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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Goal



D. Serikbayev East Kazakhstan Technical University (EKTU), as a responsible educational institution, supports the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1 “No Poverty”.

The University strives to create conditions for reducing social inequality in the educational environment and ensuring social support for students and staff belonging to vulnerable groups.

The goal of the policy is to contribute to poverty eradication within the university environment and the wider community through the provision of affordable education, comprehensive social support for students and employees, as well as participation in humanitarian initiatives.

Objectives:

- Provide affordable education for students from socially vulnerable groups;
- Develop and implement social support packages for university employees from large or single-parent families;
- Create conditions for equal access for students with special educational needs;
- Conduct systematic monitoring and support of orphans, students from low-income and large families;
- Engage students and staff in volunteer and humanitarian initiatives.

2. CURRENT MEASURES AT EKTU

2.1 Project BR21882257

Project BR21882257 "Creation of a national model of engineering education in the context of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals" (2021-2023).

The project is aimed at forming a national model of engineering education for the development of the industrial and innovative economy of Kazakhstan.

The project analyzes the socio-economic indicators of the regions, forms a "regional competence map" of the labor market, develops pilot standards for engineering education, and creates a Certification Center for Engineering Qualifications.

The implementation of the project contributes to ensuring equal access to high-quality engineering education and creating new opportunities for social development.

2.2 Social support for students

Social protection of students is one of EKTU's priorities:

- Monitoring of students from large and low-income families, orphans, and students with disabilities;
- Priority access to dormitory accommodation;
- Provision of benefits, discounts, and increased scholarships;
- Psychological, social, and medical assistance.

Data for the academic years 2022–2024 are presented in the table.

Student category	2022–2023	2023–2024
Orphaned students	33 (27 grants / 6 contracts)	32 (25 grants / 7 contracts)
Students with disabilities	12	10
Benefits for living in a hostel (large families)	170 students (50% discount)	270 students (50% discount)
Free accommodation	12 orphans	8 orphans + 1 student with a disability
Increased scholarships	4 orphans	19 orphans (increased by 30%)
Additional assistance (food, uniforms)	All orphans	All orphans + 5 orphans received a one-time allowance

2.3 Humanitarian aid and volunteering



- EKTU actively engages students in social and humanitarian projects.
- In 2022–2023, students participated in collecting humanitarian aid for residents of Kostanay Region affected by forest fires.

2.4 Initiatives to improve competitiveness студентов

EKTU implements projects and initiatives aimed at sustainable development and improving the quality of education. Among them are "University Transformation" (process optimization and startup development), **AI Sana** (teaching students' digital

skills and automation), the Competence Center for Ecology and Life Safety (research of regional sustainability issues), as well as the project "Workshop Lu Ban—2" (creation of modern engineering infrastructure).



3. EKTU IN RANKINGS ON SDG 1

In 2024, EKTU was ranked among the world's top 1001–1500 universities according to the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

For SDG 1 "No Poverty", the university was ranked 1001+, which reflects the initial stage of systematic efforts to promote poverty eradication.



4. PLANNED MEASURES

1. Improving the system of social support for students and staff.
2. Expanding scholarship and grant programs for students from vulnerable categories.
3. Increasing the volume of benefits for housing and meals.
4. Developing digital tools for monitoring the social situation of students.
5. Creating new educational and research projects focused on addressing social inequality.

6. Strengthening cooperation with the local community and government agencies to participate in poverty reduction programs.

5. EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Increased accessibility of education for socially vulnerable groups of students.
2. Strengthened social stability within the university environment.
3. Enhanced support for university employees from large or single-parent families.
4. Growth in the number of students receiving social benefits and assistance.
5. Improved positions of EKTU in international rankings on SDG 1.
6. Formation of the university's reputation as a socially responsible educational institution.

