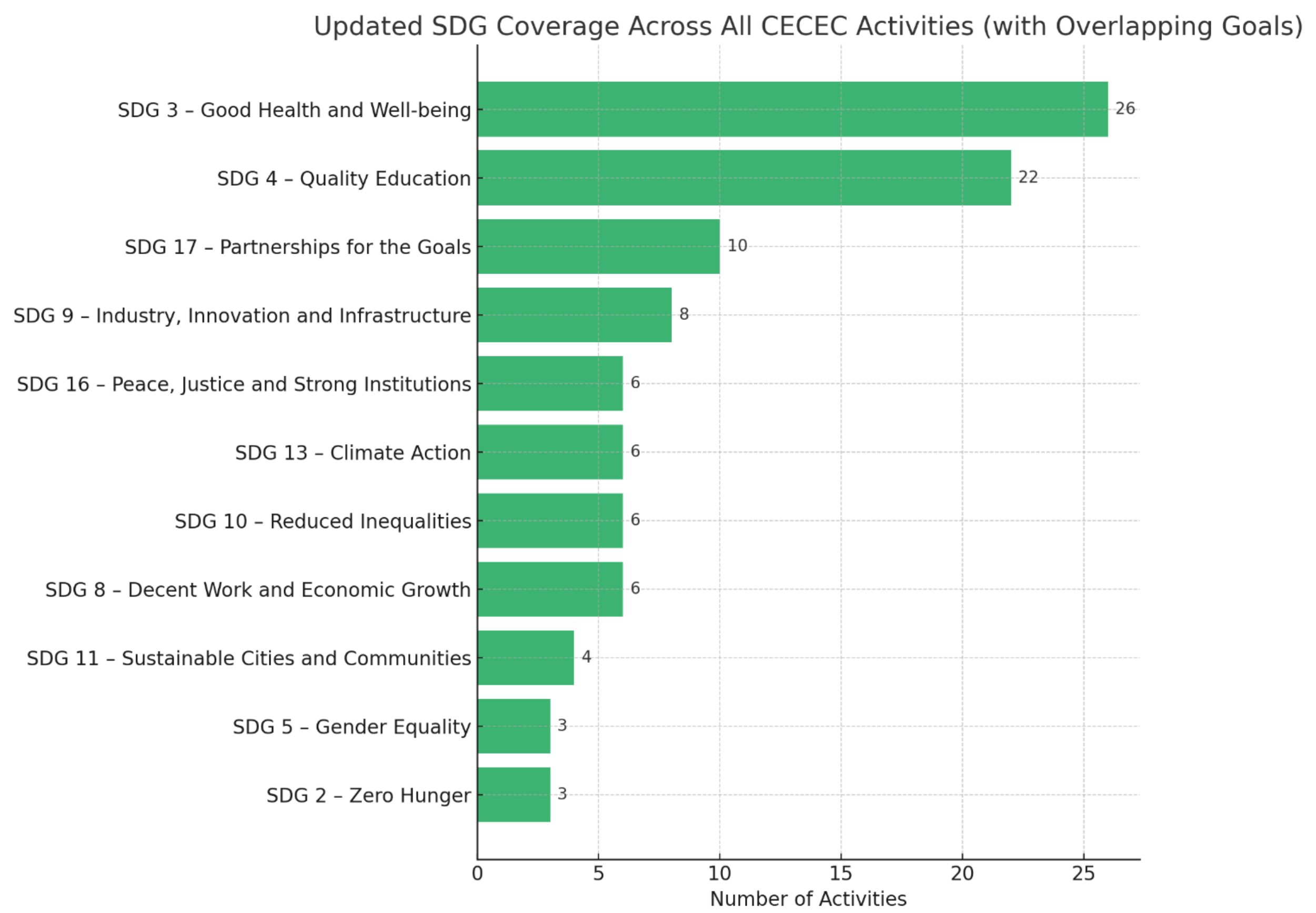
Executive Summary

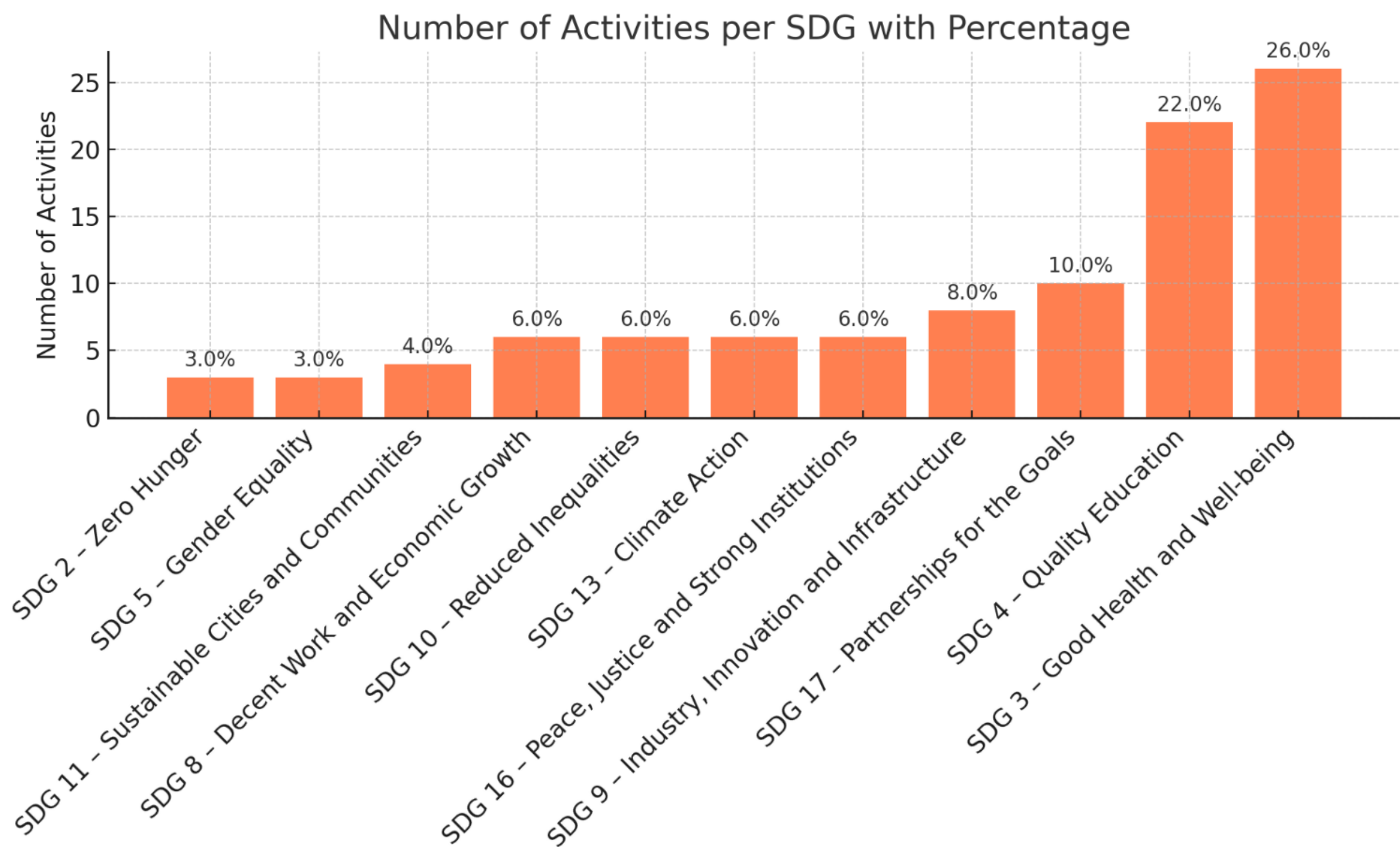
The **Gulf University’s Community Engagement and Continuing Education Center (CECEC)** continues to demonstrate exceptional commitment to social responsibility, humanitarian outreach, and sustainable community development, directly contributing to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2 – Zero Hunger** and **Bahrain’s Vision 2030**.

