

<b>Policy subject:</b> International <b>Collaboration for SDG Data Collection Policy</b>	<b>Policy number:</b> 72/P.D/2024	<b>Date of last revision:</b> 2024/11/15
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**Overview:** Palestine Ahliya University (PAU) is committed to fostering international collaboration in data collection and analysis related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By actively participating in global initiatives, PAU aims to contribute meaningful data and insights, leveraging its expertise to support evidence-based solutions for sustainable development. This policy reinforces the university's role as a key partner in advancing the SDGs within Bethlehem, Palestine, and on a global scale.

#### **Objectives:**

➤ **Increase Collaborative Projects:**

Expand the number of international projects PAU engages in for SDG data collection and analysis.

➤ **Enhance Capacity:**

Build the university's capabilities to effectively contribute to global initiatives supporting SDG-related data analysis and reporting.

➤ **Develop Sustainable Partnerships:**

Strengthen and sustain collaborations with international institutions and organizations focused on advancing the SDGs.

#### **Scope:**

This policy applies to all academic, research, and administrative units at PAU involved in SDG-related data collection and analysis. It encompasses:

1. Participation in international projects that focus on collecting, analyzing, and sharing data aligned with SDG objectives.

2. Collaboration with international partners to exchange expertise, methodologies, and best practices.
3. Development of systems and resources to support effective engagement in global SDG data initiatives.

### **Statements:**

PAU is committed to engaging with international institutions, organizations, and networks to advance SDG-related data collection and analysis. These efforts will enhance the university's contributions to sustainable development, address local and global challenges, and position PAU as a leader in fostering impactful international collaborations.

### **Procedures:**

#### **1. Identify International Partners:**

- Identify international institutions, universities, and NGOs that focus on SDGs.
- Select partners whose priorities and goals align with PAU's focus areas for sustainable development.

#### **2. Establish Partnerships:**

- Formalize partnerships by signing Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) or collaboration agreements with selected international entities.
- Develop a joint action plan that outlines shared goals, roles, and responsibilities to ensure smooth collaboration.

#### **3. Develop Data Collection Methodologies:**

- Design data collection tools aligned with internationally recognized SDG indicators and standards.
- Train research teams from both PAU and partner institutions on the effective application of these tools to ensure data consistency and accuracy.

#### **4. Implement Data Collection Activities:**

- Execute data collection through various methods such as surveys, field studies, or by analyzing open data from international databases.
- Ensure data quality through periodic reviews and validation processes to maintain integrity.

#### **5. Analyze and Share Data:**

- Analyze collected data using advanced tools and techniques to generate actionable insights.
- Share findings with international partners to foster mutual understanding and identify challenges and opportunities for sustainable development.

#### **6. Prepare International Reports:**

- Draft joint reports documenting the findings, achievements, and challenges faced during the data collection phase.
- Submit these reports to international bodies, such as the United Nations or other SDG-focused organizations, to contribute to global knowledge and policy development.

#### **7. Monitor Collaboration:**

- Evaluate the effectiveness and impact of international partnerships on the outcomes of data collection and related initiatives.
- Develop new initiatives based on the successes and lessons learned from the collaboration to strengthen future partnerships.

#### **KPIs:**

- Number of international SDG data collection projects involving PAU annually.
- Number of partnerships established with international organizations focused on SDG data initiatives.
- Increase in data contributions from PAU to global SDG reports and publications.