

# **Sustainable Development Goals** Individual Report on SDG 1 – NO POVERTY



Aktau 2023

# 1.2 Proportion of students receiving financial aid to attend university because of poverty

Highschool graduates take the National Knowledge Test and the highest test results allow them to apply for the Bachelor Programs and then get the State Scholarship covering the tuition fee, stipend and cost of living at dormitories. Every year more than half of the accepted students for the Bachelor Programs have the State Scholarship, meanwhile, Master and PhD students are mainly accepted at the base of State Scholarship as the Government continues to increase the amount of Graduate Level Scholarships. Now more than 2400 students from 8000 have the State Scholarship.

Students without Scholarship pay the tuition fees by themselves and not all students can afford to pay the full amount due to social and economic conditions of family budget. Therefore, the University considers all the cases and estimates the possible financial aid for the students depending on necessity. Providing financial support for students is a key priority of Yessenov University and it allocates a substantial amount of funding for different categories of financial aid every year. All categories can be grouped into two subcategories: one covers financial aid for students based on academic, sport, social achievements and the financial aid is given in the form of discounts from total amount of annual tuition fee, and the second group covers the social status of students and their families.

The university has the Committee for Social Support and its members are vice-presidents, the deans and heads of departments who consider all applications case by case at the beginning of each semester and make collective proposals for the President.

Below the table demonstrates the given distribution of financial aid for students.

1.2.1. Yessenov University is training 6747 bachelor students, 433 MA students and 20 PhD students and 1516 college students for the academic year 2022-2023.

Yessenov University encourages students to study and gain knowledge on its campus, in particular, those who are from low-income families.

Table 1. Number of students who receive financial aid in forms of grants and scholarships.

№	Faculty	The employeet for the state Court			Winner of "Altyn BELGI"	«YESSENOV FEST»									Students who received a discount on their achievements in sports				e	
		The applicant for the state Grant, who chose Yessenov University as the first in the list of universities				Winner	Republica ad ''YESS		«JAS KÁSIPKER» and Winner «YU Debate CUP»			-				Winner of the competi tion	Total			
	Size	15%	25%	50%	75%	100%	15%	25%	50%	75%	100%	50%	75%	100%	50%	75%	100%	25%	100%	
1	Faculty of Tourism and languages	41	38	19	15	2	12	11	14	11	9	3	6	3	1	8	12	1		206
2	Business and Law	44	36	32	24	3	16	11	11	9	12	2	5	4	3	7	12	3		234
3	Faculty of Engineering	31	47	31	26	2	15	16	14	8	13	4	4	5	5	4	14	4		243
4	Science and Technology	38	32	34	25	2	19	15	13	7	9	3	8	5	7	9	13	4		243
5	Faculty of Pedagogy	37	45	28	18	1	17	12	12	9	11	4	6	3	2	11	18	3		237
6	Military Department	43	28	36	16	8	14	13	13	11	10	2	5	3	6	12	14	35	1	270
	Total:	234	226	180	124	18	93	78	77	55	64	18	34	23	24	51	83	50	1	1433
			7	64		18			367				75			158		50	1	1433

#### Descriptions:

\*"Altyn BELGI" is a badge awarded to an excellent student in the Kazakh education system (equivalent to a Gold medal). Students awarded with the "Altyn belgi" badge, with an equal score at the UNT with other applicants, have a preferential right to receive state educational grants (in the absence of grants — credits) in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

\*The contest "Jas kasipker 2020" is a competition of startup projects of young and ambitious youth of the country.

\* Republican debate tournament among schoolchildren "YU Debate Cup IV" with 10 grants and benefits.

\* JOO.kz is an online platform through which graduates can apply for a grant.

#### Additional link:

https://www.lada.kz/gosinformzakaz/proekty-realizuemye-v-regione/101399yessenov-university-predostavit-100-grantov-po-vsemu-kazahstanu.html

#### 1.3 University anti-poverty programmes

1.3.1 - Does your university as a body have targets to admit students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country?