During the **academic year 2024–2025**, CECEC executed a series of **14 donation and welfare initiatives**, most notably the **“Iftar Sa’aim” campaign**, which embodied the university’s mission to alleviate hunger, foster social solidarity, and empower its students and faculty to serve the community meaningfully.

Introduction:

Gulf University's Community Engagement and Continuing Education Center (**CECEC**) demonstrates a strong commitment to societal well-being and sustainable development. By facilitating the donation of a wide range of items, from educational and medical equipment to meals and books, CECEC has directly supported schools, health institutions, and individuals in need. This pillar is not just about giving; it's about strategically aligning humanitarian efforts with global frameworks, successfully advancing key **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and contributing to Bahrain’s Vision 2030. The successful execution of 14 separate initiatives, including the "Iftar Sa'aim" campaign, highlights the university's dedication to inclusive engagement and its role as a model for community partnership.





### Iftar Samim – Meal Distribution During Ramadan

- **Linked SDGs:** SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 1 (No Poverty)
- **Objective:** OB16.IN02 – Encourage active student and faculty participation in community issues.
- **Summary:**

Gulf University, through the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Center (CECEC), organized the “**Iftar Samim**” campaign, distributing **400 hot meals** to individuals in need during the holy month of Ramadan. Meals were distributed before Iftar time at traffic light intersections and low-income areas to support fasting individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

- **Impact:** Directly addressed immediate nutritional needs and reduced food insecurity for vulnerable groups.
- **Participants:** Faculty and students volunteered in preparation and distribution.
- **Outcome:** Strengthened social solidarity and community care, aligning with SDG 2 by combating hunger and ensuring food access.

### Details

The campaign successfully distributed 400 hot meals to individuals in need. The timing and distribution strategy were key to the initiative’s effectiveness:

- **Timely Relief:** The meals were intentionally distributed just before Iftar time (sunset), ensuring that fasting individuals—many of whom are workers or those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds—could break their fast immediately and properly.
- **Targeted Outreach:** Distribution focused on strategic, high-need areas, including traffic light intersections and low-income residential and camp areas. This method ensured the aid reached people who might not have access to organized community gatherings.



## Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

This charitable action is a clear example of how local community efforts can contribute to sustainable global development objectives:

