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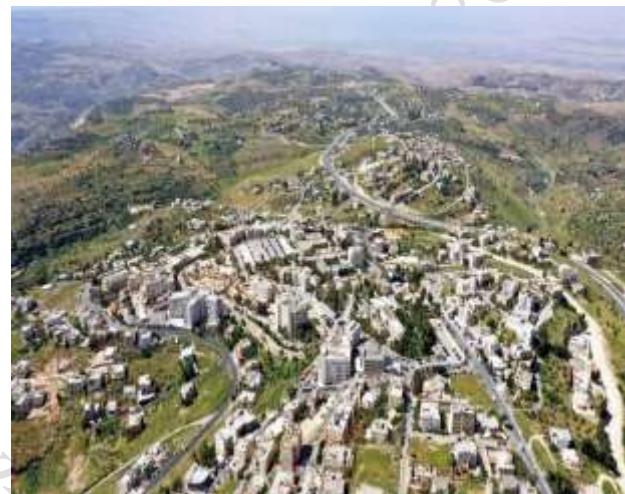
Al-Balqa Applied University
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Foreword

Al-Balqa Applied University (BAU) is a prominent public university in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, with a student body of over 60,000 and multiple satellite campuses across the country. BAU's vision is to excel as a globally competitive applied university, renowned for creativity, innovation, applied scientific research, and leadership. The university is dedicated to fostering Jordan's knowledge economy and society, delivering high-quality education that equips students to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Spanning an estimated **11,100,000 m²**, BAU's campuses are home to a wide array of educational, research, medical, sports, and cultural facilities. Additionally, the campuses feature extensive green spaces and recreational areas, creating a vibrant, supportive environment for student development and engagement.



BAU's main campus is located in the ancient city of [As-Salt](#), in Al-Balqa' Governorate, home to a number of important cultural and historical sites, and a [UNESCO world heritage](#) site. Built by Macedonians, [As-Salt](#) occupied an important trading position by Roman, Byzantine, and Mamelukes. Along with its historical value, As-Salt city is located 20 minutes from the lowest point on earth, the [Dead Sea](#) and is very close to the [holy baptism site of Jesus Christ](#) on the East bank of the Jordan River. A sunny day at As-Salt rewards visitors with a breathtaking view of the holy lands.

Alongside BAU's main campus, the university's satellite campuses are hubs for quality education and research and offer students the opportunity to explore Jordan's rich cultural heritage. For example, [Aqaba University College](#) located in Jordan's only port, offers maritime transport technology programs as well as easy access to the golden triangle of [Petra](#), [Wadi Rum](#) and [Aqaba](#). And Shoubak University College, which is located close to the stunning [Dana Biosphere Reserve](#). and [Huson University College](#) in the north, which closest

to [Jerash](#) which is the second to Petra on the list of favorite destinations in Jordan. Al-Balqa Governorate is a province of intellectual heritage and folklore, and it is popular for recreational and religious tourism; traveler may visit many ruins and sacred shrines for Prophet Shu'ayb (Maqam Nabi Shu'ayb), Prophet Joshua Ben-nun, Prophet Gad Ben Jacob, Prophet Ayub, Prophet Hazir, and Prophet Gilad (May Peace Be Upon Them), as well as the shrines of two of Prophet Mohammad (Peace Be Upon Him) Companions: Abu Obeida Al-Jarah and Dirar Ibn Azwar.

Such an integral role along with other cities of the Kingdom was deeply rooted during the establishment of the Emirate of Jordan in 1921 moving towards developing the country. Salt City was prominent with its scientific and educational legacy, which was marked by the founding of Salt School, inaugurated by His Majesty King Abdullah the First – may God rest his soul – (Prince at that time) in 1923, to be the first school in the kingdom having its graduates as great officials and leaders of the nation.

Upon firmly acknowledging the educational and scientific long history of Salt City along with its leading role in the field of education by the Hashemite leadership, Late King Hussein Bin Talal – May God rest his soul – honored Balqa' governorate by the issuance of the royal decree to establish Al Balqa Applied University in Salt city on the 22nd of August 1996. This has enhanced the city's role, commemorated the pioneers of its early graduates, and scientifically empowered its legacy which we hope to continually flourish.

Our Strategic Response

BAU operates through a network of campuses across Jordan, covering diverse climatic regions—from the highlands in the mid-west to the arid governorates in the south and far east. This geographical diversity has driven BAU to undertake extensive initiatives in climate variability and adaptation, establishing itself as a leader in climate resilience.

BAU is at the forefront of research and innovation in areas such as water conservation, drought management, capacity building, and technology transfer. Its initiatives span solar energy, wastewater treatment and reuse, and smart agriculture. The university has also introduced specialized academic programs in fields like smart agriculture, water treatment, smart buildings, and electric and hybrid vehicles, alongside conducting numerous climate change awareness activities.

On another hand (BAU) adopts the United [Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(UN SDGs\)](#), and Paris Agreement goals which are adopted by all nations as a universal call to protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030 through ethical management of resources, openness to societies and contributing to their development and solving their problems, and creating a conscious generation of its students who adopt the dimensions of sustainable development in their lives, directing scientific research to contribute to achieving sustainable development, and strengthening national and international partnerships, also (BAU) became a member of [United Nations Academic Impact \(UNAI\)](#), and [United Nation - Sustainable Development Solution Network \(UNSDSN\)](#).



