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Sustainability

Annual Report 2025

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

KFU Sustainable Annual Report 2025

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Rector's welcome

Prof. Adel Abuzenadah

King Faisal University (KFU) possesses extensive resources that empower it to excel and lead at both national and regional levels, reflecting its distinguished legacy and long-standing tradition of excellence. In light of the profound transformation currently shaping our nation's development, the time has come to capitalize on these resources to elevate the university's aspirations toward broader horizons, anchored in its solid scientific foundation and distinguished research institutions.

Guided by an ambitious vision, King Faisal University is committed to addressing global challenges related to food security and environmental sustainability, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We pursue these objectives through our core functions: enhancing teaching, learning, and research; fostering impactful community partnerships; and advancing innovation and business development initiatives.

We are confident that in the coming years, the university will achieve further milestones and generate a meaningful impact on both local and global communities. Moreover, KFU's agility and highly qualified human capital position it well to adapt to future developments and continuously refine its strategic direction. It is our pleasure to present this overview of the university's ongoing efforts toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Key facts about KFU

Previous Ranking Data

PROGRESS

2025: 35 - 2024: 40 - 2023: 99

Ranking among the top 100 universities in the world

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Ranked First in Saudi Arabia in Six Sustainable Development Goals

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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TOP 100 WORLDWIDE UNIVERSITIES GRANTED U.S. UTILITY PATENTS 2025

INSTITUTION RANKING	# OF PATENTS
1 THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	571
2 KING FAHD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS	320
3 MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	291
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM	229
4 ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY	229
6 STANFORD UNIVERSITY	201
7 SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	190
8 KOREA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	188
9 ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	185
10 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	177
11 IMAM MOHAMMAD IBN SAUD ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY	175
12 PURDUE UNIVERSITY	172
13 HARVARD UNIVERSITY	157
14 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	152
15 KOREA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND BUSINESS FOUNDATION	147
16 JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	144
17 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC	137
18 CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	129
53 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC	67
53 SOUTHEAST UNIVERSITY	67
53 CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	67
56 THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY)	65
56 THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL	65
58 UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	62

INSTITUTION RANKING	# OF PATENTS
25 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	108
26 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	107
26 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND	107
28 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO	104
29 CORNELL UNIVERSITY	103
30 THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	99
31 KING SAUD UNIVERSITY	95
32 DUKE UNIVERSITY	94
33 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	92
34 REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	91
35 CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	88
35 POHANG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (POSTECH)	88
37 THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO	86
38 SHANDONG UNIVERSITY	85
38 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	85
40 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS	84
41 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	81
42 CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY	78
43 HUAZHONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	77
44 OSAKA UNIVERSITY	76
45 SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY	75
46 NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY	74
46 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	74
77 KING FAISAL UNIVERSITY	49
77 NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY	49
81 DALIAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	46
81 THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH RESEARCH FOUDNATION	46
81 TECHNION RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION LTD. (TECHNION - THE ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)	46
84 NATIONAL YANG MING	

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Times Higher Education
Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026

35th

Out of 1603 institutions globally

Overall Sustainability Impact Rating

Awarded to

King Faisal University

Phil Baty
Chief global affairs officer
Times Higher Education

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UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025

CERTIFICATE

This certificate is awarded to

King Faisal University

as The 179th World's Most Sustainable University in 2025 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings

5 December 2025

UI GREENMETRIC WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Dr. Vishnu Juwono, S.E., MIA
Chairperson of UI GreenMetric

1 NO POVERTY

GLOBAL RANKING

13

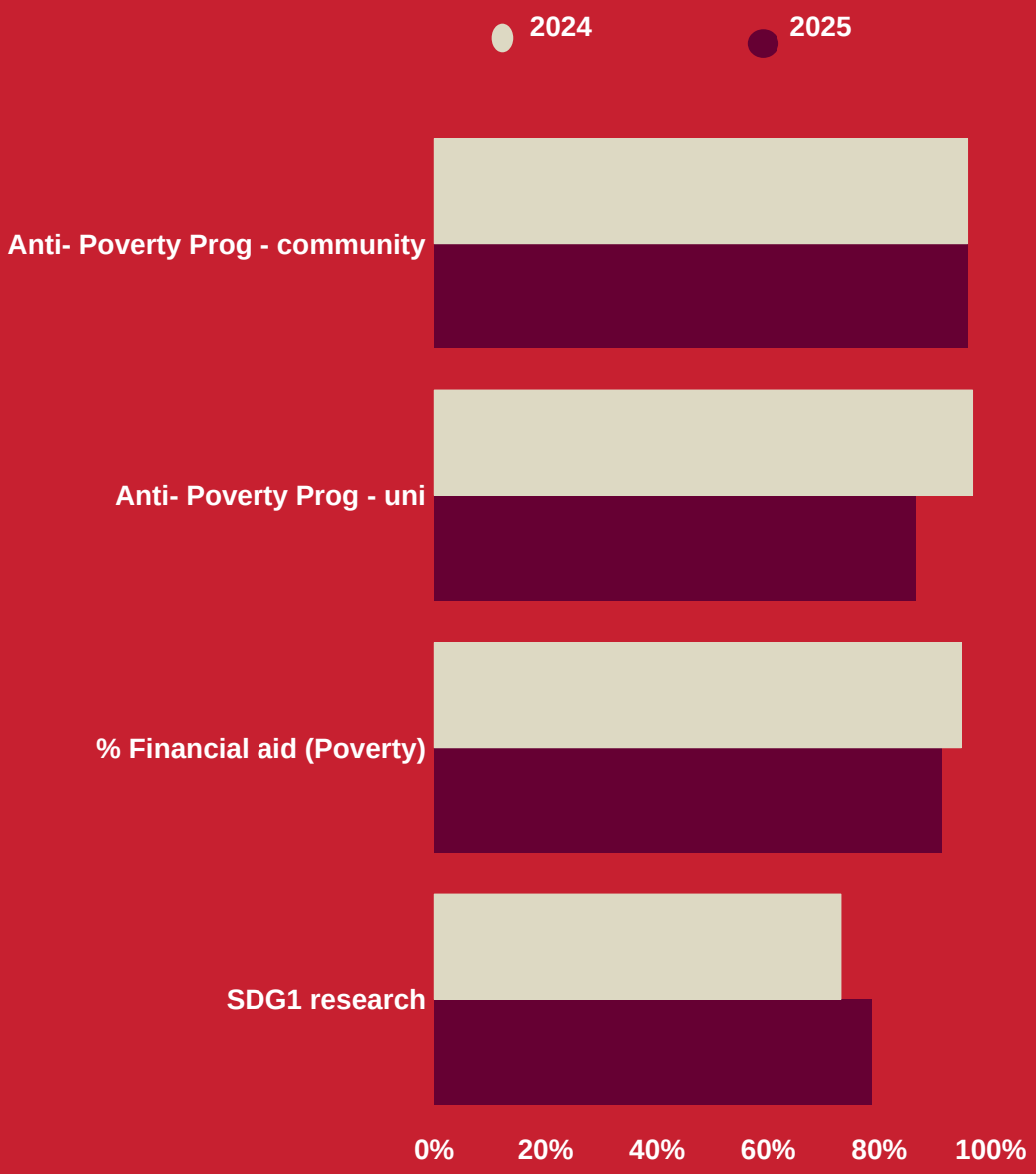
PUBLICATIONS: 56

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

1 NO POVERTY

NO POVERTYKFU's performance in last years in achieving the first goal:



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1 NO POVERTY

KFU affirms its commitment to ensuring that affordable and inclusive higher education is accessible to students from low-income households. In line with Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty), the university has adopted policies and procedures aimed at removing financial barriers and expanding access for underrepresented and disadvantaged groups.

Free Tuition for Undergraduates: The university provides free undergraduate education for eligible students, including domestic and international students under specified admission categories.

Targeted Admissions: During the 2023–2025 academic period, KFU prioritized admissions for students from low-income families, international students from developing countries, students from single-parent households, orphans, and students with disabilities.

Financial Support and Scholarships: KFU offers special scholarships, both internal and external, for outstanding and economically disadvantaged students. The university also provides tuition exemptions, fee waivers, and free study seats for disadvantaged groups through partnerships with charitable organizations and local social welfare associations.

Support Services and Benefits for Low-Income Students: Support measures include subsidized meals, accommodation services, and travel tickets.

18082

Number of students receiving financial aid

45 <

Number of nationalities of students

Student Fund: A dedicated fund administered by the Deanship of Student Affairs provides loans, financial assistance, subsidies, and employment opportunities for financially vulnerable students.

Graduate Scholarships: KFU offers comprehensive scholarships across all academic levels to foster academic excellence and attract exceptional talent. These scholarships include fully funded doctoral programs, such as the PhD in Mathematics, designed to support distinguished students in pursuing advanced research and academic achievement.

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KFU Platform for Free Training: KFU offers a wide range of free courses, workshops, seminars, and lectures designed to enhance students' academic, professional, and personal skills. These programs are delivered by distinguished faculty members, experts, and outstanding students from both within and outside the university.

Digital Content Creation Training Program: As part of the College of Applied Studies' ongoing efforts to develop skills and enhance competencies in emerging fields, the college organized a specialized training program on digital content creation, which attracted a number of interested participants.

Supporting Student Activities and Recognizing Excellence: The Student Fund actively supports various forms of student engagement, including religious, cultural, artistic, social, and athletic activities. It also provides awards and incentives to students who demonstrate excellence in extracurricular activities.

Attracting Outstanding High School Graduates: The university implements a strategy to attract high-achieving high school graduates, particularly those who have received international recognition, such as winners of the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) 2022 awards. These students receive several benefits, including:

Direct admission without the requirement to complete the preparatory year.
Enrollment in the university's entrepreneurship incubation program.
Financial and technical support for research projects.

- Guidance and support for scientific publishing and patent registration.
- Support for participation in national and international competitions.
- Access to the university's industrial and technological networks to facilitate innovation commercialization.

Student Research Grants: Through the Deanship of Scientific Research, KFU funds and supports student-led research by providing financial assistance, resources, and technical support throughout the research process, thereby fostering a culture of inquiry, innovation, and scientific excellence.
Integration Program for Orphans: As part of its social responsibility initiatives, the university launched the Integration Program for Orphans, now in its third edition (2025). This summer program provides orphaned students with scientific, cultural, and training opportunities on campus, aiming to develop their skills and contribute to human capacity development in line with national priorities.

Discounts on Selected Sports Activities for University Staff and Students

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Student Activities System Statistics

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Mawhiba Academic Enrichment Program 2025: In partnership with the King Abdulaziz and His Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity (Mawhiba), and under the supervision of the National Center for Giftedness and Creativity Research, KFU hosted the Mawhiba Academic Enrichment Program during the summer of 2025. The three-week program brought together 134 gifted students and 22 trainers and assistants and offered five modules that combined scientific, training, skills-based, volunteering, and administrative activities. These activities were delivered through two main tracks: scientific and skills-based.

The closing ceremony featured an exhibition showcasing the students' most innovative projects and research in key areas, including medical and biological sciences, data science and artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, renewable energy, and theoretical and applied physics.

KFU recognizes that fostering entrepreneurship, innovation, and start-up activity within the university ecosystem is a key strategic objective. This commitment aligns with the university's Strategic Plan (2020–2025), which emphasizes establishing and strengthening the university's innovation and business development ecosystem and enhancing its economic capabilities.

Student Talent Acquisition Program

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The start-up initiative forms part of KFU's broader sustainability agenda and institutional identity by transforming research outcomes, innovative ideas, and student and faculty projects into viable enterprises that contribute to regional economic development, job creation, and the growth of a knowledge-based society.

Incubators and Start-up Support: KFU has developed a structured incubation system within its Innovation District. This system includes several thematic incubators focusing on food security and environmental sustainability, digital technologies (including artificial intelligence and software development), a general start-up accelerator, and a business incubator that welcomes interdisciplinary ideas and projects.

Entrepreneurial Pipeline: The university supports entrepreneurial ventures at different stages of development, from idea generation and prototype development to market entry, business registration, and growth.

