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SDG 1: NO POVERTY

Khalifa University of Science and Technology contributes to **SDG 1: No Poverty** by expanding equitable access to high-quality education, supporting socio-economic mobility, and advancing research and innovation that address structural drivers of poverty and inequality. As a national research university, KU's impact is delivered through education, financial support mechanisms, capacity building, and community engagement.

Key Contributions in 2025

1. Equitable Access to Education

In 2025, Khalifa University continued to ensure that financial barriers do not limit access to education. The University provided **need-based and merit-based scholarships**, tuition support, and stipends that enable students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to pursue higher education and research opportunities.



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2. Student Financial Support & Well-Being

KU strengthened student support systems through financial aid programs, emergency assistance, housing support, and access to on-campus services. These initiatives contribute to student retention, academic success, and long-term employability, supporting pathways out of economic vulnerability.

Financial aid programs – The total amount of 314,776 AED for 16 students in 2025.

3. Research Addressing Poverty and Economic Resilience

Through interdisciplinary research in energy affordability, water security, digital inclusion, healthcare technologies, and sustainable infrastructure, KU contributes knowledge and solutions that address poverty-related challenges. Research outcomes support policy development, economic resilience, and inclusive growth in the UAE and beyond.

4. Capacity Building & Workforce Readiness

Khalifa University plays a critical role in developing a highly skilled workforce, equipping graduates with future-ready skills in engineering, science, and technology. Industry partnerships, internships, and applied research programs enhance employability and contribute to long-term economic stability.

5. Community Engagement & Outreach

In 2025, KU continued outreach initiatives supporting schools, youth programs, and underserved communities through STEM education, mentorship, and skills development activities. These efforts help build capacity, promote social inclusion, and expand access to opportunity. Over 250 distinct community service related opportunities was rolled out through the year .