INTRODUCTION:

BAU has adopted a sustainability-driven approach rooted in continuous improvement, with a mission to fully integrate the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its core strategies, policies, and daily operations. This commitment has inspired transformative initiatives, projects, and programs across all faculties and campuses. Through responsible resource management, innovative teaching, impactful research, and strong national and international partnerships, BAU continues to redefine its institutional identity as a leader in sustainability.

To strengthen its contribution to the SDGs, BAU established a [dedicated Sustainability Office](#) and implemented best practices that have earned international recognition. Remarkably, the university ranked **first nationally and 2nd in the Arab region, and 53rd globally** in the **2023 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings**.

These accomplishments align with the **17 Sustainable Development Goals**, which serve as a guiding framework for meaningful action toward people and the planet. By embracing these goals, BAU continuously assesses its progress and sets clear priorities for future advancement.

BAU remains steadfast in empowering students as agents of change, community leaders, and responsible global citizens. Faculty and students actively engage in sustainability-oriented education through diverse courses, academic programs, and research projects that advance SDG principles in teaching, learning, and innovation.

In alignment with its [Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#), BAU continues to pioneer innovative approaches through training programs, applied research, and community engagement initiatives—all designed to contribute effectively to the realization of the [UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

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INTRODUCTION

Significant progress has been made in global health, with many countries reducing under-5 mortality, cutting AIDS-related deaths, and eliminating several neglected tropical diseases. However, inequalities in health care access persist, and the COVID-19 pandemic has reversed progress in vaccination coverage and increased cases of tuberculosis and malaria.

Achieving SDG 3 requires ending major epidemics, expanding universal health coverage, and ensuring access to safe, affordable medicines and vaccines for all. Strengthening health systems and investing in healthcare are essential for recovery and building resilience to future crises.

Large portions of the global population still lack essential health services, with disparities affecting poorer, less educated, and rural communities the most. Universal health coverage remains a challenge, as progress has slowed in recent years.

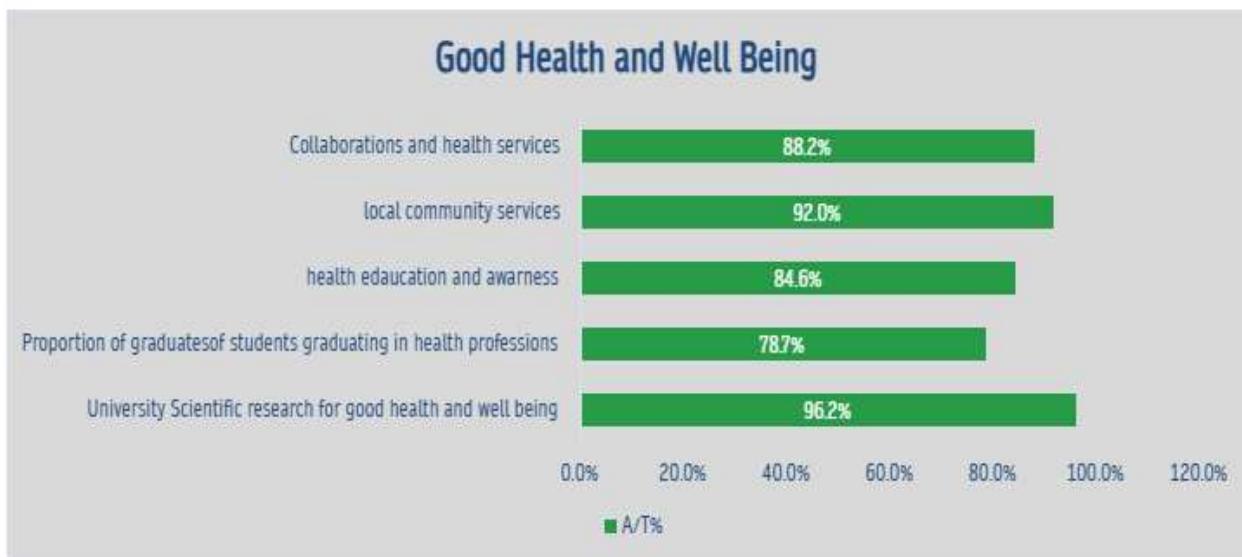
Individuals can contribute by prioritizing their own health, promoting healthy lifestyles, vaccinating children, raising awareness in their communities, and holding leaders accountable for improving access to quality healthcare.

Al-Balqa Applied University (BAU) remains deeply committed to advancing the Sustainable Development Goal of Good Health and Well-Being (SDG 3). To enhance public health services and reach underserved communities, BAU has entered strategic collaborations with leading health institutions, including the Ministry of Health and the Electronic Health Solutions (EHS) to strengthen health informatics education and training

BAU has clearly defined several sub-goals to drive its work in health and well-being:

- **Supporting scientific research** in areas related to health and well-being.