Support Services and Ecosystem: KFU provides business development training, mentorship, legal and financial advisory services, workspace within the Innovation District, access to investors, and connections with industry partners. The university also hosts hackathons, pitch competitions, and entrepreneurship events that engage students, faculty members, and external entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurship Product of the Social Development Bank: KFU supports the Entrepreneurship Product initiative of the Social Development Bank, which provides financing for start-up projects and entrepreneurial ventures. The -

Innovation Week 2025: Promoting a Culture of Innovation, Intellectual Property, and Entrepreneurship

program offers funding ranging from SAR 50,000 to SAR 500,000 to support assets, operations, and the establishment of commercial projects owned by Saudi citizens across various sectors, thereby fostering innovation and economic empowerment.

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Entrepreneurship Product of the Social Development Bank

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Tamheer Program for Preparing Graduates for the Labor Market

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Sahem Social Entrepreneurship Program: In collaboration with the King Khalid Foundation, KFU implemented the fifth edition of the Sahem for Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship Program at its campus in Al-Ahsa. The program aims to build the capacities of Saudi youth in innovation and social entrepreneurship by empowering them to develop sustainable solutions to societal challenges and contribute effectively to achieving Saudi Vision 2030.

The three-week program included an interactive training camp focusing on the key theories and tools of innovation, social entrepreneurship, and creative thinking, followed by a hackathon in which 12 teams, comprising 76 male and female students, competed to present innovative projects.

The Sahem initiative also promotes a culture of innovation, strengthens civic engagement, and enhances self-confidence among young participants. It forms part of a broader capacity-building initiative designed to strengthen the skills, systems, and institutional performance of non-profit organizations across the Kingdom.

University Start-up Accelerator

Date Challenge Hackathon

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Future Scientists Program

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2 ZERO HUNGER

GLOBAL RANKING

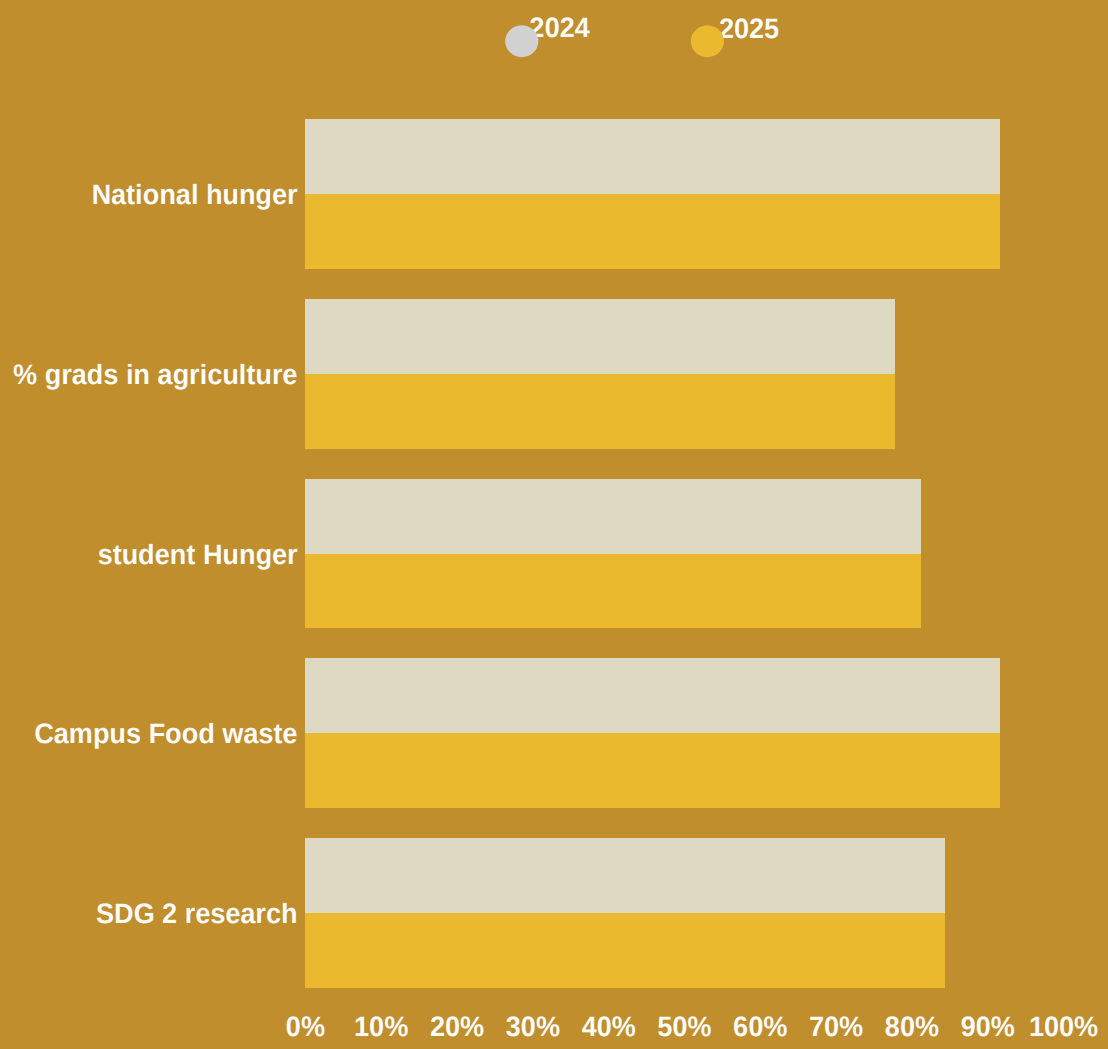
27

PUBLICATIONS: 556

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

KFU’s performance in last years in achieving the second goal: ZERO HUNGER



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KFU affirms that its institutional identity emphasizes contributions to national food security and the reduction of hunger through research, innovation, agricultural programs, food service operations, and sustainability education.

Agricultural Innovation and Value-Added Food Products: As part of its efforts to enhance food security, KFU has developed several sustainable value-added food products derived from date palms, one of the region's major agricultural crops. This initiative reflects the university's commitment to moving beyond primary crop production toward value-added processing and innovation.

The "Our Ahsa is Capable" Initiative to Support University Students and the Community by Providing Breakfast Meals During the Holy Month of Ramadan

Campus Food Services and Nutritional Support: The university's Nutrition Unit supports students and faculty members by providing three daily meals—breakfast, lunch, and dinner—through its campus cafeterias, helping to ensure food accessibility and nutritional well-being within the university community.

Educational Programs: KFU offers academic and professional development programs in areas such as biotechnology, medicinal plants, and other emerging disciplines related to food security, agriculture, and nutrition.

KFU also places strong emphasis on promoting healthy eating habits across its campus community as part of its broader sustainability strategy.

The **Healthy Food Initiative** focuses on two key areas:

- **Nutritional Education and Awareness:** The university organizes awareness campaigns, workshops, and training sessions to help students, faculty, and staff understand the importance of balanced diets, the risks associated with unhealthy eating habits and excessive fast-food consumption, and the benefits of healthy lifestyle choices.

- **Healthy Food Services:** KFU's campus food service operations provide accessible and nutritious meal options while incorporating nutritional standards and healthy menu choices into their food services.

Food safety and health

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KFU recognizes the importance of supporting the agricultural sector, particularly local farmers and producers, through knowledge sharing, technological support, and access to institutional resources and expertise.

The Farmer Access Initiative forms part of KFU's institutional identity in food security and environmental sustainability. The initiative demonstrates that the university's role extends beyond educating students to providing direct support to local agricultural stakeholders and communities.

KFU provides technical and scientific support to farmers and local producers through access to research laboratories, demonstration fields, research and training stations, and advisory and extension services.

Demonstration and Extension Fields: KFU establishes demonstration farms and extension fields for crops of strategic importance and utilizes greenhouse technologies adapted to local environmental conditions. These facilities serve as practical sites for farmer training, knowledge transfer, and agricultural support.

592

Number of graduates from agriculture and aquaculture programs

280051

Beneficiaries of food services

Food Security Awareness Events: The School of Business at King Faisal University organized a series of specialized events focusing on food security and environmental sustainability to raise awareness and encourage community engagement in these critical areas.

Electronic Extension Services: The university has developed smart communication platforms that connect agricultural experts with farmers, including local agricultural communication centers and field units that support precision agriculture and digital advisory services.

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Centre of Excellence for Palms and Dates: A specialized research center at KFU that supports farmers and local producers, particularly those involved in date palm production, by providing technical advice, scientific consultations, and research support. Deployment of Training and Agricultural Innovation Services: KFU organizes exhibitions and scientific events, such as the Second Scientific Exhibition on Biotechnology, which engage farmers and food producers and promote agricultural innovation and knowledge transfer.

Training Programs for Agricultural Workers in Riyadh, Al-Ahsa, and Al-Qassim

KFU also organizes and hosts specialized events aimed at supporting farmers and agricultural stakeholders. For example, the university hosted the Second International Conference on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability in Al-Ahsa, which included scientific sessions, workshops, and hackathons under themes such as “New Farmers and Future Farms.”

College of Agricultural and Food Sciences: The College of Agricultural and Food Sciences at KFU actively applies scientific knowledge to support the agricultural sector and local communities, including farmers and food producers. Its contributions span a wide range of research units and academic disciplines, including:

Training Program in Spain on Global Good Agricultural Practices (GlobalG.A.P.) Standards

- Pests and Plant Diseases Unit
- Bee Research Unit
- Agricultural Extension Unit
- Environmental Protection Unit
- Central Laboratories
- Agricultural Business and Consumer Sciences
- Animal and Fish Production
- Environment and Agricultural Natural Resources
- Agricultural Biotechnology
- Arid Land Agriculture
- Food Science and Nutrition
- Agricultural Systems Engineering
- Initiatives and Programs:
- Scientific Exhibitions and Workshops: The Second Scientific Exhibition on Biotechnology highlighted the role of biotechnology in enhancing food security and environmental sustainability and demonstrated its applications for farmers and food producers.
- Training Workshops with Agricultural Partners: KFU delivers specialized training workshops in collaboration with agricultural institutions and stakeholders to strengthen technical skills and support sustainable agricultural practices.

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KFU Training station offers various initiatives toward training and enabling local farmers to maintain and develop the agriculture sector.

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Agricultural Development Fund Training Programs: Training programs implemented in cooperation with the Agricultural Development Fund have enhanced technical competencies and strengthened human capital within the agricultural sector.

Participation in the International Date Palm Exhibition: KFU's participation in the International Date Palm Exhibition showcased innovations, products, and the nutritional benefits of dates, highlighting the university's contributions to food security and agricultural development.

Fisheries Research and Extension Services: The Extension Unit of the Fisheries Research Center provides technical guidance, workshops, training programs, field visits, and consultancy services in aquaculture. Its activities focus on modern water-saving technologies, fish health management, and feed and water quality analysis.

Saudi Good Agricultural Practices (Saudi GAP) Initiative: In collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, KFU contributed to the development of nationally recognized standards for agricultural, livestock, and fisheries practices aimed at enhancing productivity, quality, and sustainability.

The initiative includes training support units, demonstration fields, greenhouse and precision agriculture technologies, electronic extension services, irrigation training, and electronic weather forecasting stations. The university also awards Saudi GAP certifications to

farms that meet rigorous standards related to food safety, environmental protection, worker health and safety, sustainable resource use, and operational management.

Agricultural Medicine Unit: The unit focuses on the health and safety of agricultural workers by studying prevalent occupational diseases, promoting scientific research, fostering partnerships, and providing specialized courses and lectures for professionals in the agricultural sector.