1.3.2 - Does your university as a body have graduation/completion targets for students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country? (domestic)

1.3.3 - Does your university as a body provide support (e.g. food, housing, transportation, legal services) for students from low income families to enable them to complete university?

The University provides financial aid for students from low income families at constant base and social status of low income families is differentiated into categories.

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#### Table 2. Types of discounts with different categories

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1	Facul ty of Touri sm and lang uage s	3	2	2	16	25	31	3	2	2	2	1	6	38
2	Busi ness and Law	2	3	2	17	32	23	2	2	1	6	4	8	38
3	Facul ty of Engi neeri ng	2	4	3	22	29	19	4	2	2	5	4	6	29
4	Scien ce and Tech nolo gy	4	2	3	24	27	25	1	4	3	3	5	11	37
5	Facul ty of Peda gogy	1	2	2	26	22	33	3	3	1	5	3	7	42
То	tal	12	13	12	105	135	131	13	13	9	21	17	38	184

1.3.4 - Does your university as a body have programmes or initiatives to assist students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country to successfully complete their studies? As mentioned above the University has the Committee for Social Support and its members are the Vice-Presidents, Deans, Heads of Departments who consider all

applications case by case and make general proposals for the President's approval. The committee holds two general meetings each semester. Each dean organizes meetings with students and their parents on university's financial aid and collects the application at the beginning of each semester. The Dean makes the faculty proposal by the decree and defends each case at the Committee.

1.3.5 - Does your university as a body have schemes to support poor students from low or lower-middle income countries (e.g. offering free education, grants)? In addition to financial aid, the university provides on-campus support which is organized by the Student Office and Social Services, which organize different social events and consultancies. The university has special service provided by the fulltime psychologists who actively meet with students and professors and deal with challenges.

## 1.4 Community anti-poverty programmes

1.4.1 - Does your university as a body provide assistance in the local community supporting the start-up of financially and socially sustainable businesses through relevant education or resources? (e.g. mentorship programmes, training workshops, access to university facilities)?

1.4.2 - Does your university as a body provide financial assistance to the local community assisting the start-up of financially and socially sustainable businesses?

The entrepreneurship center cooperates with the national chamber of entrepreneurs of Mangistau region "Atameken", so far more than 3000 students, more than 100 university teachers have participated in the training of business trainers of NCP "Atameken" and improved their qualifications.

In addition, the Entrepreneurship Center traditionally organizes the "Jas kasipker" competition for schoolchildren and college students of the country every year, the goal is to select creative, innovative pupils and students with startup projects from all regions and provide discounts for university education. Currently, more than 60 students who won the competition continue to study at the university with 100%, 75%, 50% discounts.

Yessenov University organized a republican competition of startup projects "Jas kasipker 2020" among graduates of schools and colleges.

The competition was held in three stages.

At the end of the competition

## I-place (100% discount on training):

TrainAut – Ratbek Shamshitov, Nurakhmetov Almas, Kazangap Dinmuhamed; Ling plus - Saginov Bagdaulet.

## II-place (75% discount on tuition):

Green Campus – Zeynolla Aruzhan, Dina Bolatova;

NurCode Kazakh programming courses - Nurdaulet Tashkaraev;

Household waste recycling - Begaidarov Zhomart.

# III-place (50% discount on tuition):

"Great" felt - Murzagalieva Gulzhamal;

Horse breeding - Tlectes Dilyara;

Chess club - Klara Sandybaeva.

# In addition, the college received a grant for 3 projects.

Master hands - Orazbai Ulzhalgas;

Cleaning the environment from garbage - Nysanbai Juldyzai

Glamping in Mangystau - Begaidar Latifa.

# https://yu.edu.kz/jas-kasipker-2020-2/

The final defense of the "Jas kasipker-2023" republican start-up project competition was held.

Aizhan Omarova, dean of the Faculty of "Business and Law", made a congratulatory speech and wished all participants to implement their projects in the future, to be professional in their business!

