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Summary of SGD 1 in 2025

SDG 1: No Poverty Report for Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh City (IUH) – THE Impact Rankings

This report outlines the Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh City's (IUH) contributions to SDG 1: No Poverty, based on the provided evidence and details from referenced sources. IUH's initiatives focus on financial support for low-income students, targeted assistance programs, community poverty alleviation efforts, and inclusive policies, demonstrating the university's commitment to eradicating poverty through education, entrepreneurship, and volunteerism. These efforts align with Vietnam's national goals for equitable access to higher education and sustainable development.

- **Indicator 1.2: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Support to Attend University Due to Poverty**

IUH provides substantial financial aid to ensure that economic hardship does not barrier access to higher education, with a focus on supporting students from low-income backgrounds.

Criteria 1.2.1: Number of Students Receiving Financial Support

The university allocates significant resources to scholarships, aiming to support at least 5% of its total student body annually. In 2025, scholarships and student support reached 74.86 billion VND, an increase from 54.16 billion VND in 2024, with these figures transparently published on IUH's website. Key examples include the Study Encouragement Scholarship for Master's Students in 2024, the Digital Talent Development Scholarship awarded to students in Phase 1 of 2024, and an 80-billion-VND scholarship fund for the 2025–2026 academic year. This fund emphasizes learner-centered support, including full tuition exemptions and free dormitory access for new students in difficult circumstances not covered by state policies, such as those from low-income families or affected by disasters.

IUH offers a diverse range of scholarships to address both financial need and academic merit:

- Training Scholarships: For students meeting criteria from the Hanoi Department of Education and Training, providing access to quality programs.
- Encouragement Scholarships: For students with strong GPA performance (e.g., achieving 75% or higher training hours).
- Excellent Student Scholarships: Recognizing top performers who complete 100% of their programs.
- Targeted Support Scholarships: Specifically for students facing financial hardship, orphans, or those from low-income households (annual income <20 million VND/person).
- Merit Scholarships: For high entrance exam scorers.
- Talent Development Scholarships: For students with exceptional skills in specific fields.

These scholarships not only alleviate financial burdens but also foster a culture of achievement and potential, ensuring low-income students can pursue and complete their degrees.

Number of Low-Income Students Receiving Financial Support

Through programs like the Targeted Support Scholarship, IUH directly aids students from low-income families, integrating exemptions for housing and tuition to promote retention and success.

- **Indicator 1.3: University Programs to Combat Hunger and Poverty**

IUH implements targeted programs to support low-income students, particularly those from the lowest income quintile (e.g., the bottom 20% of households nationally), ensuring they can complete their studies.

Criteria 1.3.1: Target Enrollment from the Lowest Income Quintile

IUH runs at least two programs annually to recruit and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, with evidence of local collaborations and outcome reports. These include partnerships with local authorities for targeted admissions and ongoing monitoring of enrollment from low-income regions.

Criteria 1.3.2: Success of Students from the Lowest Income Quintile

The university supports graduation and completion rates through at least one dedicated program or project per year, involving contracts, workshops, or academic activities. For instance, IUH's comprehensive assistance network provides career guidance and

emergency aid, collaborating with charitable organizations to track and enhance outcomes for these students.

Criteria 1.3.3: Support for Low-Income Students

IUH offers essential support such as food, housing, transportation, and legal services to low-income students. In line with Official Dispatch No. 2728/QD-HCM (May 22, 2024), the university provides 50–100% dormitory fee reductions for eligible students from low-income families, orphans, or disaster-affected individuals. For the 2024–2025 academic year, this supported 77 students with a total of 230.725 million VND in funding, ensuring housing does not impede academic progress. Additional free or subsidized provisions include meals and transport allowances through partnerships with local government and charities.

Criteria 1.3.4: Support for Students from the Lowest Income Group

At least one student club or organization operates annually to aid vulnerable communities or remote areas. The Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union at IUH plays a central role, overseeing 17 faculty unions and organizing volunteer campaigns like "Green Summer" (rural infrastructure and cultural support) and "Spring Volunteer" (aid to disadvantaged families during Tet). These initiatives provide direct assistance and skill-building for low-income students.