Providing Consultations to the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture for the Implementation of Saudi GAP

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Statistics for the Date Palm Food and Processing Industries Program

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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

GLOBAL RANKING

201-300

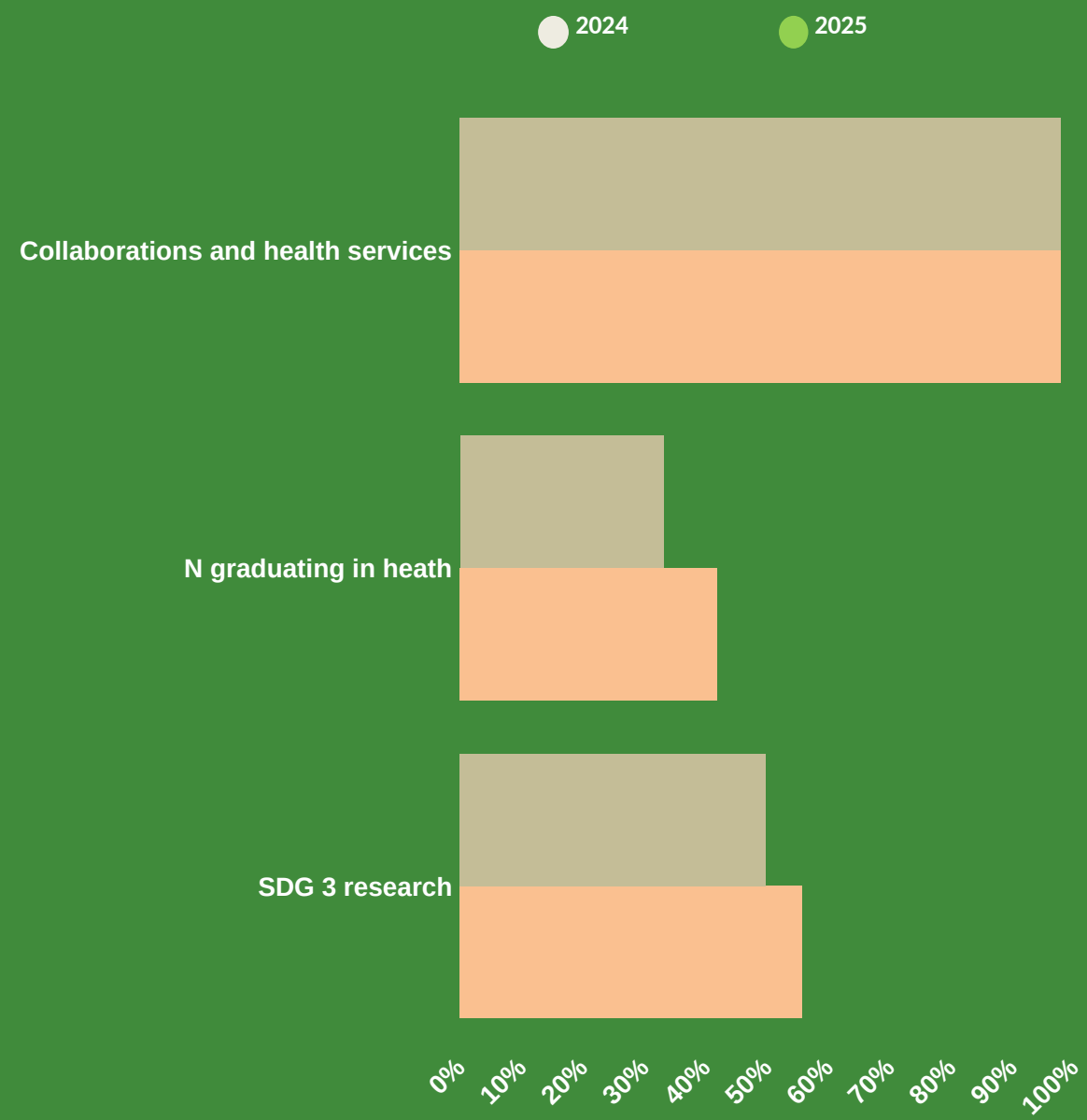
PUBLICATIONS: 2244

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the third goal:
GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



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KFU recognizes that advancing health research, education, and services is central to its sustainability mission and regional impact. To achieve these goals, the university actively collaborates with healthcare organizations, hospitals, research centers, and private-sector partners. These partnerships aim to enhance training opportunities, expand healthcare infrastructure, and support evidence-based interventions that address community needs.

Training for Female Graduates: KFU signed an agreement with Maximus Gulf to provide specialized training for female graduates in health-related disciplines, ensuring equitable access to career opportunities and professional development.

Health Workshop – “First Aid Comes First”: As part of its commitment to health awareness and community education, KFU regularly organizes first-aid workshops. The Health Education Officer at the Deanship of Student Affairs delivered the workshop to staff members of the College of Veterinary Medicine, faculty members, employees, and students.

Teaching Hospital Development: The university collaborated with the Al-Ahsa Health Cluster to support the establishment of the KFU Teaching Hospital, which will serve as a center for clinical training, medical research, and community healthcare services.

Joint Research and Service Initiatives: KFU collaborates with various hospitals and medical centers through research partnerships, healthcare services, and professional development initiatives. These collaborations enable the university to contribute to health innovation and enhance the quality of medical education and healthcare delivery.

KFU also recognizes that strengthening health education and training is critical to regional development and sustainability. The university offers a wide range of academic, professional, and community-oriented health programs aimed at preparing competent healthcare professionals, enhancing research capabilities, and contributing to the health and well-being of the wider community.

Blood Donation Campaigns in Cooperation with the National Guard Hospital in Al-Ahsa

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King Faisal University Teaching Hospital

KFU Teaching Hospital

KFU Teaching Hospital is a strategic project that embodies the university's vision of delivering world-class healthcare services while strengthening its role in medical education, training, and research. The hospital serves as a cornerstone in advancing the healthcare system in the Eastern Province and contributes to achieving the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030 by promoting excellence in healthcare and education.

The cooperation agreement between KFU and the Al-Ahsa Health Cluster represents a significant milestone in fostering institutional integration and collaboration. The agreement aims to enhance the quality of healthcare services, develop medical education and training programs, and support research and innovation that address national priorities.

Located in Al-Ahsa on the Al-Hofuf–Al-Uqair Road, the hospital's construction commenced in early 2011 on a total area of approximately one million square meters, with an estimated project cost exceeding SAR 490 million. The project comprises the main hospital building (145,000 m^2), outpatient clinics (35,000 m^2), a physiotherapy center, and a multi-story parking facility. Future development plans include specialized centers for oncology and renal care, in addition to residential units for medical staff.

The university hospital has a capacity of 400 beds distributed across 11 floors and offers a comprehensive range of medical specialties. Its facilities include departments of emergency medicine, radiology, surgery, intensive care, burn treatment, cardiology and cardiac catheterization, endoscopy, day surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, neonatal and pediatric intensive care, as well as simulation laboratories, classrooms for medical students, and a central pharmacy.

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These initiatives align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being.

Academic Programs: KFU offers degree programs in medicine, nursing, public health, pharmacy, and allied health sciences. These programs integrate practical training, internships, and clinical rotations to enhance students' hands-on experience and professional competencies.

Professional Training and Short Courses: The university provides workshops and certificate programs for healthcare practitioners to develop specialized skills and remain up to date with evolving medical practices. It also delivers collaborative training programs in partnership with hospitals and health authorities.

Community and Outreach Programs: KFU organizes health awareness campaigns and educational workshops for the public on topics such as nutrition, hygiene, disease prevention, and mental health. The university also participates in local and national initiatives aimed at improving health literacy and expanding access to healthcare services.

World Mental Health Day

Medical Polyclinic

206016

Beneficiaries

A Campaign Entitled "Promoting Health Awareness About Bone Diseases" at Al-Othaim Mall in Al-Ahsa

Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign

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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Workshop: "Enhancing mental health at KFU"

KFU emphasizes the importance of mental health and well-being for its students, faculty members, and staff. The university's Mental Health Support Initiative aims to provide a comprehensive program of psychological, social, physical, and financial well-being services free of charge to all members of the university community. The initiative seeks to enable individuals to lead healthy and productive lives and to contribute positively to the university's mission and the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030.

General Health and Wellness Program: KFU offers a free health and wellness program for all university members, covering four main dimensions: physical health, psychological health, social health, and financial well-being. The program aims to raise awareness of healthy lifestyle behaviors, provide access to health-related knowledge, strengthen students' and employees' sense of belonging to the university, and promote collaboration with private-sector and healthcare organizations in public health initiatives.

100

Number of dental clinics that serve the community

847

Number of graduates in health professions

4168

Number of beneficiaries

Psychological Counseling and Therapeutic Services: The university has established a Psychological Counseling Unit that provides free psychological, social, and career counseling services through college-based counseling offices and the central counseling unit.

Awareness Campaigns and Events:
A seminar entitled "Promoting Mental Health" organized by the College of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

A Mental Health and Well-Being Exhibition under the theme "Mental Health and Well-Being for All Is a Global Priority."

The "Walk and Win" Competition, organized in conjunction with World Mental Health Day.
Digital and Remote Services: The university provides remote psychological counseling services through its website and mobile application, making mental health support more accessible to all members of the university community.

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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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مسار الصحة النفسية

الإمتنان

الإمتنان هو الإعتراف بجميل الآخرين وشكرهم وتقديرهم على ما قدموه لنا من عمل أو خدمة أو خير سواء كان هذا الخير مادي أو معنوي. ويتضمن الإمتنان تقديم الفرد مشاعره الإيجابية للآخرين .مثل الحب ومشاعر الشكر والمودة. فضلا عن تقديم عبارات الشكر وحفظ الجميل ورد المساعدة لهم في المستقبل.

فوائد الإمتنان لصحتنا النفسية:

للإمتنان أثر كبير على سعادة الفرد. وتظهر فوائد الإمتنان في النواحي التالية:-

النفسية
- يزيد من التفاؤل والرضا عن الحياة
- يجعلنا أكثر وعياً بحاجات الآخرين ومشكلاتهم
- يزيد من فرحنا وسرورنا وكذلك سعادة الآخرين
- يعطينا مستويات عالية من المشاعر الإيجابية

الإجتماعية
- يجعلنا أكثر تسامحاً
- ينشر الصفو والسخاء والرحمة
- يقلل من الشعور بالوحدة والعزلة

الجسمية
- جهازاً مناعياً قوياً
- انخفاض ضغط الدم
- أكثر تحملا للأوجاع وللآلام
- النوم لفترة جيدة والشعور بالحيوية عند الاستيقاظ من النوم

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KFU places a high priority on promoting health and well-being across its campus, particularly by addressing the harmful effects of tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke. The university is committed to protecting non-smokers among its students, faculty members, staff, and visitors, creating a smoke-free learning environment, and ensuring a safer and healthier social and environmental setting for the entire university community.