Graduates of schools and colleges presented eight business projects. The projects ranged from education, tourism and mobile applications to the development of life-saving robots. The competent jury of the startups is Majtai Aygerim, the regional representative of "Astana Hub"; Zharmukhamedov Darkhan, the trainer of the network of international internet clubs; Abbat Urisbayev, branch director of "ForteBank" JSC; Kurbanbaev Omirbek is the director of "Mediana Services Limited" LLP, Esturlieva Aigul is the head of the "Economics" department. According to the results of the competition, the following winners were awarded

certificates for educational grants:

**1st place:** Nauryz Sholpan (school No. 2, Munayli district) "Sheep wool processing" project - 100% discount;

**2nd place**: Bisenbaeva Gulsinay (Pedagogical College of Aktau) "Speech Therapy Office" project - 75% discount

**2nd place:** Nuker Anar (School No. 2 of Munayly district) "Robot-rescuer" project - 75% discount 3rd place: Eshchanova Meruert (School No. 5 of Kandygash) "Uaiym" project - 50% discount.

3rd place: Zhambekovna Karaovna (school-lyceum No. 1 school-lyceum of Tupkaragan district) "Ways to success in garbage" project - 50% discount <u>https://yu.edu.kz/jas-kasipker-2023/</u>

1.4.3 - Does your university as a body organize training or programmes to improve access to basic services for all?

One of the most important missions of Yessenov University is the formation of a socially responsible university, which is a driver of the socio-cultural life of the region. The main initiative in this direction is the project "Service to society". In 2018, the center "service to society" was opened for the quality implementation of this project. The main goal of the center is the formation of an active life position of students on solving specific social problems of the Mangystau region through the discipline "service to society". The opening of the center was associated with the special relevance and necessity of this work and made it possible to create a system of coordination, methodological support for the voluntary activities of young people, to form a map of the social needs of the city and the region.

Based on the latest data of the Statistics Committee of the Ministry of national economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan (https://stat.gov.kz/official/industry/66/statistic/7) in Mangystau region, according to the main indicators of social support of the population, there is an increase in the number of socially vulnerable segments of the population. In the region, from 2016 to 2020, the number of registered disabled people increased by 6211 people, and the number of children with disabilities increased by 2144 people.

The activities of the center are related to theoretical and practical lectures on the discipline "service to society", aimed at the implementation of public actions in the main areas of volunteer work. Student projects on practical training are carried out on a contractual basis in 22 city institutions.

This academic year, the work of the center was carried out in educational, methodological, research, cultural and mass areas.

In the 2020-2021 academic year, the discipline "service to society" in the 1st semester, 700 students received experience in service to society.

To date, work has been carried out and implemented on 14 student projects in various areas of society's life. They are "Firdaus", "Zhas Orken", "give warmth",

"good heart", "my old man is a precious treasure", "Teacher with teaching", "Octogram", "Cat and dog", "forward", "no limit", "rescuers ""Clean house" other projects have been implemented.

In December 2021, a project defense on the discipline" service to society " was held.

A special commission was created to protect the project.

This year, the center has established partnerships with 14 institutions in the region, and trilateral work is underway to solve pressing problems in society.

In particular:

- 1. Ekomangistau NGO 200 students 10 projects;
- 2. 54 students in the state institution" regional orphanage " 4 projects;
- 3. 35 students in the NGO "Blood Center" 2 projects
- 4. 70 students in the PF" House of mothers " 7 projects;
- 5. "Inclusion support Cabinet" 30 students, 2 project teams;
- 6. 42 students 4 project teams in the state institution "Sports Complex for people with disabilities" 27 MK ;
- 7. Center for special social services in the nursing home № 2 14 students 1 project team;
- 8. Aktau City Department of employment and social programs 370 students 12 project teams;
- 9. 30 students 3 projects in the Special Service Center №3;
- 10.18 students in the state institution" historical and Cultural Museum of Mangistau region "and the state institution" Mangistau regional historical and cultural reserve "1 project activity

Emergency department 20 students 1 project.

