



# SDG-1 NO POVERTY

Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG 1) aims to end poverty in all its forms and dimensions by 2030. It recognizes that poverty is not just about income and lack of resources, but also about factors such as access to education, healthcare, social protection, and opportunities for economic growth.

The key targets of SDG 1 include:

1. By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.90 a day.
2. By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women, and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions.
3. Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable.

Global efforts are underway to achieve SDG 1, but progress has been uneven across regions and countries. It requires a comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach involving governments, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to effectively address the multiple dimensions of poverty and create a more sustainable and equitable world. COMSATS University has also contributed to achieve the targets of SDG 1

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Comsats University Islamabad plays a vital role in reducing poverty by providing various scholarships to deserving students. These scholarships include “Need Based and Merit Scholarships, Workers Welfare Fund (WWF) Islamabad Campus, Scotland Scholarships Program (British Council), Science Talent Farming Scheme (STFS) Islamabad Campus, PAK-USAID Scholarship, CUI Female Need-Based, Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF) Scholarship and CUI Endowment Fund” etc. These scholarships ensure that students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds have access to affordable education. By removing financial barriers, the university empowers individuals to pursue higher education and improve their economic prospects. These efforts enable individuals to escape poverty, promoting inclusive economic growth within the community and beyond.

Student Financial Aid Offices (SFAOs) play a crucial role in supporting students who face financial challenges to pursue higher education. COMSATS University Islamabad's establishment of SFAOs is a positive initiative to assist such students. These offices provide information, guidance, and support to help students access various financial aid opportunities.

COMSATS University Islamabad offers multiple scholarships to eligible students. These scholarships can cover various expenses associated with higher education, including tuition, accommodation, food, transportation, and other related costs. These initiatives contribute to improving educational opportunities and reducing financial barriers for students in Pakistan. Overall, the CUI offers approx. 20% of its operating budget, annually as scholarships support to its students.

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The collaboration between COMSATS University Islamabad and Pakistan Bait ul Mal, as evidenced by the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on June 23, 2021, reflects a commitment to expanding the support and opportunities available to financially challenged students.

CUI also has an agreement with Ihsan Trust/ Meezan Bank. The agreement allows COMSATS University Islamabad's students to apply for Qarze Hasna, an interest-free loan that students can repay at their convenience.

Under Financial Assistance for Walk-in Needy Students (FAWNS), any student of COMSATS University Islamabad can submit an application on paper to the Endowment Fund administration.

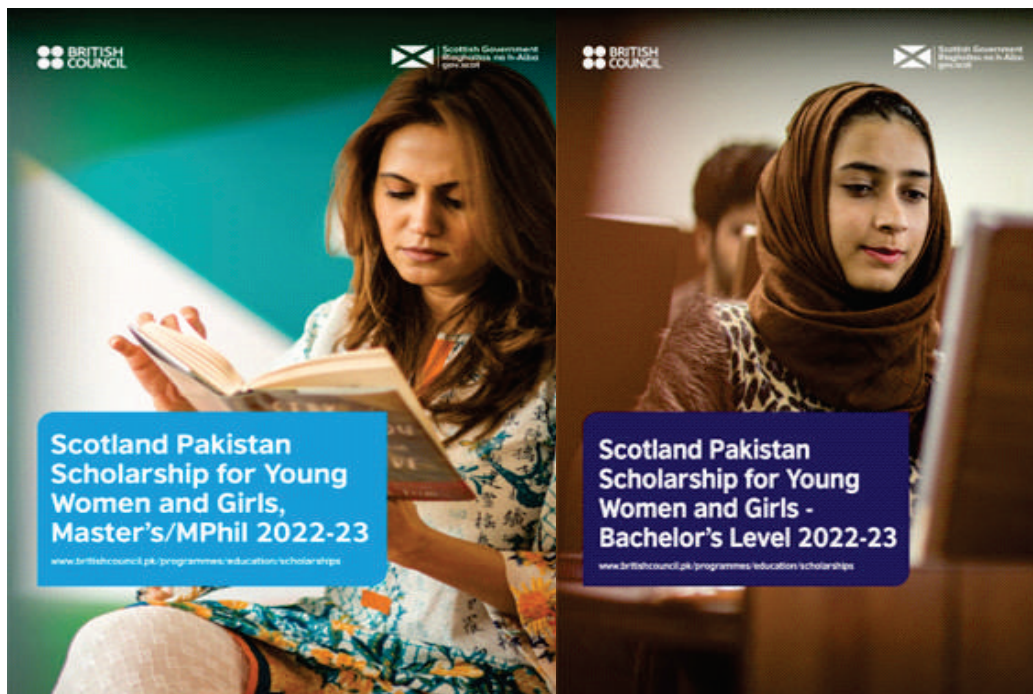
Details of activities carried out by the Student Financial Aid Office during 2022 are mentioned in the Annual Report 2021-22.