Breast Cancer Awareness Event

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4 QUALITY EDUCATION

GLOBAL RANKING

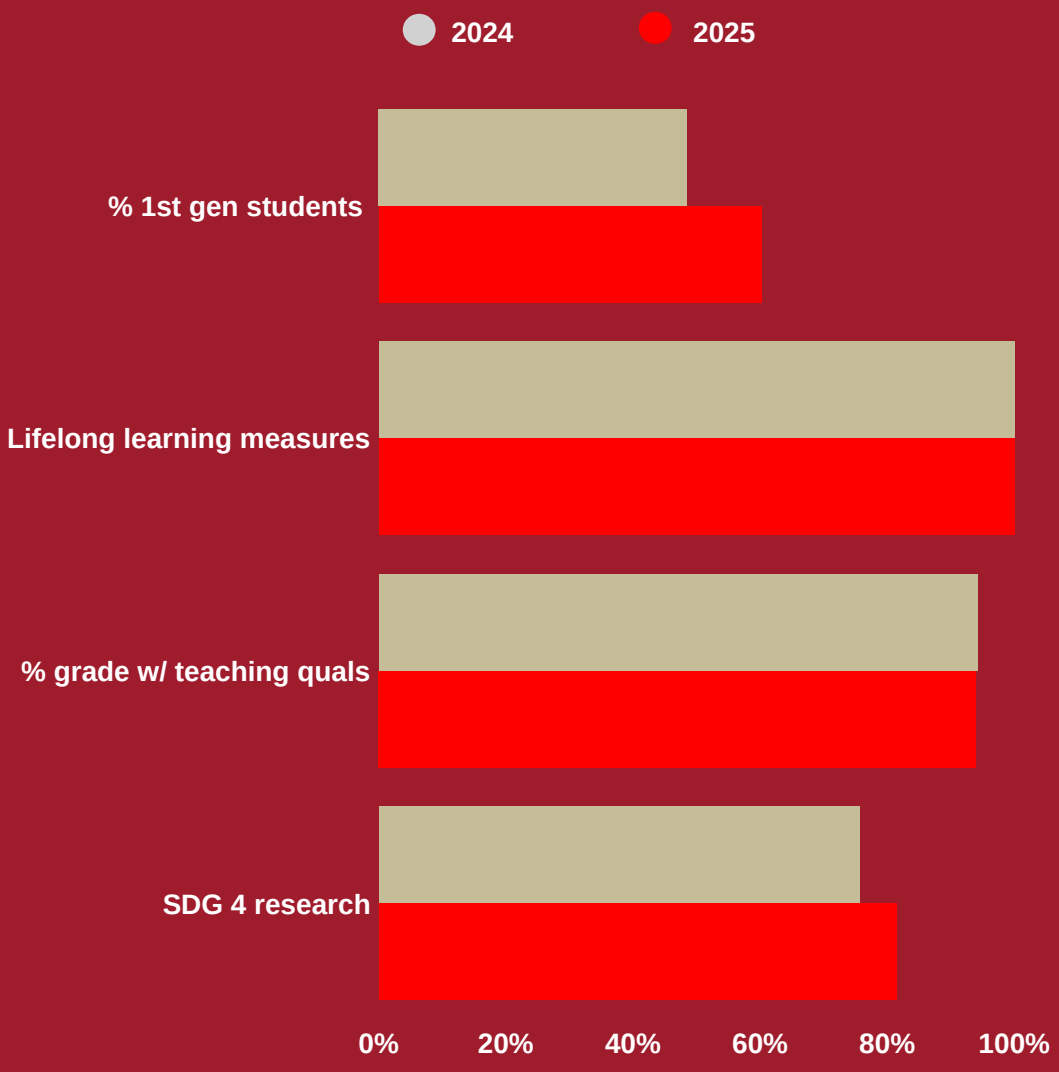
42

PUBLICATIONS: 572

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

KFU’s performance in last years in achieving the fourth goal: QUALITY EDUCATION



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KFU recognizes that a key dimension of its sustainability strategy is the provision of quality and accessible education, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education. The Educational Resources Initiative supports this objective by making educational materials and learning opportunities widely available to students, faculty members, and the wider community. The initiative positions knowledge sharing and resource accessibility as integral components of the university's mission and the broader transformation of higher education.

KFU ensures inclusive access to educational resources for all members of the community through several initiatives and platforms.

University Central Library: The University Central Library serves as the university's gateway to knowledge and a hub for cultural and intellectual engagement. It plays a vital role in community partnership by organizing cultural events, promoting reading, and hosting a children's section that offers programs designed to develop reading skills and enhance cognitive awareness among young learners.

Ightinaa Platform: The Ightinaa Platform, managed by KFU, offers specialized educational programs aimed at intellectual growth and professional development, particularly in areas related to the university's institutional identity of food security and environmental sustainability.

Free Community Training Programs: The College of Applied Sciences supports community education by offering free training programs that enhance the skills and knowledge of local participants.

Masarat Program: The Masarat Program enables community members to enroll in selected university courses, empowering them to gain academic and practical experience in fields aligned with their interests and professional aspirations.

Professional Development and Academic Support Activities:

The Deanship of Development and Quality Assurance organized a virtual meeting entitled "Optimal Use of Scopus and SciVal Platforms."

The College of Law organized a workshop entitled "Effective Academic Advising: Empowering Faculty Members and Supporting Student Success."

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Ightinaa Platform Statistics

Education and learning

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KFU regularly hosts a wide range of events in support of its sustainability mission, institutional identity, and strategic objectives. These events include international conferences, forums, hackathons, and awareness weeks that engage students, faculty members, staff, community partners, and external stakeholders.

For example, KFU organized the Second International Conference on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture and the Public Authority for Food Security. The conference addressed national and global challenges related to food security, environmental sustainability, and policy innovation.

These events serve multiple purposes, including disseminating research findings, strengthening partnerships among academia, industry, and government, raising awareness of sustainability issues, and reinforcing KFU's role as a regional hub for sustainable innovation and knowledge exchange.

Summer Program: KFU offers a diverse summer program featuring multiple tracks and activities for the children of university staff and the wider community. The program caters to different age groups and promotes creativity, learning, and personal development.

ALECSO Cooperation Agreement: Through its partnership with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), KFU contributes to enhancing the skills and professional capacities of faculty members from member states. More than 1,000 trainees from 22 Arab countries have benefited from the university's online training programs, thereby strengthening regional academic collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Career Week 2025

Number of Beneficiaries from Member Countries under the Cooperation Agreement with ALECSO

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World Children’s Day 2025: KFU actively participated in World Children’s Day, supporting Saudi Arabia’s efforts to promote child well-being and highlighting Al-Ahsa as the Kingdom’s first child-friendly city, recognized by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The event included workshops, scientific presentations, exhibitions, psychological counseling activities, intelligence assessments, and arts programs, providing students, teachers, and professionals with knowledge and skills to improve educational and social outcomes for children.

Career Week 2025: Career Week is one of KFU’s flagship annual events, featuring training sessions, educational activities, and executive learning programs. The event equips students with skills aligned with Saudi, regional, and international labor market requirements, supporting professional development and enhancing employment opportunities across the government, private, entrepreneurial, and freelance sectors.

World Children's Day 2025

Future Scientists Program 2025: Supported by the Abdulmonem Al-Rashed Humanitarian Foundation, the Future Scientists Program at KFU is a comprehensive training initiative for talented secondary school students. The program aims to prepare students for scientific research and admission to leading universities worldwide, in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030 and the strategic pathways of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Scholarship Program.

The three-month program serves 35 male and female students and includes lectures, laboratory sessions, and industrial visits. It focuses on developing research, innovation, presentation, and teamwork skills while encouraging participation in local and international competitions. Students receive training across several specialized tracks, including engineering, manufacturing and construction, biotechnology, surgery, and anesthesiology. The program also strengthens community partnerships and provides financial support for scientific projects.

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Mawhiba Academic Enrichment Program 2025: In collaboration with the King Abdulaziz and His Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity (Mawhiba), KFU hosted the Mawhiba Academic Enrichment Program during the summer break for 134 gifted students, supported by 22 trainers and assistant trainers. The three-week program included scientific and skills-based modules covering research, volunteering, and administrative activities.

The program culminated in a closing exhibition where students showcased innovative projects and research across multiple fields, including medical and biological sciences, data science and artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, renewable energy, and physics, thereby bridging theoretical knowledge and practical application.

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Institutional Accreditation and Academic Program Development: Affirming its prestigious position and commitment to the highest academic and institutional standards, KFU has been granted full institutional accreditation by the Education and Training Evaluation Commission, through the National Center for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation, for the period from November 2025 to October 2031. This achievement reflects the university's continuous efforts to enhance its educational and administrative environment, ensure sustainable high-quality performance, and maintain competitiveness at both the national and international levels.

In alignment with labor market demands and national development priorities, the university has introduced 14 new bachelor's degree programs in specialized fields, thereby enhancing graduate employability and supporting competitiveness in local and regional labor markets. Additionally, to increase academic flexibility and support student continuity, KFU has developed 10 intermediate diploma programs as early-exit pathways for students facing academic challenges or seeking alternatives to bachelor's programs. These diplomas provide accredited qualifications for immediate labor market entry while allowing students to return later and continue their studies through flexible and integrated pathways.

Development of Interdisciplinary Programs: As part of its efforts to promote academic integration and multidisciplinary education, KFU has introduced eight new interdisciplinary programs. These programs aim to integrate knowledge acrossand expertise different colleges, provide students with flexible educational pathways,.

and prepare national talent capable of meeting evolving labor market demands and keeping pace with scientific and professional developments.

Professional Certification and Graduate Training Initiatives: KFU launched an initiative to promote professional certifications among its students by raising awareness of their importance, various types, and available support programs. The initiative included awareness tours across all colleges and benefited 300 male and female students, with the objective of enhancing their competitiveness in the labor market.

Training Programs for Graduating Students: To strengthen graduate readiness and support the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030, KFU offers intensive professional development programs for graduating and soon-to-graduate students. In 2025, the university implemented a training plan comprising 12 programs that benefited 250 students, in addition to offering 1,366 professional courses designed to prepare students for industry-recognized certifications. These efforts ensure that graduates acquire practical skills that complement their academic qualifications, improve employment opportunities, and support long-term career success.

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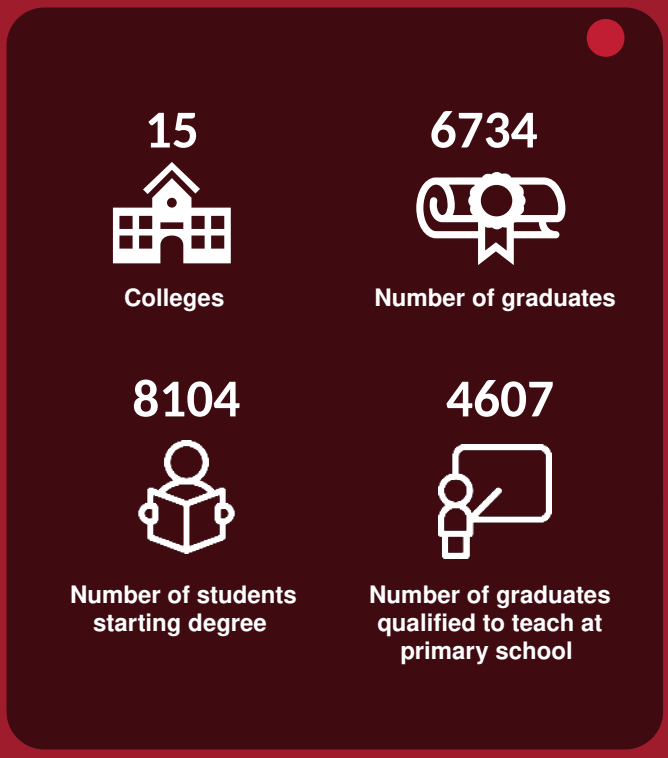
Gartner Eye on Innovation Award 2025: KFU won the 2025 Gartner Eye on Innovation Award for Education in the “Innovation in Teaching and Learning” category. Presented by the National Center for eLearning, this prestigious international award recognizes educational institutions that demonstrate excellence in technological innovation.

KFU received the award for developing an innovative Augmented Reality (AR) application that delivers interactive three-dimensional educational content, enhancing students’ understanding of complex concepts and enriching their learning experience. The project was selected from among numerous initiatives worldwide, highlighting the university’s leadership in integrating emerging technologies into education.

This achievement underscores KFU’s commitment to advancing education through innovation and further strengthens its position as a leading global educational institution. In addition, the university received the Leadership in E-Learning Award (Innovation Level) from the National Center for eLearning in recognition of its excellence in innovation, impact, and best practices in e-learning and training.

Innovation and Digital Excellence: KFU achieved the highest level in the “Innovation” category of the 2025 National Digital Education Index, an annual framework for monitoring the progress of digital education in Saudi Arabia. This recognition reflects the university’s ability to align with rapid technological advancements, respond to the evolving needs of beneficiaries, and enhance the quality of digital education while empowering learners and fostering sustainable educational solutions.



KFU AR Application: KFU developed an innovative Augmented Reality (AR) application that presents 57 educational elements from the Colleges of Science, Medicine, and Engineering in an interactive three-dimensional format. Students can explore and interact with these educational elements through web browsers, further expanding access to and enhancing the benefits of digital learning content.

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ISO Certifications: KFU has obtained four internationally recognized ISO certifications:
ISO 9001 – Quality Management System (QMS)
ISO 20000 – Information Technology Service Management System (ITSMS)
ISO 22301 – Business Continuity Management System (BCMS)
ISO 27001 – Information Security Management System (ISMS)

These certifications reflect the university's commitment to quality, operational efficiency, and information security in digital services, information technology support, software development, network management, and training activities, ensuring high standards of service for both staff and students.

Virtual Laboratories, Holograms, and National Digital Platforms: KFU provides interactive virtual laboratories that simulate real laboratory environments, enabling students to conduct experiments and analyze results without the need for physical presence or expensive equipment. Integrated with the Blackboard learning management system for physics, chemistry, and biology courses, these virtual laboratories include 190 experiments, enhancing accessibility and improving learning efficiency for both students and faculty members.

