

**Policy for Community Anti-Poverty Programmes
in connection with
United Nations (UN)
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**

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Section-1: Definitions

In this Policy Document, unless otherwise specified, or anything repugnant to the Act and Statutes of National University of Modern Languages, the following expressions shall have the meanings as follows:

- 1.1 **Community anti-poverty programmes** is all the purposeful learning activity undertaken to reduce poverty level to the wider community.
- 1.2 **Measure** is a plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose.

Section-2. Policy

Community Anti-Poverty Programmes

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy document is to provide anti-poverty programmes to NUML community as well as the wider community in general.

2. Scope:

The policy applies to the whole University including its campuses and Rawalpindi Branch.

3. Policy Statement:

This policy intends to facilitate community to access University's resources (educational, financial aid and physical) and activities to all, regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability or gender.

4. Community Anti-Poverty Programmes Measures:

The University owes the responsibility to support the wider community in tackling poverty. There are programmes and/or activities designed and executed by the University to relieve poverty. These programmes can be community-led but they will be supported by the university.

4.1 The University commits itself to providing assistance to the local community in supporting the start-up of sustainable businesses through relevant education or resources. This assistance includes but not limited to:

- i** Allowing community members to join NUML Cohort programme as startups that includes free course on entrepreneurship, free space and free assistance in stand-up, start-up and scale-up phases of incubates.
- ii** Providing mentorship programmes,
- iii** Providing vocational, skill and professional development training workshops
- iv** Providing programme specific access to university facilities

4.2 The University may endeavor to do the following, depending on the availability of physical, human and technical infrastructure:

- i** Provide financial assistance to the local community in order to support the start-up of the sustainable businesses through partner organizations.
- ii** Design and implement programmes for services access to the wider community
- iii** Host events that are open to the general public .for example, public lectures.
- iv** Organize training or programmes to improve access to basic services for all.

4.3 All activities related to community start-ups e.g. 'Call of admissions for local start-ups to join the University free of cost' are advertised publicly to attract suitable start-ups and to serve wider community.