



# **KHALEL DOSMUKHAMEDOV ATYRAU UNIVERSITY**



Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University supports the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty), recognizing education as one of the most effective tools for improving quality of life, promoting social mobility, and expanding opportunities for young people.

The University acknowledges that access to quality education, professional training, and employment opportunities contributes to reducing social inequality and mitigating the risks of poverty. Therefore, special attention is given to creating conditions in which talented and motivated students, regardless of their social background, can fully realize their potential.

The University's activities are aimed at expanding access to higher education through a system of educational grants, scholarships, academic support programs, and initiatives designed to develop students' potential. A significant contribution to the achievement of SDG 1 is made through the provision of rector's grants to winners of intellectual competitions and academic Olympiads, international scholarships, and participation of students in national and international educational support programs.



## "Ustaz" School



One of the most significant initiatives of Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University in support of Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty) is the School "Ustaz", established in the 2021–2022 academic year. The project aims to support rural youth and create equal educational opportunities for children from socially vulnerable backgrounds. Between 2021 and 2025, approximately 250 students from seven districts of the Atyrau Region participated in the program. The majority of participants were orphans, children from single-parent families, and young people facing difficult life circumstances. To ensure broad access to the project, the University established close cooperation with district administrations, education departments, and social welfare institutions. A comprehensive social support system plays a key role in the project. All students are provided with free accommodation in dormitories, five meals a day, access to purified drinking water, and free preparation courses for the Unified National Testing (UNT). These measures significantly reduce the financial burden on families and create opportunities for quality education regardless of students' place of residence or social background.

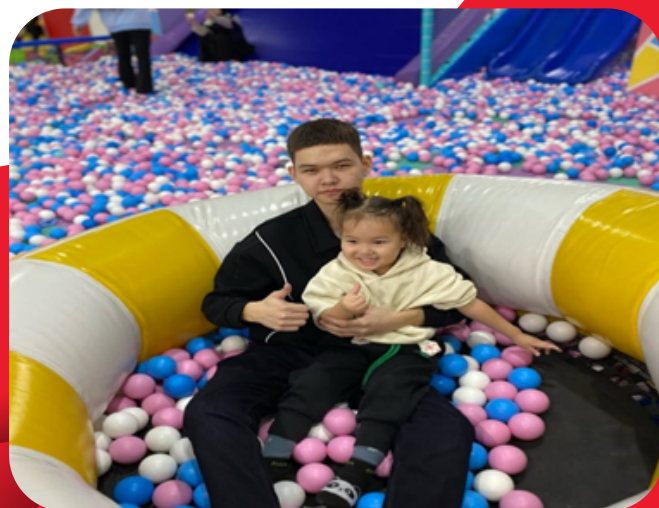
The project not only improves access to education but also contributes to the long-term reduction of poverty risks through the development of human capital. Many graduates successfully enroll in higher education institutions in Kazakhstan and abroad, participate in academic mobility programs, and achieve outstanding academic results. A significant number of graduates choose teaching careers and later return to work in schools across the region, thereby contributing to the development of rural communities.

The School "Ustaz" operates with the support of social partners, public organizations, and the Board of Trustees. Through this cooperation, a medical room was established, and incentive awards were introduced for students who achieved high results in academic Olympiads and competitions.



## ASUMIT Charity Club

The ASUMIT Charity Club is a student-led charitable organization of Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University whose activities are aimed at supporting socially vulnerable groups. Club members provide assistance to elderly people, orphans, low-income families, and other individuals in need of care and support. The club actively promotes volunteerism, organizes charity initiatives, and fosters the values of compassion, mutual assistance, and social responsibility among students, thereby contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty).





## **Educational Opportunities and Support for Talented Youth**

**The University promotes access to educational opportunities through various forms of financial and academic support. These initiatives include rector's educational grants for winners of national academic Olympiads, international named scholarships, and academic mobility programs. The awarding of the Heydar Aliyev International Scholarship and the provision of rector's grants to the winners of the Altyn Tulek Olympiad serve as examples of the University's commitment to supporting talented young people and enhancing access to higher education.**

## Future Steps Towards Achieving SDG 1

Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University views education as one of the key instruments for reducing poverty and enhancing the social mobility of young people. The University will continue its efforts to expand access to quality education for students from rural areas and socially vulnerable groups.

The University's priority areas for future development include:

- expanding the activities of the School "Ustaz" and increasing its outreach among rural youth;
- developing educational grant and scholarship support programs;
- strengthening cooperation with government agencies, social partners, and charitable organizations;
- expanding the volunteer and charitable initiatives of the ASUMIT Charity Club;
- supporting graduate employment and improving graduates' competitiveness in the labor market.

The University's contribution to the achievement of SDG 1 is comprehensive and focused on creating equal opportunities for every student regardless of their social background. Through its educational and social initiatives, the University contributes to improving the quality of life of young people, developing human capital, and building a more equitable and sustainable society.