Hologram Elements: KFU has integrated advanced hologram technologies into its educational ecosystem by offering 122 interactive holographic elements through state-of-the-art studios. Managed by a specialized team, these holographic resources enrich the learning environment, foster creativity, and maximize the use of emerging technologies in digital education.

KFU AR Mobile Application: The Deanship of E-Learning and Information Technology at King Faisal University has developed the KFU AR mobile application, which leverages Augmented Reality (AR) technology to deliver educational content in an interactive three-dimensional format.

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FutureX National Platform: KFU actively contributes to the FutureX Platform of the National Center for eLearning by providing diverse educational resources. The university currently holds 79 active licenses covering 70 educational tracks, with 87 courses completed and 1,458 beneficiaries reached, demonstrating significant impact and participation at the national level.

Quality in Service Delivery and Open Educational Resources: KFU has demonstrated excellence in e-learning and distance education, achieving a 100% comprehensive rating across all evaluated criteria in the 2023 and 2025 follow-up reports issued by the National Center for eLearning. The assessment criteria included instructional design, interaction, assessment and evaluation, equity and accessibility, technology, leadership and governance, and continuous support and training. These results reflect the university's commitment to delivering a high-quality and comprehensive e-learning experience.

KFU has also made a significant contribution to the National Open Educational Resources Platform (OERx) by increasing its uploaded resources by 50%, bringing the total to approximately 11,000 resources and generating engagement from more than 121,000 users. This achievement underscores the university's leadership in open education, expands access to high-quality educational resources, and serves both the academic community and society at large.

Professional Development Program: KFU's Deanship of Development and Quality Assurance concluded a training program entitled "Implementing Blended Learning: Practical Strategies for an Integrated Learning Experience."

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Winning the Innovation Award in E-Learning and Education

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KFU Achieves the Highest Level in the National Digital Education Index 2025

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5 GENDER EQUALITY

GLOBAL RANKING

101-200

PUBLICATIONS: 101

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

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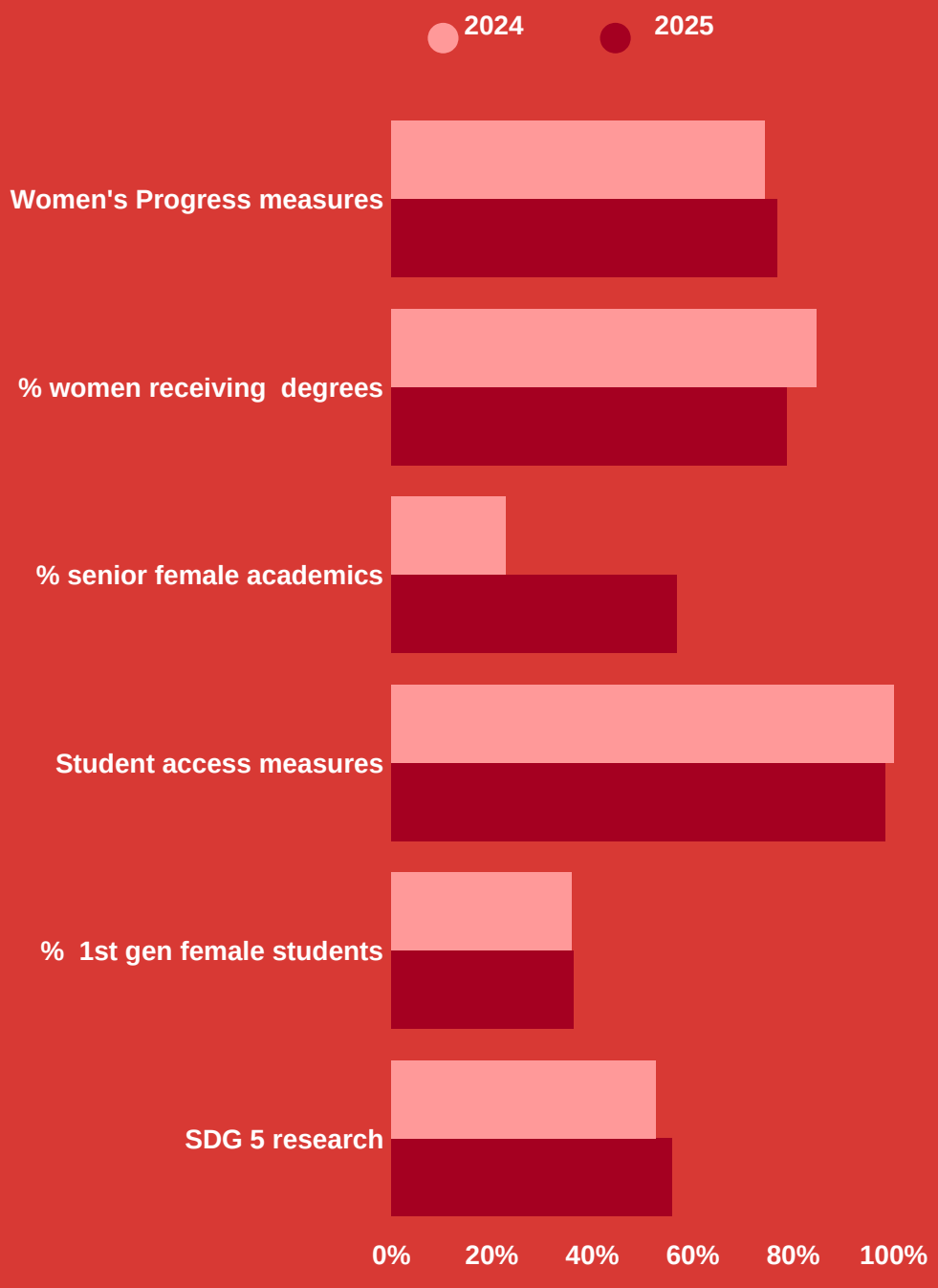
KFU's performance in last years in achieving the fifth goal: GENDER EQUALITY



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KFU has adopted a formal policy to ensure that women's applications, admission to academic programs, and full participation in university life are supported and encouraged. The policy addresses three main areas: access (applications), entry (admissions and acceptance), and participation (in academic programs, research, activities, and leadership roles).

The policy emphasizes equality in admission criteria for female applicants, actively promotes women's representation in fields in which they have historically been underrepresented, and provides institutional mechanisms to support their success. KFU's commitment forms part of its broader institutional strategy for gender equality and contributes to global goals related to inclusive education and equity.

KFU has implemented several measures to promote gender equality and enhance women's participation across various academic fields, particularly in research. The university's initiatives include the following:

Women's Affairs Sector: The Women's Affairs Sector is one of the university's key administrative sectors, dedicated to representing and supporting female students and staff across all university divisions. It plays a vital role in ensuring that women's needs and aspirations are addressed within the university community. The sector comprises a range of departments and service units that provide comprehensive support for women and develop strategic plans aimed at enhancing women's participation in the university and society. It focuses on empowering women, promoting their leadership roles, and contributing to their academic, professional, and personal development.

Women's Development Unit: The Women's Development Unit operates under the Women's Affairs Sector and is responsible for implementing programs and initiatives that strengthen women's leadership and innovation capabilities. The unit designs and delivers training courses, workshops, and mentoring programs that foster career advancement, entrepreneurship, and community engagement among female students and staff.

Initiative to Enhance Women's Research and Innovation Contributions and Maximize Their Scientific and Societal Impact

This strategic research initiative aims to strengthen women's contributions to research, innovation, and scientific advancement while promoting women's empowerment within the university community.

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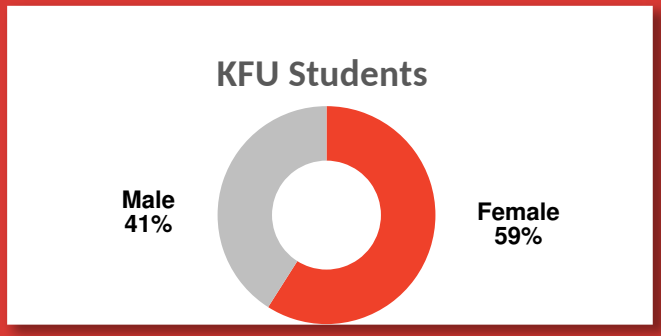
One of the initiative's primary objectives is to support and motivate greater participation of female faculty members, researchers, and students, and to invest in their capabilities in the fields of research, innovation, projects, and scientific publishing in vital and strategic areas. The initiative is implemented through several tracks, most notably:

- Promising Female Researcher Track
- Women's Research and Studies Track
- Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Research Track
- Pioneering Female Researchers Track
- Innovation Track
- Summer Grant Track
- Research Apprenticeship Track

The initiative also supports a package of distinguished scientific publishing awards and includes a variety of activities and projects that contribute to the development of women's research skills, including:

1. The Digital Researcher Project, which aims to train and develop female researchers in the use of modern digital research tools.
2. Organizing workshops for female researchers to discuss ways to enhance their role in the university's research ecosystem and to explore opportunities and challenges in scientific research.
3. Delivering specialized training courses for female researchers focused on developing research and scientific publishing skills.



We Come to You Initiative: As part of its continuous efforts to empower female staff and students, KFU launched the "We Come to You" Initiative in cooperation with the Civil Status Office in Al-Ahsa. The initiative aims to facilitate access to essential civil and administrative services directly on campus, enabling female students and staff to complete their official procedures efficiently and conveniently without the need to visit external offices.

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Through this initiative, the university demonstrates its commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for women, ensuring that their educational and service needs are met in a manner that enhances both their well-being and academic productivity.

Programs such as the Mawhiba Research Enrichment Program further advance women's participation in science and research by equipping female students with essential research, innovation, and scientific inquiry skills.

Complementing these efforts, the university's free student transportation system provides a safe and supportive environment that promotes both academic success and personal empowerment.

In addition, female students from the College of Law at KFU participated in the International Commercial Arbitration Competition, which brought together 924 students from 24 countries competing in 154 teams representing universities from around the world. KFU's team advanced to the Round of 32, reflecting the university's commitment to empowering female students and promoting their participation in international academic competitions.

KFU actively encourages female students to apply for academic programs in fields where women have historically been underrepresented, such as the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Electrical Engineering.

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Developing the Talents of Female Students in Public Schools

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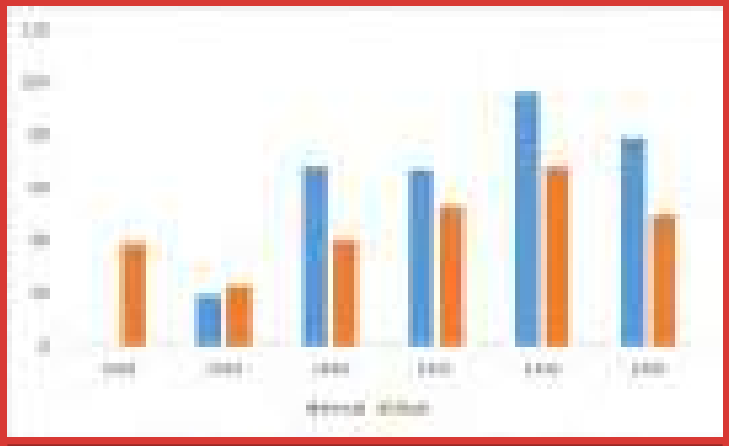
Transportation Schedules for Female Students to and from KFU



Percentages of Female Students in Veterinary Medicine Over the Past Years

KFU has established policies to support employees during major life events such as childbirth and early parenthood, in alignment with its commitment to gender equity and inclusive workforce practices. These policies provide both maternity leave for female staff and paternity leave for male staff, thereby promoting inclusion, work-life balance, and continued professional participation.

These efforts reflect the university's recognition that supporting parenting responsibilities is essential to retaining, empowering, and fostering the well-being of all staff members.

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KFU Provides Childcare Facilities for the Children of Female Employees and Students

KFU Provides Educational Services for the Children of Female Employees

The Student Activities Committee of the KFU College of Engineering, represented by the IEEE Club, organized a workshop entitled **"Drone Basics,"** which was attended by a number of female students from the college.