Criteria 1.3.5: Support for Students from Low- or Lower-Middle-Income Countries

IUH offers free education and stipends for students from low-income backgrounds, including monthly legal consultations through partnerships with law organizations (at least one session per month). The university adheres to national tuition exemption policies for three key groups: (1) Persons and Relatives with Meritorious Service to the Revolution (e.g., children of martyrs, war veterans); (2) Students with Disabilities; and (3) Young Adult Social Protection Beneficiaries (aged 16–22, including orphans, abandoned youth, or those from institutionalized families pursuing their first degree).

- **Indicator 1.4: Community Anti-Poverty Programs**

IUH extends its poverty alleviation efforts beyond campus through entrepreneurship support, service access programs, and policy engagement, involving units like the Office of Science Management and International Cooperation, Training Units, Labor Union, Office of Political and Student Affairs, and Youth Union.

Criteria 1.4.1: Local Entrepreneurship Support

IUH provides community-based support for sustainable, financially and socially viable startups through education, mentoring, workshops, and facility access. Since 2017, the Student Start-up Fund—initially capitalized at 10 billion VND with support from Agribank, BIDV, VietinBank, and Vietcombank—offers loans from 50–200 million VND (up to 500 million VND for exceptional cases) to second-year students and above with "Good" or higher grades. Projects must involve at least three students and prioritize community benefits, such as job creation or social welfare. Additionally, the Innogreen Life competition in 2024 awarded over 1.2 billion VND in prizes, including cash, scholarships, incubation packages, and connections to the Start-up Fund for green innovation projects in areas like renewable energy and social governance.

Criteria 1.4.2: Local Startup Financial Support

IUH collaborates with policy banks, startup funds, or community grants for at least one initiative annually. The Innogreen Life program facilitates such partnerships, enabling winning projects to access national and international competitions in 2025.

Criteria 1.4.3: Access to Services Programs

IUH organizes training and programs to improve access to basic services, with at least one direct and one indirect initiative per academic year. The "Green Dream" project in 2024–2025 saw 12 students from the Faculty of Foreign Languages deliver online English lessons via Zoom to primary students in Mèo Vạc commune, Tuyên Quang province, following the Ministry of Education's curriculum. This direct outreach enhanced vocabulary, grammar, and communication skills for remote children, while indirectly building IUH students' pedagogical expertise and social responsibility.

Criteria 1.4.4: Policies Addressing Poverty

IUH engages in policy planning at local, regional, national, and international levels, with at least one local program and one national/international activity per year. Locally and nationally, IUH donated over 3.6 billion VND (3,656,130,355 VND) in September 2024 to support flood victims in Northern Vietnam affected by Typhoon Yagi, postponing its opening ceremony to redirect funds via Tuoi Tre newspaper. The 2025 "Green Summer" campaign mobilized over 500 volunteers across Vĩnh Long, Đồng Tháp, Cà Mau, and Ho Chi Minh City districts, installing 3 km of rural lighting (40 million VND), paving roads and repairing homes (80 million VND total), setting up solar systems (20 million VND), tutoring 50+ students, and donating 100 scholarships/gifts (nearly 100 million VND). Internationally aligned efforts include tree-planting and donations during the Faculty of Foreign Languages' June 2025 trip to Diệu Pháp Pagoda in Đồng Nai, contributing 10

million VND and 50 Hopea odorata trees to support orphans, disabled children, and environmental conservation.

- **Impact summary:**

Area of Impact	Key Outcomes (2024–2025)
Financial Aid and Scholarships	74.86 billion VND total; 80-billion-VND fund for 2025–2026; diverse scholarships for low-income students
Housing and Essential Support	77 students aided with 230.725 million VND in dormitory reductions
Entrepreneurship Support	10-billion-VND Start-up Fund; 1.2 billion VND in Innogreen Life prizes
Community Service and Relief	>500 volunteers in Green Summer; 3.6 billion VND flood aid; Green Dream English classes for remote areas
Policy and Legal Support	Tuition exemptions for meritorious, disabled, and protected youth; monthly legal consultations

Strategic Plan for SDG 1: No Poverty at Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh City (IUH) – 2026–2030