The main problem was that students made a choice in accordance with their social and environmental problems in society.

#### Partners of the center "Service to society":

N⁰	Partners
1	Center for special social services (SOBEs)
2	KSU "regional children's home" of the Department of education of Mangystau
3	region
4	Aktau City"Sports Complex for people with disabilities"
5	NGO" Eco Mangistau"
6	Center for special social services No. 3 "Aktau city
7	"Mother's house" "PF"

8	Inclusion support Cabinet"PF"
9	Mangystau Regional Branch of the public Association "Red Crescent Society of
1	the Republic of Kazakhstan"
0	State institution of the Department of Emergency Situations of Mangystau region
1	Public Association of parents of children with autism" Arda"
1	PF "atadan Miras"
1	Social Assistance Center №2 (nursing home)
2	Office of psychological and pedagogical correction in Aktau
1	RSE" Mangyshlak experimental botanical garden " of the Ministry of education
3	and science of the Republic of Kazakhstan
1	PF "we live-we live"
4	Equestrian Club "Nur Alem"
1	Meirim LLP
5	Center for assistance to children with autism Ras" Victory"
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Number of students and projects in the discipline of service to the Society for 2018-2022

In 2018-2022, a total of 5,711 students 900 projects

The number of students in the environmental direction is 2711, the number of projects is 398

In the social direction-the number of students-2500, the number of projects-350, including orphanages -80 projects,mothers ' homes -45 projects, projects for the elderly-70 projects, inclusive children-55 projects In the sports and medical direction-the number of students-400, the number of projects-140

In the direction of animal protection-the number of students-50, the number of projects-7

In the direction of protection of the Caspian seal-the number of students is 50, the number of projects is 5

In the 2022-2023 academic year, 1518 students, 110 projects were prepared in the discipline of service to society

The number of students in the environmental direction is 500, the number of projects is 30

The number of students in the social direction is 704, the number of projects is 40

The number of students in the sports medical direction is 250, the number of projects is 20

Number of students in the direction of Animal Protection – 50, number of projects-5

Number of students in the direction of protection of Caspian seals-14, number of projects – 5

For 5 years , 7,229 students studied the discipline of service to the society, 1,100 projects were prepared .







1.4.4 - Does your university as a body participate in policy making at local, regional, national and/or global level to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions?

The University provides housing with a discount and allocates money for transportation fees. Additionally, twice a year it provides food at the dormitory for students living there.

- 1. <u>https://yu.edu.kz/zhatahanada%d2%93y-studentterge-azyq-t%d2%aflik-taratu/</u>
- 2. <u>https://yu.edu.kz/auyzashar/</u>

**1.3.5.** The University offers students grants and free education. This is an equal opportunity for everyone. However, during the selection process, a great attention is paid to the social status of the student and eligible students can be from poor or lower-middle families. There is also a list of grants and specialties with such criteria that works for foreign students from lower-income countries.

- 1. https://yu.edu.kz/students-habarlandyru/
- 2. <u>https://yu.edu.kz/600-czelevoj-grant/</u>

## 1.4 Community anti-poverty programmes



Currently, in the country, there is a lot of support for the development of entrepreneurship, educational projects through entrepreneurship are being introduced to all stages of training programs. For this purpose, in 2018, the Center for Support and Development of Entrepreneurship was established at Yesenov University, and it began to unite young people by holding many events to create entrepreneurial culture. In March 2019, the entrepreneurship center was reorganized as a co-working space equipped with modern equipment and technology in accordance with the needs of young people and was solemnly opened under the name "Caspian entrepreneurship center". The reason for this name is that the center is not limited to university youth, but supports youth from the Caspian region in the direction of entrepreneurship education.

The goal of the center is to increase innovative and entrepreneurial potential among young people of the Caspian region, new entrepreneurs and teaching staff in the direction of entrepreneurship education, to form skills, to turn startup ideas into successful businesses. In this center, students who come to study at the university have the opportunity to develop their own business, in addition to getting an education in their specialty.