2623

Number of patients visiting gynecology and obstetrics clinics

4500

Number of female graduates

KFU Provides Healthcare Services for Female Employees

The Student Activities Committee of the KFU College of Engineering, represented by the IEEE Club, organized **Sports Week** under the slogan **"IEEE Fit & Fun."**

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6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

GLOBAL RANKING

101-200

PUBLICATIONS: 462

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for ALL

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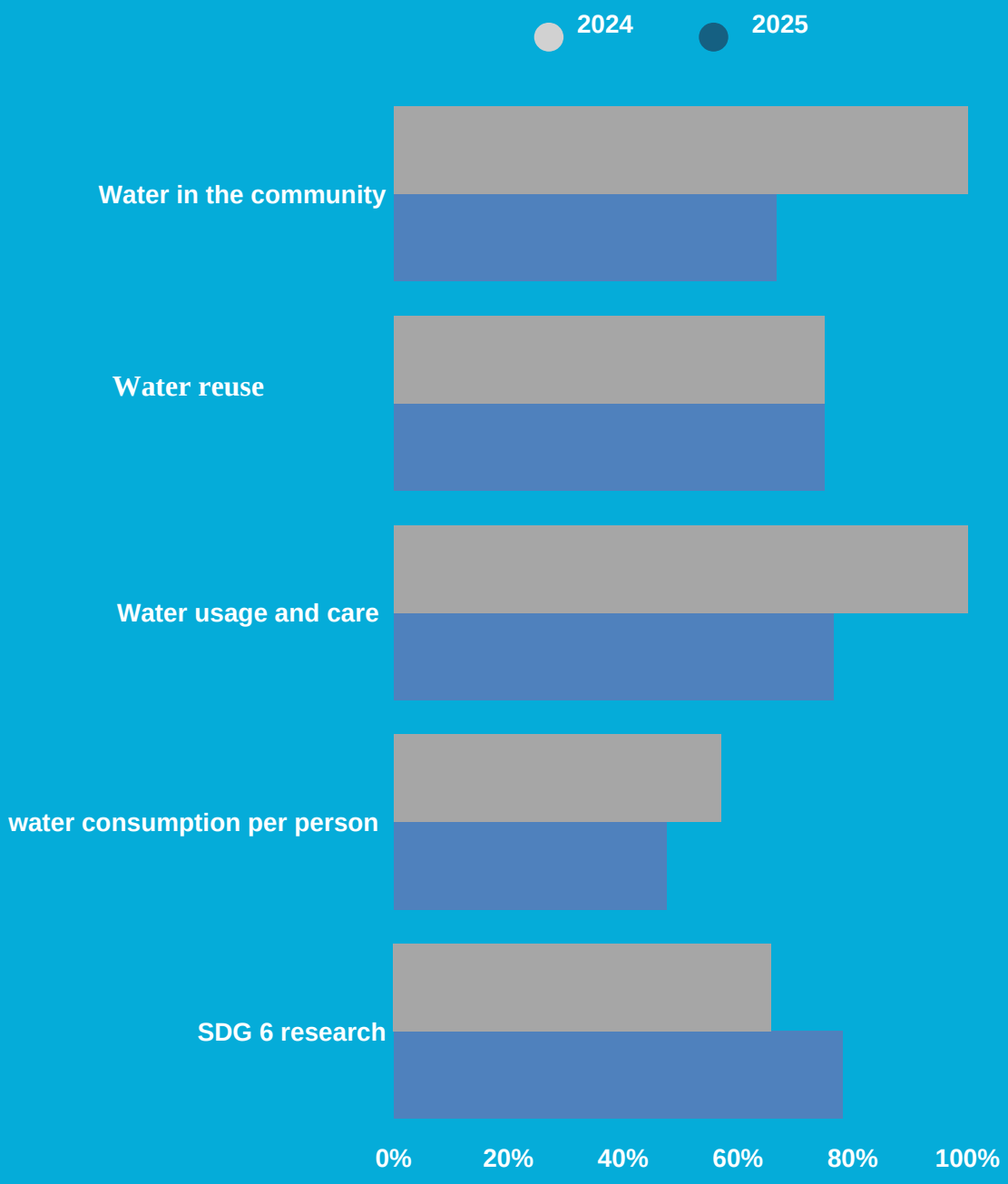
KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 6th goal: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



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KFU recognizes water resources as a critical sustainability priority, especially in arid regions, and frames its water management strategy as a core component of its institutional mission.

The university emphasizes that the sustainable use, reuse, education, and training related to water systems are essential not only for its campus operations but also for regional development and ecosystem health. This initiative aligns with SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) .

Operational Water Management: KFU monitors water production sources (wells and desalinated water) and operates wastewater treatment plants so that treated water is reused for irrigation and landscaping rather than simply discharged.

The university has introduced drought-resistant planting schemes and optimized irrigation networks to reduce water consumption in its green spaces and campus landscaping.

Training and Educational Opportunities: Through its Water and Environmental Studies Centre (and associated training units), KFU delivers training programs in water resource management, efficient irrigation design, wastewater reuse, and related technologies.

The university offers training courses for staff, students, and external stakeholders (farmers and industry representatives) on topics such as "Water Quantities Estimation for Crops," sustainable water systems, and irrigation network planning.

KFU also provides community outreach programs that raise awareness about water conservation practices, the importance of protecting freshwater ecosystems, and the role of smart water management.

KFU undertakes measures to prevent contamination of its water supply systems and treated effluent networks, recognizing that polluted discharges can compromise freshwater ecosystems and downstream uses. The university's approach includes using insulated piping systems to keep potable and non-potable lines separate, implementing water quality monitoring for treated effluent and discharge, and entering into cooperation agreements (for example, with the National Center for Water Efficiency) to enhance scientific research, training, and advisory services aimed at improving the integrity of water supply chains.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (MEWA), the College of Agricultural and Food Sciences at KFU also organized a forum entitled "Applications of Nanotechnology in Water Treatment."

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Water Desalination Stations	Sewage Treatment Stations

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Raising Community Awareness of Optimal Water Use:

In cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, King Faisal University organized an awareness activity titled "Water is Our Life." The initiative aimed to educate the community about the vital importance of water, highlight the water challenges facing the Kingdom, and promote effective methods of water conservation.

Planting drought-resistant plants to reduce water use

providing clean and free drinking water for everyone at the university

Commitment to the National Guide for Water Conservation Services and Efficiency:

KFU is fully committed to implementing the National Guide for Water Conservation Services and Efficiency across all its sectors. The university integrates these national standards into its operations to ensure the efficient use of water resources and align with the Kingdom's broader sustainability and resource management goals.

King Faisal University Research in Water Technologies and Conservation

Seawater Desalination Research in Al-Ahsa: Among the university's notable contributions to water innovation is its seawater desalination research conducted in the Al-Ahsa region. This project was featured in the final report issued by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, entitled Water Innovation for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia .

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Research on Drinking Water Quality in the Al-Ahsa Region: The Water and Environmental Studies Center at King Faisal University, through its Water Quality Unit, conducts advanced research and training activities for various community sectors. The center provides scientific and technical support on topics related to water security, water quality management, and water conservation, reinforcing the university's leadership in sustainable water resource management.

KFU recognizes that water security is a critical regional and national priority, particularly in the context of Saudi Arabia's arid climate and limited water resources. The university's "Cooperation for Water Security" initiative emphasizes partnerships, research collaborations, and stakeholder engagement to ensure reliable and sustainable water systems.

One of the signs found in the university mosques that encourages conserving water

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The university's Innovation and Entrepreneurship sector supports projects aimed at conserving water beyond the university campus through the Small Business Incubators Program, in cooperation with various community stakeholders, including the General Irrigation Corporation.

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Agreement with the National Center for Water Efficiency and Conservation

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7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

GLOBAL RANKING

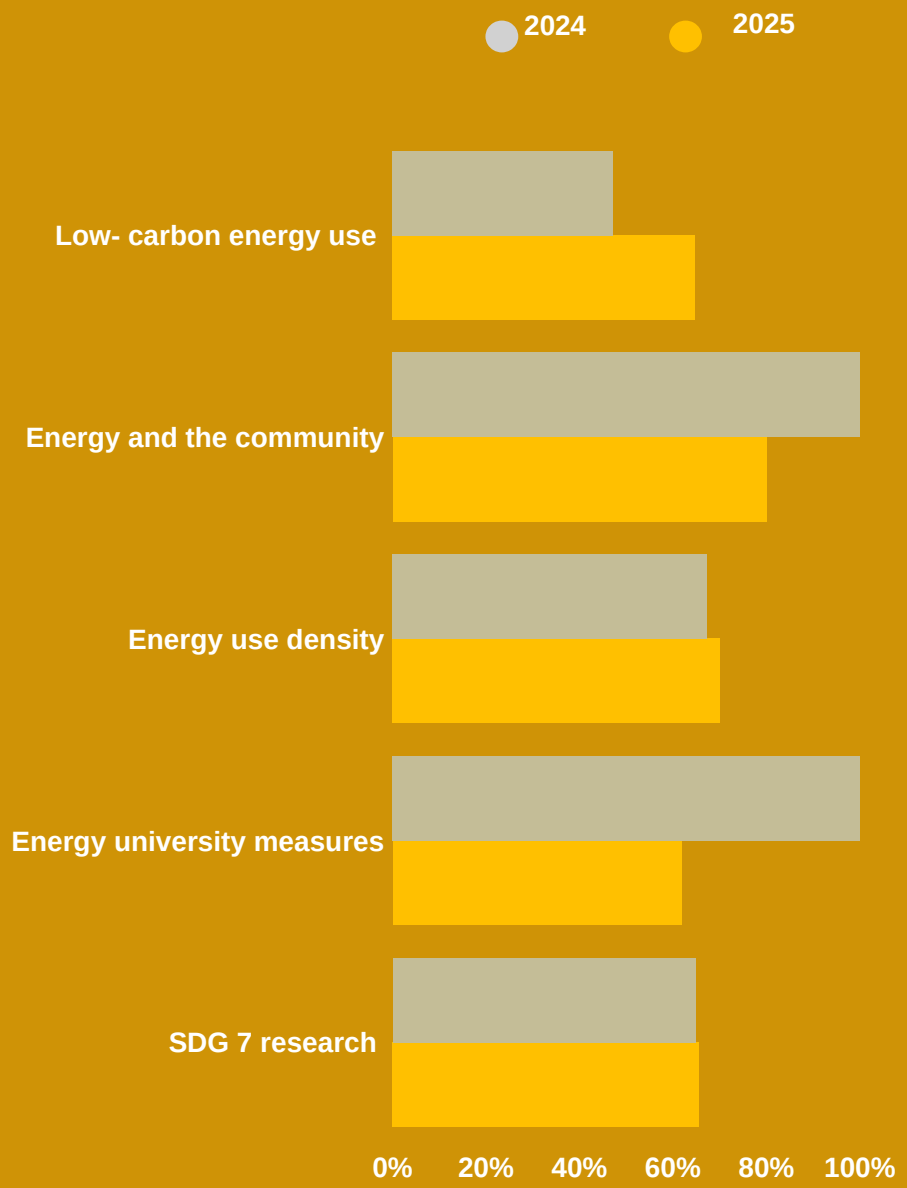
73

PUBLICATIONS: 738

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 7th goal:
AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



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KFU is committed to reducing its energy consumption, stabilizing fuel supply chains, applying renewable and clean energy technologies, and integrating carbon capture and storage technologies and other advanced approaches to mitigate climate change.

The university has adopted a policy focused on the renovation and construction of buildings in accordance with energy-efficient standards.

The use of Building Management Systems (BMS) and SCADA systems is specified for campus infrastructure.

KFU states that all new buildings and major renovations will adhere to the international green building certification system, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

The university has installed LED lighting, increased the use of solar panels, and promoted the use of environmentally friendly materials.

KFU applies advanced thermal insulation techniques, including double-brick walls, insulated glass windows, and multi-layer roof insulation using polyurethane or polyurea.

Buildings are designed to maximize natural lighting through large glazed surfaces and incorporate smart ventilation systems.

KFU has adopted a strategic project titled "Maximizing the Environmental Impact of the Campus," which is one of the major elements of its 2020–2025 strategic plan and aims to achieve campus-wide emission reductions.