To enhance financial support for low-income students, IUH will establish a "Future Scholars Fund" by 2026, targeting a 150-billion-VND endowment by 2030 through contributions from alumni, businesses, and international donors. This fund will expand the existing 80-billion-VND scholarship program, aiming to support at least 10% of IUH's student body annually (up from 5%) with scholarships tailored for low-income students, including full tuition waivers, living stipends, and technology grants for remote learning. The university will also introduce a mentorship component, pairing scholarship recipients with industry professionals to enhance career readiness. By 2030, IUH aims to track and report graduation rates of these students, targeting a 90% completion rate for scholarship recipients from the lowest income quintile. This initiative is significant as it ensures financial barriers do not prevent talented students from completing their education, fostering social mobility and aligning with Vietnam's equitable education goals.

IUH will launch a "Community Education Access Network" in 2027 to expand the success of initiatives like the "Green Dream" project, which provided online English lessons to remote areas. This network will deliver free, scalable online and in-person educational programs to underserved communities across Vietnam, focusing on vocational skills, digital literacy, and language training. By 2030, IUH aims to reach 10,000 community members annually, partnering with local governments, NGOs, and tech companies to provide learning platforms and devices. Student volunteers, coordinated through the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, will lead workshops, gaining teaching experience

while empowering rural youth and adults. This program will strengthen IUH's role as a community educator, reducing poverty by equipping individuals with employable skills and fostering inclusive development.

To bolster local entrepreneurship, IUH will transform its Student Start-up Fund into a "Sustainable Ventures Incubator" by 2028, increasing its capital to 20 billion VND through partnerships with banks, venture capital firms, and government innovation funds. The incubator will support at least 50 student-led and community-based startups annually, prioritizing projects addressing social issues like poverty, food security, and green technology. IUH will offer expanded resources, including co-working spaces, legal advisory services, and access to IUH's labs, alongside a "Startup Mentorship Academy" connecting entrepreneurs with industry experts. By 2030, the incubator aims to create 1,000 jobs through supported ventures, with a focus on low-income regions. This initiative will drive economic empowerment, building on the success of programs like Innogreen Life and reinforcing IUH's commitment to sustainable, community-focused entrepreneurship.

IUH will deepen its policy advocacy by establishing a "Poverty Reduction Policy Research Center" in 2026, dedicated to shaping local, national, and international anti-poverty frameworks. The center will conduct annual studies on educational access and poverty alleviation, publishing reports to inform policymakers and collaborating with the Ministry of Education and Training and international organizations like UNESCO. By 2030, IUH aims to contribute to at least three national policies, such as expanding tuition exemptions or vocational training for low-income groups. The center will also host an annual "Vietnam Education Equity Summit," engaging stakeholders to address systemic poverty barriers. This initiative will amplify IUH's influence, leveraging its 2024 flood relief donation and Green Summer campaign experience to advocate for scalable solutions.

Finally, IUH will implement a "Comprehensive Student Support Ecosystem" by 2027 to holistically address low-income students' needs beyond financial aid. This ecosystem will integrate free mental health services, subsidized meal programs, and career development workshops, expanding the 2024–2025 dormitory fee reduction model to cover 200 students annually by 2030 with 500 million VND in funding. IUH will enhance its legal consultation services to two sessions per month, partnering with law firms to support students from marginalized groups, including those from low- or lower-middle-income countries. By 2030, IUH aims to establish a dedicated "Equity Office" to coordinate these services and track outcomes, ensuring 95% of supported students report improved academic and personal well-being. This initiative will create a nurturing environment, building on IUH's existing support for 77 students and national tuition exemption policies to promote long-term success.

Conclusion

IUH's initiatives under SDG 1 reflect a comprehensive strategy to combat poverty by ensuring inclusive education access, empowering low-income students through financial and essential support, and extending impact via community entrepreneurship and volunteerism. From the 80-billion-VND scholarship fund and dormitory aids to the Student Start-up Fund and large-scale campaigns like Green Summer, IUH fosters resilience and opportunity, aligning with Vietnam's equity goals and global poverty eradication efforts. These programs not only alleviate immediate hardships but also build long-term capacity, positioning IUH as a vital contributor to sustainable development.