COMSATS University Islamabad's commitment to promoting socio-economic development through education, research, and outreach is commendable. Offering scholarship programs for international students is an important step in achieving this goal. The university's International Office plays a crucial role in managing these scholarship programs. COMSATS University Islamabad extends scholarships to students from various low-income countries, such as Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Kenya, Gambia, Afghanistan, Senegal, and others. COMSATS University Islamabad's scholarship covers a subsidy on the tuition fee and stipend. Furthermore, The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) has an agreement with COMSATS University Islamabad which offers Ph.D., Sandwich, and Postdoctoral Fellowships for developing countries, especially least-developed countries.

Conferences, Seminars, and workshops are the major sources of gathering new information and exchanging ideas on the trends in research, upcoming technologies, and much more. It is also a platform to network with people from various fields and benefit from their experience. CUI since its inception has arranged numerous conferences, seminars, and workshops for the benefit of its faculty, students, and staff as well as the community at large.

CUI, Student Startup and Business Incubation Centre (SSBIC) has been established with the support of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, and the Promotion of Education in Pakistan Foundation, Inc. (USA). The goal of the program is the promotion of talented students' entrepreneurship and to enhance their practical learning experience at the university. The overarching objective of the Centre is to promote student startup businesses by offering necessary support both in the form of mentoring and initial financial resources through its Startup Entrepreneurship Fund. The SSBIC will provide a continuous stream of student-led businesses and innovations at CUI.

COMSATS University Islamabad arranged a Seminar of K-Electric on 16th March 2022, wherein officials of K-Electric have placed their identified challenges in front of faculty, researchers, entrepreneurs, startups, and university students to identify

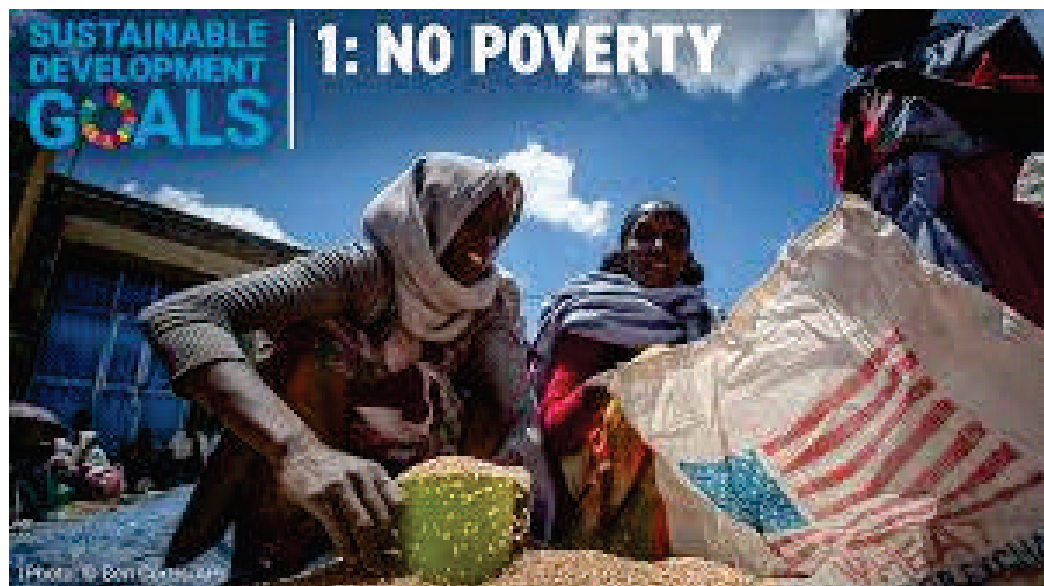


mutual potential venues and ideas that could address the challenges faced by Pakistan's energy market.

Training Session titled “How to present your business plan” has been held on 25th April 2022 (Monday) at BIC/SSBC ground floor hall from 10:00 am to 11:00 am Wherein Mr. Danish Ahmad Khan, Assistant Professor deliver talk on the topic.

BIC-CUI has arranged one day training session on 15th June, 2022, in collaboration Smartek and OXFAM on “Women Leadership and Networking skills” wherein 27 female students have participated in the session.

Business Incubation Center/SSBC, CUI organized a seminar on Entrepreneurship “Achieving Success with the right mindset”. A successful Entrepreneur & motivational speaker "Raja Rakeel Zahoor” shared his experiences about how to become a successful entrepreneur. The seminar was held in seminar hall EE on 11th October 2022,



### Training on Financial Management to Audit GoP Funded Projects

Mr. Muhammad Rafiq, Assistant Program Officer from Student Financial Aid Office (SFAO) from CUI, Wah Campus attended the

two day training on October 24-25, 2022. The training provides deep insight about the mechanism of financial management in the public sector and briefed the mechanism of processing and implementation of Government funded scholarship projects including EHSAAS, Undergraduates Scholarship Program and USAID, Merit & Need Based Scholarship Program offered to the meritorious and financially disadvantaged students with the aim of providing them quality education to fight against Poverty and Empowering Girl