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The university offers free transportation services for staff and students to reduce private car use and associated CO_2 emissions.

KFU has collaborated with the Saudi Investment Bank to provide free bicycles at three stations across the campus, promoting low-carbon mobility.

KFU provides free transportation services for both staff and students as part of its efforts to promote environmental sustainability. This initiative aims to reduce the number of private vehicles entering the campus, thereby decreasing carbon dioxide emissions and contributing to a cleaner and greener university environment.

Environmental Compliance License: KFU has obtained an environmental compliance license from the National Center for Environmental Compliance in Saudi Arabia, confirming the university's commitment to adhering to local and international environmental standards across all its projects. These standards ensure that the university's energy management practices meet the highest levels of efficiency,

promote strategies to reduce energy consumption across the campus, and identify areas of significant energy waste for continuous improvement.

Energy Efficiency and Management: KFU continuously monitors and identifies energy-intensive areas across its buildings, with particular attention to those that consume high levels of energy due to air conditioning. Approximately 75% of the university's total energy consumption is attributed to air conditioning, primarily because of Saudi Arabia's climatic conditions.

To address this issue, KFU has implemented a Building Management System (BMS) designed to optimize air conditioning operations by controlling and scheduling operating hours. In addition, recognizing that lighting is another major source of energy consumption, the university has replaced conventional light bulbs with energy-efficient LED lighting integrated with electronic control systems and motion sensors to minimize unnecessary usage.

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The university also employs advanced thermal insulation materials and incorporates large glazed surfaces to maximize natural daylight. Furthermore, all new buildings adhere to specific design specifications for windows and façade glazing, aimed at reducing heat transfer and lowering air conditioning demand, thereby supporting the university's broader goal of enhancing energy efficiency and environmental sustainability.

Cooperation with Shell in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain: KFU signed a cooperation agreement with Shell in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain to explore areas of mutual collaboration in the energy sector. The agreement aims to strengthen relations between the two parties and explore opportunities for innovation and development in energy technologies, as Shell is one of the world's leading energy companies.

Participation in the Second International Conference on Sustainability: Development and Innovation (ICSDI2025): KFU participated in the Second International Conference on Sustainability: Development and Innovation (ICSDI2025), held at Prince Sultan University in Riyadh. During the conference, the Department of Mechanical Engineering presented several research papers focusing on renewable energy innovation, sustainable manufacturing, and environmentally friendly industrial processes, highlighting the university's commitment to sustainability-driven research.

Energy Training Courses for Governments and the Community: The College of Engineering, in collaboration with the Saudi Energy Efficiency Center (SEEC), conducted specialized training courses and workshops to enhance energy-related knowledge and skills among government representatives and community members. Key programs included:

Various energy measurements were taken in a range of university buildings to identify those that consume the most energy

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- Workshop: Sustainable Energy Storage Devices: Essential Skills and Knowledge in Lithium-Ion Battery Manufacturing, which addressed the fundamentals of energy storage technologies.

- Innovation in the Energy Sector: Evidence in the Field of Renewable Energy, organized by the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, which discussed current and future trends, challenges, and innovation statistics in renewable energy across Saudi Arabia.

- Lecture: Traditional vs. Renewable Energy Sources, which emphasized the environmental advantages of renewable energy and its role in reducing pollution.

- In addition, the College of Engineering at KFU delivered a lecture entitled Feasibility Analysis of Solar Power Plants in Saudi Arabia Using RETScreen.

- Training Program: The Role of Digital Transformation in Promoting Sustainability: This program explored how digital technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT), can enhance energy efficiency, reduce waste, and promote sustainability in energy systems, agriculture, and transportation.

- Advanced Grid-Linked Photovoltaic Solar Energy and Energy Storage Technologies Program: This program equips participants with the knowledge and tools to design grid-linked photovoltaic systems tailored to Saudi Arabia's solar energy resources while also addressing the technical and regulatory frameworks relevant to renewable energy deployment.

- Participation in the Net0Thon Energy Hackathon: King Faisal University was among the top six projects in the Kingdom selected for the Net0Thon Energy Hackathon, organized by Saudi Aramco at the Dhahran Expo. The university team presented an innovative project focused on carbon utilization, demonstrating its commitment to sustainability and innovative solutions for addressing energy and environmental challenges.

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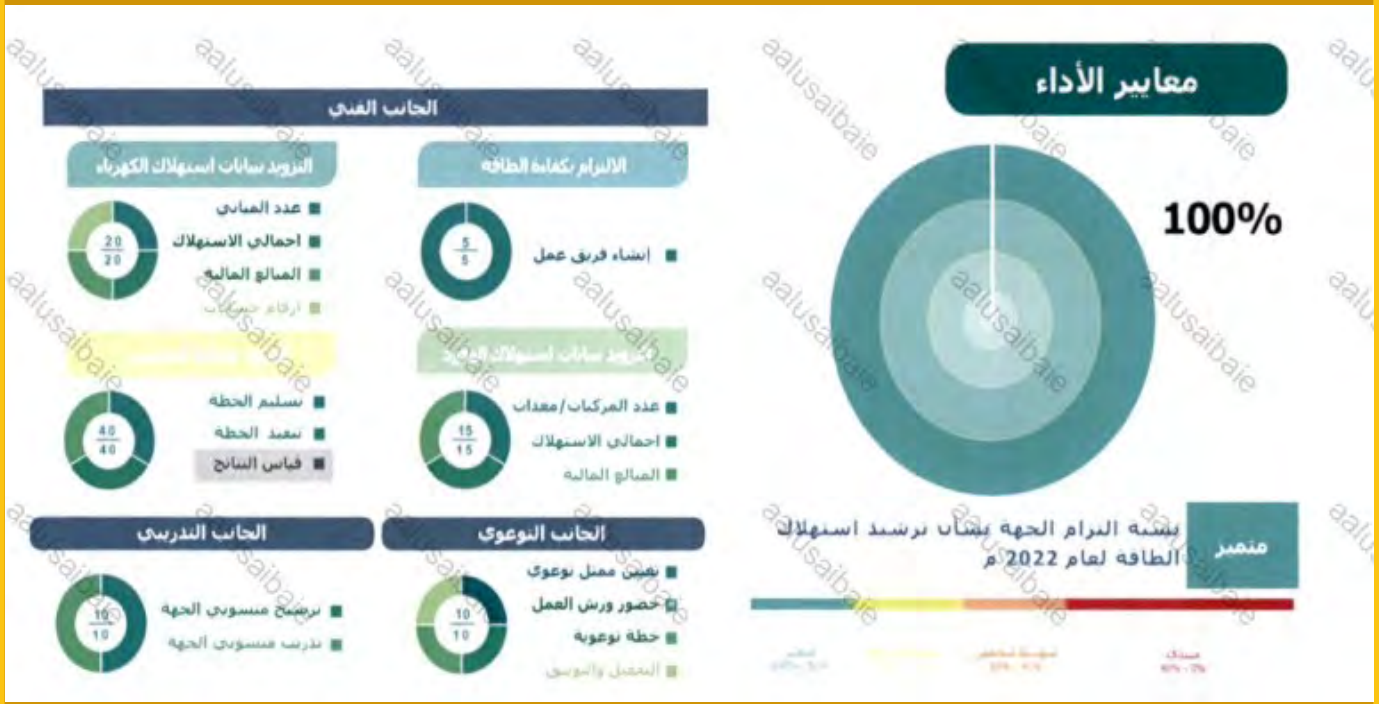
- **Digital Transformation Strategy 2020–2025 and Digital Transformation Program 2020: The strategy and program comprehensively cover all aspects of digital transformation, including systems and infrastructure. KFU employs energy-efficient infrastructure and utilizes SCADA systems to enhance operational efficiency and support sustainable energy management.**

The use of heat-insulating materials, such as aluminum and wood, to reduce heat loss and improve energy efficiency.



King Faisal University was awarded the Distinguished Medal for Energy Conservation by the Saudi Energy Efficiency Center (KAFAA).

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Stored carbon can be converted into diamonds using High-Pressure High-Temperature (HPHT) technology, which transforms graphite into diamonds through extreme heat and pressure.

Engineering College Training Courses: The College of Engineering conducted a training course titled Sustainable Construction, designed to introduce participants to the principles of building sustainability and its role in conserving natural resources and minimizing environmental impacts.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Sector: The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Sector at KFU provides a wide range of services to the private and industrial sectors, including specialized environmental services. The sector plays a vital role in promoting innovation, sustainability, and community engagement across various disciplines.

First Environmental Exhibition: "Renewable Energy for a Better Environment": In cooperation with the Green Horizons Environmental Association, KFU organized the First Environmental Forum and Exhibition under the theme Renewable Energy for a Better Environment.

The event was held as part of the Saudi Green Initiative and the Green Middle East Initiative. The forum highlighted the university's commitment to scientific and community-based projects aimed at improving quality of life, protecting future generations, increasing green spaces, expanding the use of clean energy, reducing carbon emissions, and addressing climate change challenges.

College of Engineering Projects – Environment Week

1. Solar Evaporative Air-Cooling System Project: Developed by the Department of Electrical Engineering, this project presents a cooling model tailored for desert environments. It uses solar energy and water to produce cool air, eliminating the need for harmful refrigerants and thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

2. 500 kW Photovoltaic Solar Power System for the College of Engineering Building: Led by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, this project focuses on installing a cost-effective solar power system utilizing the most efficient unshaded roof areas.

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The system has an estimated payback period of 6.5 years and a levelized cost of energy of SAR 0.18/kWh, demonstrating the university's dedication to renewable energy solutions.

3. Smart Electrical Connection System for Energy Efficiency in Enclosed Spaces: Developed by the Department of Electrical Engineering, this smart plug system integrates multiple features, supports various electrical connections, and can be remotely controlled via Wi-Fi, thereby enhancing energy efficiency in indoor environments.

Patents in Energy-Saving Technologies: KFU researchers continue to innovate in energy-saving and energy-efficiency technologies, contributing to national efforts toward sustainability and the advancement of clean energy.

Environmental Protection Unit: The unit works to raise environmental awareness within the community and reduce the potential environmental impacts of various industrial and community activities, including promoting energy conservation and reducing energy waste.

Code Lab: King Faisal University provides extensive support and advisory services to governmental, local, and regional sectors. The university established the Code Lab, which offers a range of services and consultations aimed at promoting a culture of digital entrepreneurship, increasing the adoption of emerging technologies, enhancing the contribution of the digital economy to the gross domestic product, increasing women's participation in the digital entrepreneurship sector, directing investment opportunities in digital entrepreneurship, creating new job opportunities, facilitating technology localization, and providing support for emerging companies.

