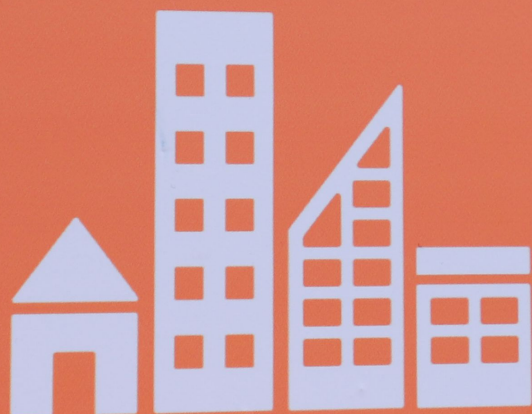


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TOGETHER FOR A SUSTAINABLE CITY

At university, we organized “hashar” which is our national charity event, because the season of renewal, the favorable weather conditions, the anticipation of outdoor activities, the need to address winter debris, and the alignment with Earth Day inspired. Our volunteers and academic staff members for and other communities cleanup as well as this event in our culture promote unity, harmony, and kindness among our people. By coming together to beautify and preserve our surroundings, our community demonstrated their commitment to creating a cleaner, greener, healthier, and more sustainable environment for all which as a target outlined in UN SDG 11.

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From the crack of dawn, volunteers converged to partake in various activities aimed at enhancing our surroundings. The university grounds, buildings, and adjacent areas underwent a thorough cleanup, while efforts were made to plant fruit and decorative trees, as well as flower seedlings, thereby transforming the environment for the better.

The meticulous attention to detail in beautifying the landscape and shaping the trees reflected a commitment to excellence and pride in our shared spaces. Such charity events not only foster a sense of community and cooperation but also instill a strong work ethic and sense of ownership among future generations. In essence, these endeavors serve as a testament to our collective dedication to improving our surroundings and nurturing a sense of unity and responsibility for the well-being of our communities.

Student initiatives on Sustainable cities and communities

We have emerged as pivotal advocates for sustainability, actively engaging in initiatives that promote sustainable cities and communities. We organized various student-led projects and initiatives, focusing on **bike sharing, garbage collection, and recycling demonstrations** and over **200 students** participated actively.

Through collaboration with local governments, NGOs, and community members, we were able to implement projects that raise awareness and encourage sustainable practices. These initiatives often involve research, advocacy, and hands-on activities that empower students and their communities to take action towards sustainability.



Bike Sharing Programs

Bike sharing initiatives, spearheaded by students, aim to promote eco-friendly transportation options within urban areas.

These programs provide easy access to bicycles for short-term use, reducing reliance on cars and decreasing emissions. Students organized bike maintenance workshops, awareness campaigns, and partnerships with local businesses to ensure the success of the program. By encouraging cycling as a viable mode of transport, these initiatives contribute to healthier lifestyles and reduced traffic congestion. During these projects, **over 250 students** took part in actively and rode bikes for **4 km distance**.



Garbage Collection Initiatives

Student-led collection initiatives focus on beautifying local environments while promoting responsible waste management. These programs often involve organized clean-up events in parks, streets, and public spaces, where students rally together to collect litter and educate the community about the importance of keeping our surroundings clean. Through these efforts, students not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of their neighborhoods but also foster a sense of community pride and environmental stewardship. Territory of the university is **103000 km/kv** and we cleaned **50000 km/kv** from battles and plastics.



Recycling Demonstration Initiatives

Recycling demonstration initiatives aim to educate the community about proper recycling practices and the benefits of waste reduction. Students set up informational booths, workshops, and interactive demonstrations in schools and public areas to showcase how to recycle effectively.

They also collaborated with local recycling facilities to provide tours and insights into the recycling process. Our volunteering team members collected over **500 kilo paper** and **25 kilo plastic bottles** and sent to recycling factories. These initiatives not only foster environmental awareness but also enhance social cohesion and responsibility among students.



Public Talk Series: Fostering Inclusive and Sustainable Cities

Several public talks have been conducted at our university centered around urbanization and sustainable cities, aiming to align with global efforts for more inclusive and sustainable urban areas. These sessions sought to deepen participants' understanding of urban development and its connection to sustainability. One of the speakers, **Kseniia**, emphasized the importance of urban mobility in today's world and encouraged students to participate in discussions about sustainable living. These initiatives align with the goal of making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable, reflecting the mission of **UN-Habitat**.



Urbanization has the potential to drive social inclusion by providing better access to **services, promoting equality, and engaging diverse communities within cities**. However, these ideals are not always fully realized, as issues like inequality and exclusion remain prevalent, often surpassing national averages. Many cities are now focusing on reclaiming public spaces for pedestrians, cyclists, and scooter users to reduce car dependency and make urban areas safer and more enjoyable. This month, our university will hold discussions with urban practitioners on urban mobility, exploring how sustainable development practices can reshape cities to be more inclusive and resilient, in line with the principles of the **New Urban Agenda**.