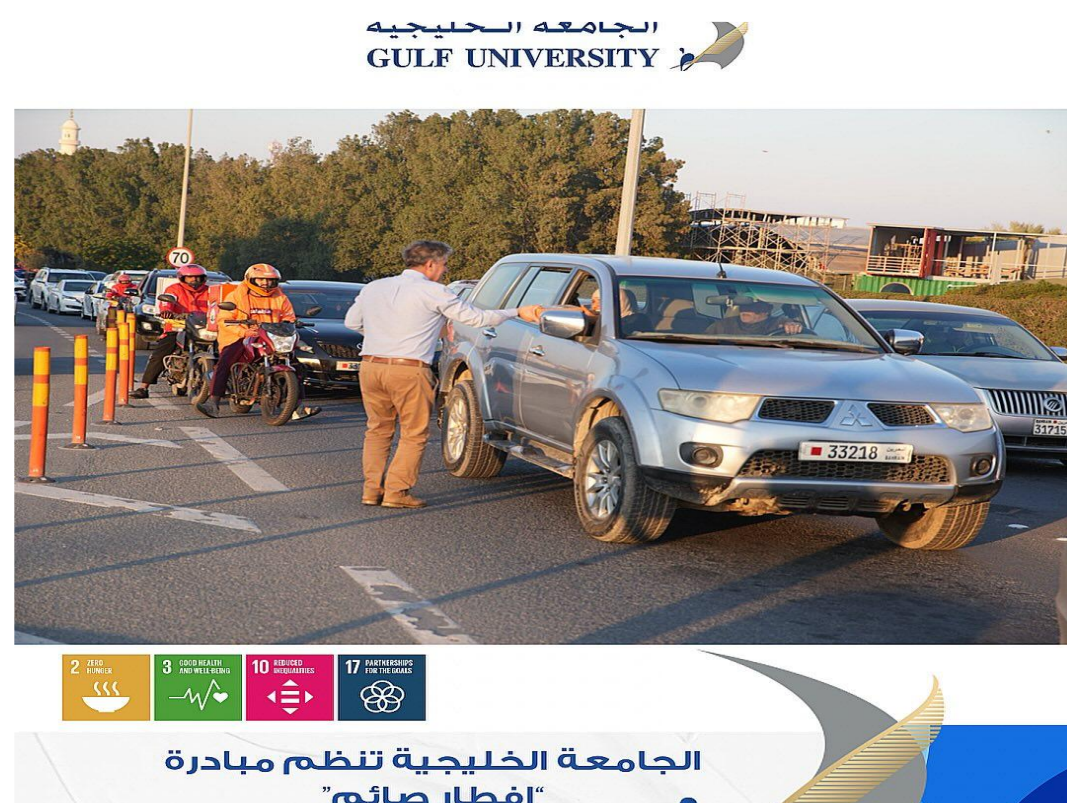
- **SDG 2: Zero Hunger:** By providing 400 hot, nutritious meals, the campaign directly addressed the immediate nutritional needs of the community, offering a vital lifeline to those experiencing food insecurity.
- **SDG 1: No Poverty:** Offering essential food relief to people facing financial hardship helps to reduce the daily burden of food expenses. For those struggling economically, the cost of a daily meal can be a significant hurdle, and this relief directly aids in alleviating that strain.

## Commitment to Social Solidarity

Beyond the material aid, the "Iftar Samim" campaign stands out as a powerful reflection of the university's core values:

- **Active Civic Responsibility:** The initiative moves beyond academic theory and instills a sense of active civic responsibility within the university body.
- **Engaging the University Community:** The success of the program hinged on the collaborative efforts of both students and faculty. This involvement in meaningful outreach during the holy month provides participants with invaluable real-world experience in empathy, logistics, and social solidarity, reinforcing the university's role as a driver of positive societal change.

In essence, the "Iftar Samim" campaign was not just a food distribution drive; it was a comprehensive effort to foster social solidarity and provide a heartfelt act of care to the community during a time when compassion and sharing are paramount.