- **Conducting health-focused educational outreach programs** for local communities.
- **Implementing health outreach services and initiatives** dedicated to improving community health and well-being.
- **Expanding national and international partnerships** in the field of health and well-being.



Strategic Achievement for SDG3 /2025

HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

BAU is actively working to achieve the 3rd Sustainable Development Goal (Good Health and Well-being) by delivering health outreach programs and projects that enhance community health and well-being.

The university has developed tailored volunteer programs designed to promote essential health services and well-being initiatives within the local community. These programs specifically target marginalized groups, including orphans, the elderly, remote communities, and displaced



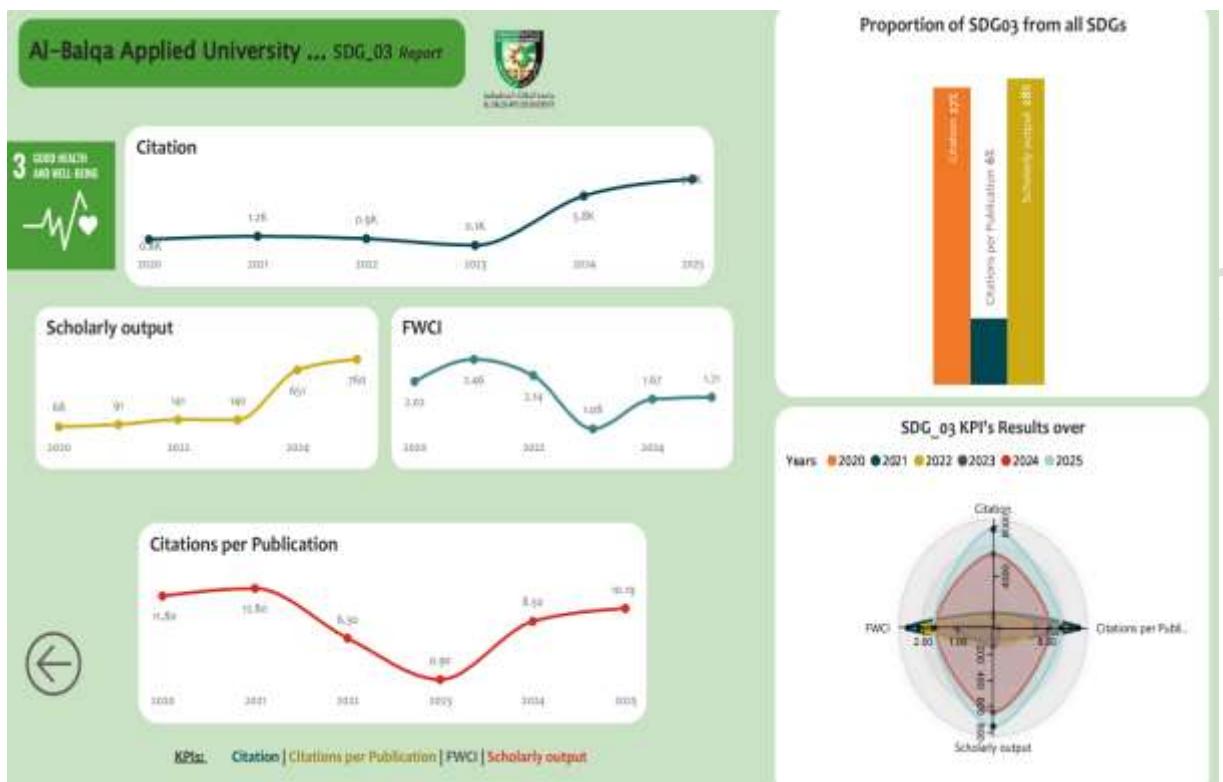
individuals. They encompass a wide range of activities, such as free medical events, blood donation drives, hygiene campaigns, sports activities, and awareness programs focused on critical topics like nutrition, family health, and healthcare. BAU's focus on addressing relevant health issues ensures that its initiatives have a direct and meaningful impact on the community, regardless of residency or refugee status.

Furthermore, BAU takes great pride in its commitment to community engagement through shared sports facilities. These facilities serve as a bridge between the university and the local community, fostering unity and providing vital resources for physical activity and recreation. By leveraging these spaces, BAU has positively influenced the community, offering opportunities for fitness activities, sports events, and social gatherings.



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SOLUTIONS

BAU is committed to achieving UN-SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), as demonstrated through various initiatives, including the significant contribution of its faculty staff members. These experts produce high-quality research addressing critical health issues, furthering the university's dedication to advancing public health and well-being both locally and globally.



Publications at Al-Balqa Applied University within SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being 2021to 2025

Comment

The SDG 3 dashboard shows meaningful progress in BAU's research contributions to Good Health and Well-Being. Citations and scholarly output have steadily increased, indicating stronger engagement in health-related research fields. While the FWCI experienced some fluctuation, its rise again in 2025 reflects improved research impact and relevance. Citations per publication also show a positive upward shift in 2024 and 2025, signaling higher-quality outputs and greater visibility. Overall, the performance trends demonstrate BAU's growing influence in advancing SDG 3 through impactful and expanding scholarly activity.

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