Our 2023 – 2024 contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

- **Eight Partner Hospitals Agreement** in Bahrain
- **Scholarship Agreement with AlMabarrah AlKhalifia Foundation** valid until 2027 to guarantee a set number of placements for Bahraini students to attend the university undergraduate medicine programme
- **Scholarship Agreement with Kuwaiti Ministry of Higher Education** valid until 2028 to guarantee a set number of placements for Kuwaiti students to attend the university undergraduate medicine programme
- **Agreement renewal with Bahrain's Labour Fund (Tamkeen)** signed in 2024 to train 79 Bahraini nationals as nurses at the University in the next five years and secure employment for them in private hospitals in Bahrain upon graduation
- **Partnership Agreement with BMMI Group** to train two Bahraini nationals as nurses at the University by 2025
- **Five Agreements to support Community Service** in Bahrain and internationally

2 ZERO HUNGER

- The ready-made food prepared daily in the campus restaurant by a third-party catering company is subsidised by the University to maintain the **provision of healthy, nutritious and diverse options** and keep the **price economical for students and staff** during the academic year.
- A **nutritious and balanced "value" meal** is available to students and staff during the academic year.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- **507 Doctors and 1,351** Nurses graduated from the University working in Bahrain as of August 2024.
- **Fast-growing Health Research**: 419 publications, 70% Open Access, 22,146 citations and 80% International Collaboration (Source Sci-Val 2019-2024)
- **Health & Wellbeing in the Community**: 95 events with 550 Unique Volunteers providing Healthcare & Wellbeing support to local and international communities during academic year 2023-24
- **Health Outreach Programme**: over 6,200 children tutored in the prevention and management of diabetes since 2012 through the Diabetes Mobile Unit initiative
- **Mental Health Support**: students have access to mental health support through external counselling services with up to ten Free Consultations per person per annum
- **Employee Assistance Programme**: full-time staff have access to mental health support through external counselling services with up to five Free Consultations per person per annum.
- The University obtained the **WHO EMRO "Health-Promoting University" Certification** in February 2023 valid for several years
- **Smoke-free policy** since the campus opened in 2009

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

- The student body of the University elects yearly the **highest governing student committee named "Student Council" which participates in regular meetings** with the Executive Committee. Feedback on the actions taken by the University is shared yearly with all students
- The **University engages with stakeholders** annually in eight Steering Committee or Advisory Board meetings
- Our research-active faculty and researchers **contribute to research projects and clinical trials in support of national health research** – under the Bahrain Health Strategy of the Ministry of Health in line with the Cooperation Agreement signed with the Bahraini Ministry of Health and the Primary Healthcare Centres in October 2022 and a Joint Research Agreement with Government Hospitals signed in March 2023

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

- **1,679 Doctors and 1,452 Nursing Alumni** graduated from the University
- **445 students starting an undergraduate or postgraduate degree** at the University in September 2023
- The University was **awarded the Career Counselling and Research Projects Awards** at the Global Higher Education Exhibition (GHEDEX) held on 21-22 April 2024 in Bahrain

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

- The University Community **participates annually in a Beach Clean-up activity** to support the local Governorate in reducing marine pollution from land-based activities.

5 GENDER EQUALITY

- **64%** of full-time personnel **are female** as of August 2024
- **68%** of female personnel **pursued Level 9** Masters/Postgrad Diploma or **Level 10** Doctoral /Higher Doctorate and/or **Professional Membership**/ Fellowship as of August 2024
- **46% of senior academic staff** (with titles of Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor, Professor and Head of School) **are female** as of August 2024

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

- In the summer of 2024 the construction of the University's New Academic Building commenced. The project focuses on environmental sustainability through a holistic integration of sustainable best practices into its cohesive architecture, interior design, landscaping and engineering design. This **project will be aligned with Bahrain's latest building sustainable standards**. https://www.sce.gov.bh/en/434?cms=q8FmFJgiscL2fwIzON1%2bDpNqwdRxslVc

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

- The University has a **wastewater treatment plant** on campus r**ecycling grey water** for landscaping irrigation
- The University provides **free drinking water** for students, staff and visitors thanks to 31 water dispensers located across the campus buildings.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

- As a constituent university of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and guidance of the Irish Equal Status Acts (2000 to 2018), the University's **undergraduate Admissions Policy** is aligned with the operation of this policy and accompanying standard operating procedures. https://www.rcsi.com/bahrain/undergraduate/application-information/policies

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

- The **Solar Farm** on campus **generated 69% of the University's electricity needs** as of June 2024
- Our solar farm project has been nationally recognised at the seventh Bahrain Smart Cities 2024 Summit under the theme "Smart Cities: The AI Frontier" winning the **"Renewable Energy and Sustainability Initiatives" award**
- The University won the **"Best Practices in Sustainability" Award** at the Power List Awards Middle East Gala held on June 4th, 2024.