**Pillar 2 – Donations and Social Responsibility (Overall SDG 2 Contribution)**

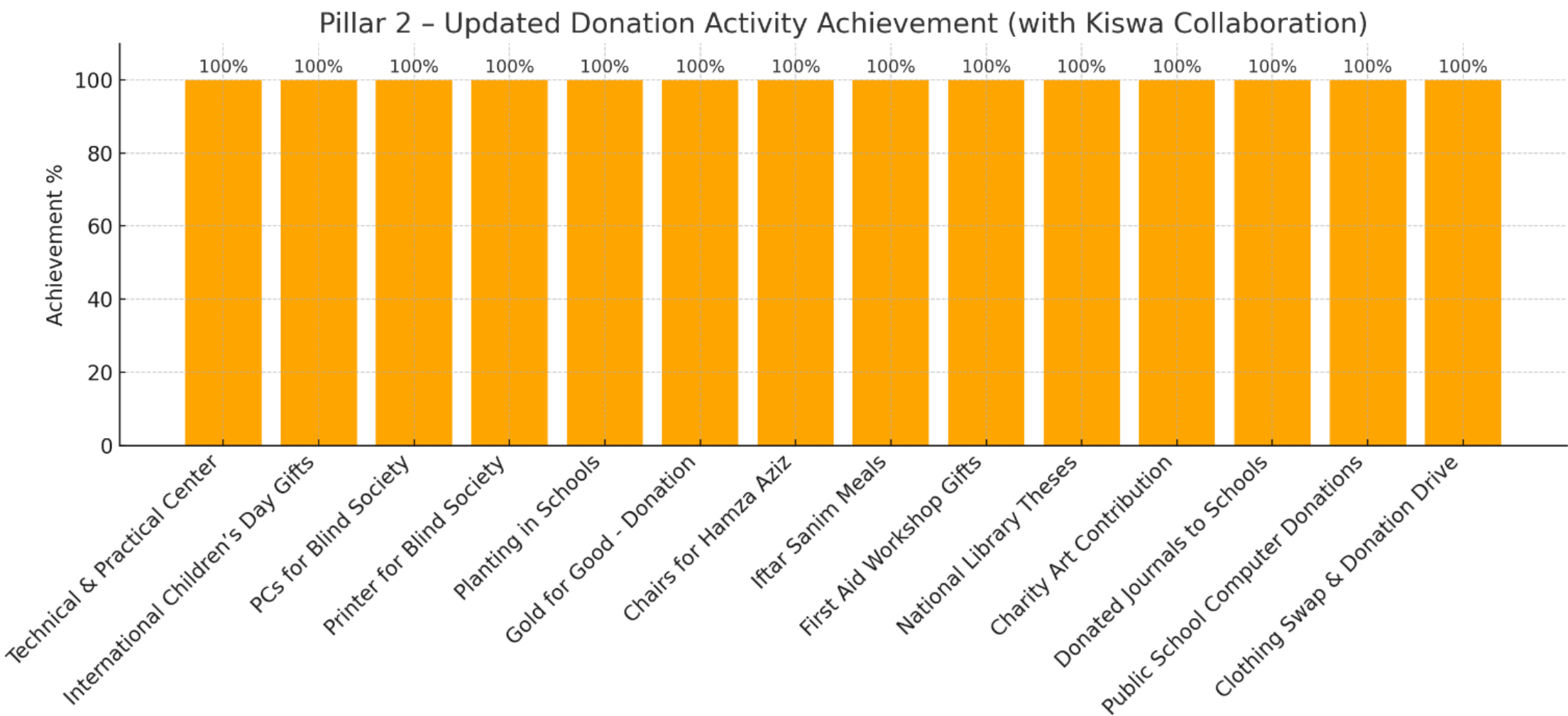
- **Pillar Achievement:** 100% completion.
- **Linked SDGs:** SDGs 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 17.
- **Summary:**  
Under the Donations and Social Responsibility pillar, **1,693 items** were donated to schools, health institutions, and charities – including meals and nutritional aid packages.  
  
These activities supported **SDG 2** through food and nutritional support initiatives for low-income groups and families in need, reinforcing GU’s role in combating hunger and promoting equity.

**Clothing Swap & Donation Drive – in Collaboration with Kiswa Bahrain**

- **Linked SDGs:** SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 1 (No Poverty), and SDG 17 (Partnerships).
- **Indirect Relevance to SDG 2:** By redistributing essential clothing and supporting families in need, the initiative complemented food relief efforts and overall well-being goals under SDG 2.
- **Summary:** Part of Sustainability Week 2024, students and staff donated clothing to be redistributed to needy families, promoting social welfare and resource equity.