During this time, many events were organized in the center, and some projects were already supported. In the first years of the center's opening, seminars and

trainings were held for all school and college students in the Mangistau region in the "Startup Bolashaq-Menin Armanym" republican mega competition organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Bolashak Association, and as a result, more than 250 projects applied for participation. In forming the professional skills of all these participants, the employees of the center worked as mentors together with local entrepreneurs, in the national competition consisting of 5 stages, 5 Mangistau projects tested their luck in the finals held in Nur-Sultan. In addition, Saryev Bauyrzhan, a mentor who supported the participants of Mangistau Oblast, a local businessman, won the "Best Mentor" nomination.

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In addition, the Entrepreneurship Center traditionally organizes the "Jas kasipker" competition for schoolchildren and college students of the country every year, the goal is to select creative, innovative pupils and students with startup projects from all regions and provide discounts for university education. Currently, more than 30 students who won the competition continue to study at the university with 100%, 75%, 50% discounts.

If we talk about the successful projects that have achieved the best results and implemented their projects at the center, the project of Kaliyev Kazbek, a graduate of Yesenov University, is 4D Galaxy. It is to develop the field of education in an interesting and effective way by creating an application with AR functionality for children and teenagers. Through this product, students' desire and interest in education increases, therefore, this product is very important for the field of education. The project is working on the market. The achievements of this project are the winner of the "Youth Synergy" republican competition, the 3rd place winner of the start-up project competition held within the framework of the RIFMO-2019 international IT forum organized by the "Mediana" company. In 2020, the project was copyrighted.

In addition, the "Smart stick" project, created with the aim of reducing the problems of people with disabilities, producing and selling a useful product, was created by the students of the Faculty of Engineering of Yesenov University, Mukhanbetov Bekberdi, Kuanova Ainur. Several achievements have already been achieved in this project, in particular, the winners of the TOM-Aktau: Makeathon international social project competition held in 2018, the winners of the

"KazEnergy" innovative projects competition held in October 2019, and in 2020 the authors of the project received a patent for a useful model.

Ulykpanov Nurakhmet, a student of the Faculty of Engineering, built a water purification device, received 3 million tenge funding within the framework of the "Business Roadmap 2020" program and is currently running his business.

Aitbaeva Aylara, a student of the Faculty of "Business and Law" - Aitbaeva Aylara, a student of the "Business and Law" faculty, prepared chips according to special recipes from fruits useful for human health, and in order to create a healthy lifestyle among the people, won the 2nd place in the competition of start-up projects held within the framework of the "RIFMO 2019" forum, and received 300,000 tenge.

In addition, in several social projects, he won the financial support of Tengizchevroil in the contests organized by the "Youth Achievements" public fund, and organized charity events useful to the society.

- In 2020, the Caspian Entrepreneurship Center participated in the International Triple E Awards Entrepreneurship and Engagement Excellence Awards (Entrepreneurship and excellence in the field of higher education), where more than 200 universities from more than 30 countries in the Asia-Pacific region participated and the top 5 finalists in the nomination "Innovative and collaborative space of the year", the Triple E Awards were held in 12 categories. The award is organized by the Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurship and Excellence in Universities (ACEEU), headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and is the world's leading organization for ensuring the quality of entrepreneurship and its involvement in higher education.

The University offers training programs for developing small businessess.

PROVISION OF FREE MEALS TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF CITIZENS OF PUPILS AND STUDENTS IN ORGANIZATIONS OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL, POST-SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION, AS WELL AS PERSONS UNDER GUARDIANSHIP (GUARDIANSHIP) AND PATRONAGE.

#### Additional link:

- 1. <u>https://egemen.kz/article/265787-kaspiy-kasipkerlik-ortalyghy-ashyldy</u>
- 2. <u>https://yu.edu.kz/memlekettik-gyzmet-k%d3%a9rsetu/</u>

3. <u>https://yu.edu.kz/ru/yu-uxi-ship-%d2%b1jymdastyruymen-seminar-trening-%d3%a9tti/</u>