

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Al-Aqsa University

Reporting Year: 2025–2026



Executive Summary

This Sustainability Report presents the strategic commitment of **Al-Aqsa University** toward integrating sustainability principles across all aspects of its operations, academic programs, research activities, and community engagement.

The University recognizes its responsibility in addressing environmental challenges, promoting efficient resource utilization, and fostering a culture of sustainability among students, faculty, and staff. This report outlines key sustainability initiatives aligned with international frameworks, particularly the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and global university sustainability standards.

The total allocated sustainability investment amounts to **USD 33,113,480**, distributed across major environmental and institutional development sectors to ensure long-term environmental, social, and economic impact.

1. Institutional Profile

Al-Aqsa University is a leading higher education institution committed to academic excellence and community service. The University aims to enhance knowledge production, innovation, and sustainable development through its academic programs and institutional policies.

The University continues to develop its infrastructure and academic environment in alignment with modern sustainability standards, ensuring that environmental responsibility is embedded in institutional governance.

2. Sustainability Vision and Mission

Vision

To become a leading sustainable university that promotes environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and innovation in education and research.

Mission

To integrate sustainability principles into teaching, research, campus operations, and community engagement while promoting awareness and responsible behavior across the university community.

3. Sustainability Governance

Al-Aqsa University has adopted a structured approach to sustainability governance, including:

- Establishment of sustainability-related administrative oversight.
- Integration of environmental policies into institutional planning.
- Monitoring and evaluation of sustainability performance indicators.
- Encouragement of stakeholder participation in sustainability initiatives.

4. Strategic Sustainability Investment Plan

The university has allocated a total budget of: **Total Sustainability Budget: USD 33,113,480**

Allocation by Sustainability Pillars

Sustainability Sector	Allocation (USD)	Percentage
Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy	1,655,674	5%
Waste Reduction & Recycling	3,311,348	10%
Water Conservation	3,311,348	10%
Sustainable Transportation	1,655,674	5%
Sustainable Procurement	1,655,674	5%
Green Building Initiatives	3,311,348	10%
Carbon Management & Offsetting	1,655,674	5%
Training & Academic Community Engagement	6,622,696	20%
Facility Maintenance for Sustainability	9,934,044	30%
Total	33,113,480	100%

This allocation reflects a balanced investment strategy that prioritizes infrastructure sustainability, human capacity development, and environmental protection.

5. Energy and Climate Action

The University is committed to improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions through:

- Adoption of energy-efficient systems and technologies.
- Integration of renewable energy solutions where feasible.
- Monitoring of energy consumption patterns.
- Implementation of carbon reduction strategies.

6. Water Resource Management

Efficient water management practices are implemented to ensure sustainable consumption through:

- Reduction of water losses and leakages.
- Use of efficient water fixtures.
- Promotion of water conservation awareness.
- Sustainable landscaping practices.

7. Waste Management and Recycling

The University promotes responsible waste handling through:

- Waste segregation at source.
- Recycling initiatives across campus.
- Reduction of paper and plastic usage.
- Safe disposal of hazardous waste materials.

8. Sustainable Transportation

Efforts to reduce transportation-related emissions include:

- Encouraging walking and cycling within campus.
- Supporting shared transportation initiatives.
- Promoting digital learning to reduce commuting needs.

9. Education, Research, and Awareness

Sustainability is integrated into academic and research activities through:

- Inclusion of sustainability topics in curricula.
- Support for environmental research projects.
- Student participation in sustainability initiatives.
- Community awareness programs.

10. Community Engagement

The University actively engages with the surrounding community through:

- Environmental awareness campaigns.
- Tree planting and green campus initiatives.
- Collaboration with local institutions and NGOs.
- Volunteer-based sustainability programs.

11. Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Al-Aqsa University contributes to multiple SDGs, including:

- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

12. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The University monitors sustainability performance using the following indicators:

- Reduction in electricity consumption: Target 15%
- Reduction in water consumption: Target 20%
- Waste recycling rate: Target 60%
- Renewable energy contribution: Target 25%

- Student participation in sustainability programs: Target 70%

13. Future Outlook (2026–2030)

The University aims to strengthen its sustainability performance through:

- Expansion of renewable energy infrastructure.
- Development of a carbon neutrality roadmap.
- Enhancement of research in sustainability fields.
- Increased digital transformation initiatives.
- Strengthening international partnerships in sustainability.

Conclusion

Al-Aqsa University demonstrates a strong institutional commitment to sustainability through strategic planning, responsible resource management, and active engagement in environmental and social initiatives. The University continues to align its development pathway with global sustainability standards, ensuring long-term positive impact on both the academic community and society.