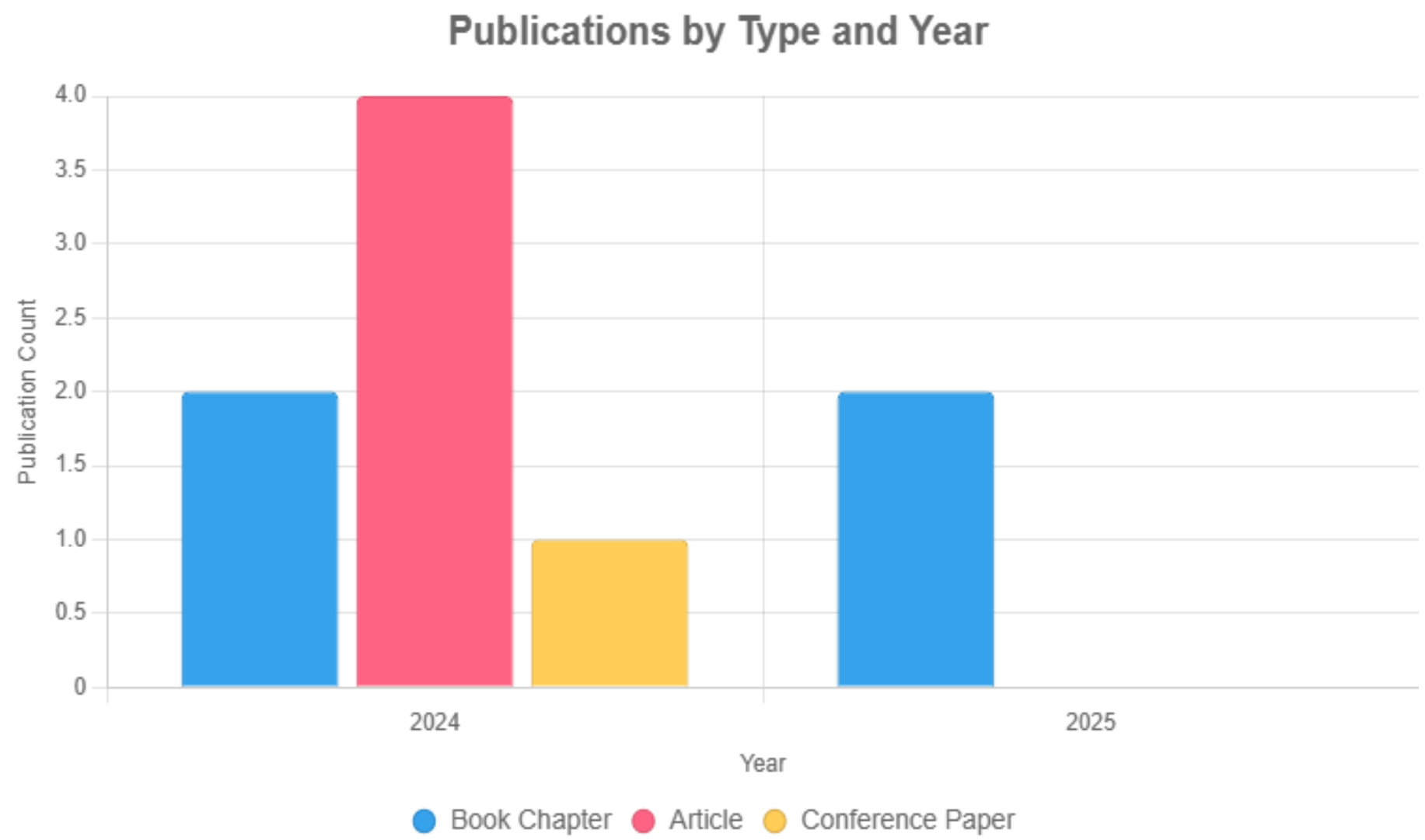
**Donations and Social Responsibility**

As part of Gulf University’s commitment to societal well-being and sustainable development, the CECEC executed 14 donation and support-based initiatives throughout the academic year. These included the donation of medical and educational tools, gifts for special needs students, support for libraries, meal provision, and environmental contributions. All activities were successfully completed, illustrating a strong dedication to equity, education, innovation, and humanitarian support. This pillar continues to serve as a model for inclusive engagement and aligns significantly with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), notably in health, education, innovation, and community partnership.



**Publications related to SDG 2**

The following is a list of articles, book chapters, and conference papers related to **SDG 2: Zero Hunger** published or slated for publication in the 2024–2025 (July) timeframe.



