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Overview

The **Contribution to National Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture Policy** at Palestine Ahliya University aims to support food security and sustainable agricultural practices. It focuses on research, education, community engagement, and policy advocacy to enhance food production, improve resource management, and address challenges like climate change and water scarcity in Palestine.

Objectives

- Support Food Security:** Increase local food production and reduce reliance on imports.
- Promote Sustainable Practices:** Encourage eco-friendly farming that preserves resources.
- Enhance Research:** Address challenges like water scarcity and climate change.
- Engage Communities:** Involve local farmers and stakeholders in food security efforts.
- Train Leaders:** Equip students with skills for sustainable agriculture.
- Advocate Policy:** Promote policies supporting sustainable agriculture and food security.

Scope

- Faculty and Students:** Involved in agriculture, environmental sciences, and sustainability.
- Community and Industry Partners:** Collaborations with farmers, NGOs, and government.
- External Stakeholders:** Partnerships with international organizations and research centers.

Statements

- Commitment to National Development:** Support Palestine's food security and agricultural goals.
- Sustainability and Resilience:** Focus on practices that ensure long-term environmental health.
- Collaboration for Impact:** Work with government, industry, and communities to create solutions.
- Inclusive Growth:** Ensure benefits reach all communities, especially marginalized ones.
- Policy Advocacy:** Promote policies for food security and sustainable farming.

Procedures

1. **Curriculum Development:** Integrate sustainable agriculture and food security into programs.
2. **Research Initiatives:** Focus on innovative, climate-resilient agricultural solutions.
3. **Community Outreach:** Offer training and resources for local farmers.
4. **Policy Engagement:** Advocate for sustainable farming policies at national and global levels.
5. **Global Cooperation:** Collaborate with international partners to address shared challenges.
6. **Monitoring and Reporting:** Regularly assess program impact and track progress.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

1.	Number of Events Organized for Farmers
2.	Number of Farmers Accessing University Facilities
3.	Percentage of Products Purchased from Local Sustainable Sources