**SDG 2 Articles in 2024-2025 (July)**

Authors Name	Title	Journal Name	Type	Year
Alex, A.R., Mahdi, M., El Fezzani, W.	Optimizing Water Usage in Agriculture: A Study on Automated Irrigation Systems Using Humidity Sensors and Arduino Uno	Studies in Systems Decision and Control	Book Chapter	2025
Annepu, V., Bagadi, K., Tolephih, M.H., Abdullah, T.A., Al-Ayash, A.A.	Automated Detection of Coconut Leaf Diseases Using Deep Learning Techniques	Studies in Systems Decision and Control	Book Chapter	2025
Sridevi, V.V., Hamzah, H.T., Jweeg, M.J., Abdullah, T.A., Abdullah, O.I.	Microwave Pyrolysis of Agricultural and Plastic Wastes for Production of Hybrid Biochar: Applications for Greener Environment	Indonesian Journal of Science and Technology	Article	2024
Khurshid, N., Butt, N.A., Fiaz, A., Tabash, M.I., Al-Absy, M.S.M.	Do Climate Change Matter for Agricultural Production in an era of Globalization? Empirical Insights from Pakistan	International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy	Article	2024
Mohamed, G., Chiad, F., Abdesslam, M., Omar, B., Al-Absy, M.S.M.	Identifying Determinants of Food Security Using Panel Data Analysis: Evidence from Maghreb Countries	Economies	Article	2024
Hussein, M.F., Eid, A.A., Al-Ayash, A.A.	Interior Design Proposal for a Rural Tourism Center as Sustainable Development in Jordan (Al Fuheis Farm Case Study)	Dirasat Human and Social Sciences	Article	2024
Salaheldeen, M., Ateeq, A.A., Al Ani, Z., Ali, S.A., Milhem, M.	Green Entrepreneurship and Sustainability in Developing Countries: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Research Directions	Studies in Systems Decision and Control	Book Chapter	2024

Meghana, P., Annepu, V., Jweeg, M.J., Hameed Aldulaimi, S.H.K., Alfiras, M.I.I.	Analysis of Neural Network Algorithm in Comparison to Multiple Linear Regression and Random Forest Algorithm	2024 Asu International Conference in Emerging Technologies for Sustainability and Intelligent Systems	Conference Paper	2024
Hashim, N., Neo, T.G., Mohammed, M.N., Jameel al-Tamimi, A.N., Alfiras, M.I.I.	Toward Sustainable Smart Cities: A New Approach of Solar and Wind Renewable Energy in Agriculture Applications	Studies in Systems Decision and Control	Book Chapter	2024

**Summary of Impact**

Initiative	Activity Type	Beneficiaries	Key Impact on SDG 2
Iftar Samim Campaign	Meal distribution drive during Ramadan	400 individuals in low-income communities	Direct reduction of hunger and improved food security
Donations and Social Responsibility Programs	Material & food donations throughout the year	Schools, NGOs, families in need	Indirect support to zero-hunger by covering basic needs and reducing food insecurity risk
Clothing Swap Drive	Redistribution of essential goods	Underprivileged families	Supports poverty reduction and social inclusion linked to SDG 2
Publications on SDG 2	Academic and Research Publications (Articles, Book Chapters, and Conference Papers)	Academic World, Agricultural Sector, Governments, Community etc.	Supported policy dialogue and innovation by presenting research on topics such as smart irrigation, biochar from agricultural waste, and deep learning for crop health monitoring.

**Conclusion:**

Gulf University's approach is distinguished by its holistic alignment of community outreach and academic mission. The success of the "Iftar Sa'aim" campaign highlights the university’s ability to foster social solidarity and provide a heartfelt act of care, while the breadth of the *Donations and Social Responsibility* pillar demonstrates its commitment to comprehensive well-being. By integrating direct humanitarian aid with innovative research, the university not only alleviates immediate hunger but also contributes to the sustainable solutions necessary to achieve Zero Hunger globally. CECEC serves as a powerful model for how a higher education institution can effectively embody civic responsibility and drive both local and global sustainable development goals.

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