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عن الإختراع المسمى :

Energy-saving air-to-water pressure amplifier for nanofilter desalination

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500 kW PV Solar System for College of Engineering

Wind Turbine for Producing Renewable Energy

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8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

GLOBAL RANKING

101-200

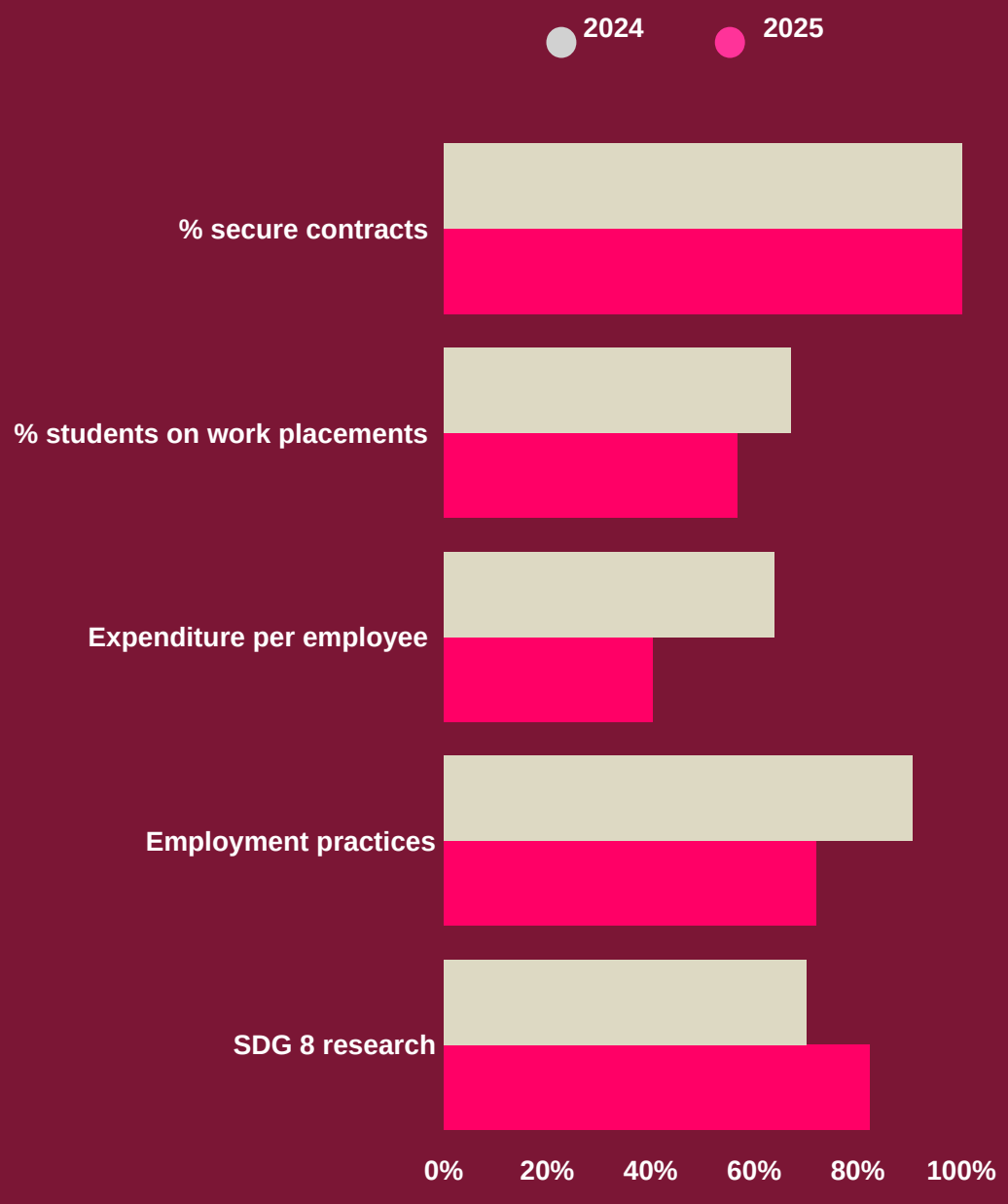
PUBLICATIONS: 641

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 8th goal: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



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KFU seeks to promote decent work and economic growth by implementing a range of strategic measures and best practices.

Minimum Wage: KFU is fully committed to adhering to the labor regulations of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regarding the minimum wage. By ensuring that all employees receive a fair and living wage, the university supports sustainable economic growth and contributes to improving the overall standard of living of its workforce.

Equal Rights and Equal Pay: KFU is committed to ensuring that both male and female employees receive equal pay in accordance with the applicable salary scale established in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This commitment promotes gender equality in the workplace and fosters a fair and inclusive environment that drives economic growth by leveraging the full potential of all employees.

Employment Policy on Non-Discrimination: KFU has established comprehensive policies that promote equality, inclusion, and non-discrimination in the workplace. By maintaining an inclusive environment free from bias and prejudice, the university ensures that all individuals have equal opportunities to contribute to economic growth and development based on their skills, competencies, and qualifications, regardless of their background or personal characteristics.

Modern Slavery: KFU has established a clear policy to prevent and address all forms of modern slavery. By ensuring the fair and ethical treatment of all employees, contractors, and suppliers, the university upholds human rights standards, promotes the principles of decent work, and contributes to sustainable economic growth.

3783

Number of working students

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8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Appeal Process: The university has implemented an appeal process that enables employees to express concerns, submit complaints, and provide suggestions related to their work. This mechanism ensures that every employee has a voice and access to fair resolution procedures.

By promoting transparency, accountability, and open communication, the university fosters a supportive and inclusive work environment and strengthens employee engagement and trust.

The College of Engineering at KFU, represented by its students, participated in the Quality of Life Improvement Camp (Campusthon), organized by the College of Architecture and Planning in Jeddah.

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The university's salary scale specifies the minimum wage and ensures equal pay for male and female employees.

Examples of the university's platforms for receiving suggestions and complaints.

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9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

GLOBAL RANKING

57

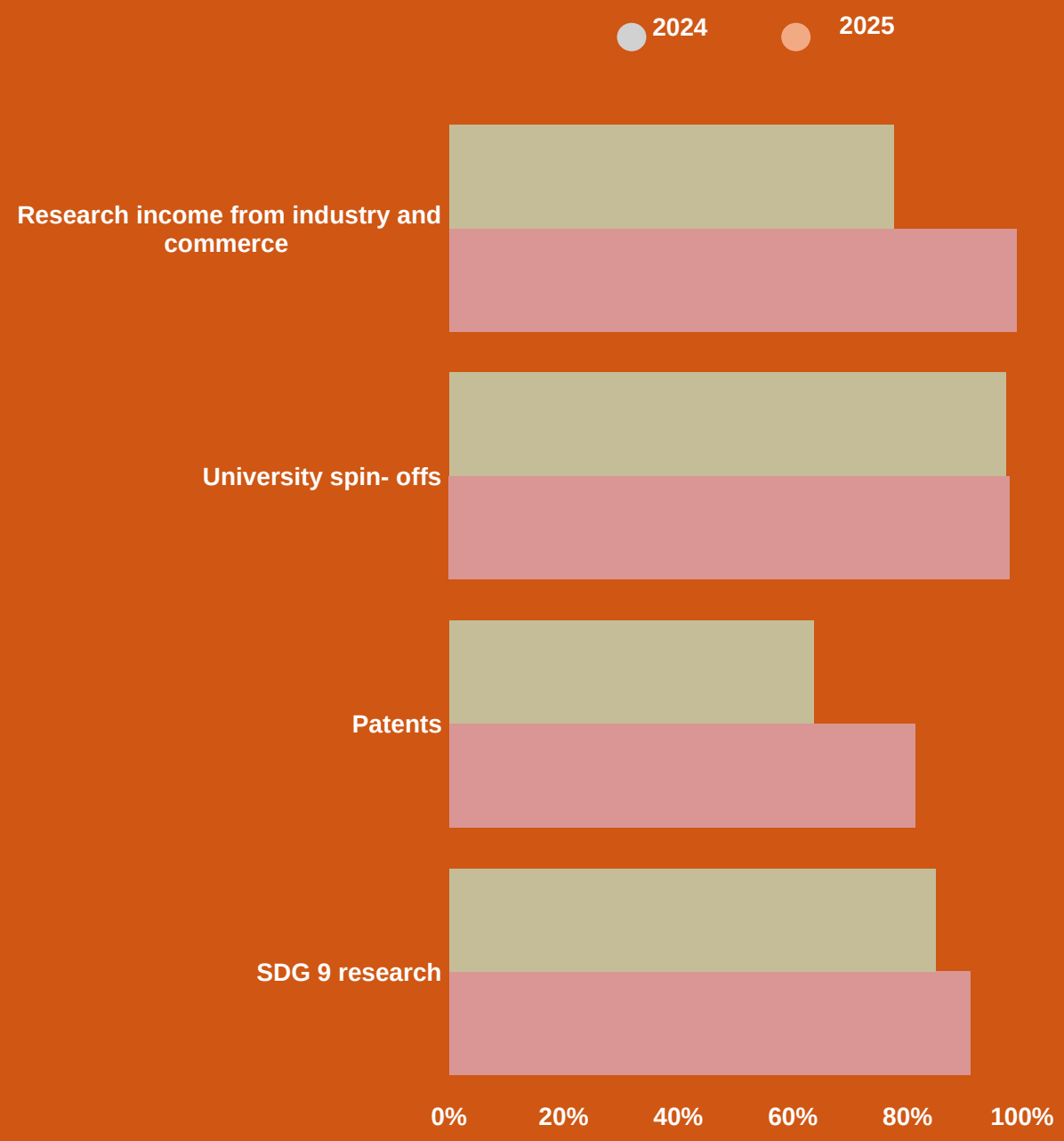
PUBLICATIONS: 778

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 9th goal: INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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KFU aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 9 by strengthening its innovation infrastructure, promoting research-to-industry collaboration, and enhancing its business development capacity. As part of this strategy, the university established its Innovation and Business Development Sector in 2020, which includes units such as a Fab Lab, a Technology Transfer Unit, an Investment and Resource Development Unit, and an Industrial Relations Department.

Leading Business Services Center: The Leading Business Services Center is a leading hub that offers decision support, business analytics, and statistical consulting services across various sectors. The center provides comprehensive solutions, including the design of data collection tools and questionnaires, data management and analysis, the development of infographics and interactive dashboards for business intelligence, and the provision of benchmarking and survey services. It also offers decision support and policy analysis, specialized training in business analytics and statistical software, and the preparation and review of strategic plans and feasibility studies, all aimed at enhancing institutional performance and supporting evidence-based decision-making.

Funding Scientific Research Projects Ending with an Innovative Prototype: This initiative, managed by the Industrial Relations Unit at KFU, supports research projects that culminate in the development of innovative prototypes.

The program encourages research aligned with the university's core focus areas of food security and environmental sustainability, with the goal of transforming research outcomes into practical innovations that enhance the quality of local products and contribute to national development.

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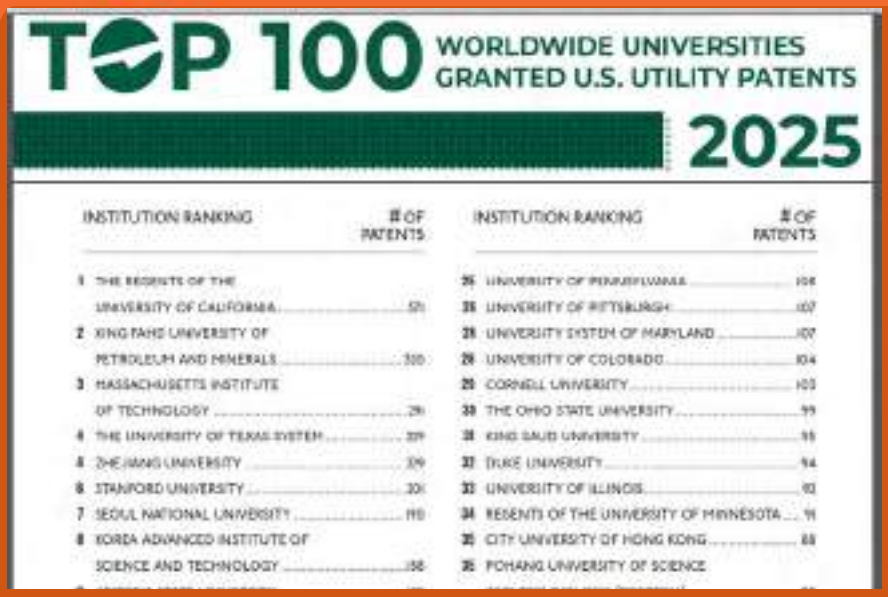
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE


TOP 100 WORLDWIDE UNIVERSITIES GRANTED U.S. UTILITY PATENTS 2025

INSTITUTION RANKING	# OF PATENTS
1 THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	521
2 KING FAHD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS	330
3 MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	296
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM	339
5 ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY	319
6 STANFORD UNIVERSITY	301
7 SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	193
8 KOREA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	158

INSTITUTION RANKING	# OF PATENTS
25 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	108
26 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	107
26 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND	107
28 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO	104
29 CORNELL UNIVERSITY	103
30 THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	99
31 KING SAUD UNIVERSITY	95
32 DUKE UNIVERSITY	94
33 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	93
34 REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	91
35 CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	88
36 POHANG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE	

631

Number of Patents

Artificial Intelligence and Scientific Research: The College of Education organized a training course titled Using Generative AI Applications in Scientific Research.

2025 Gartner Eye on Innovation Award for Education: KFU has been honored with the 2025 Gartner Eye on Innovation Award for Education in the category of Innovation in Teaching and Learning. This prestigious global award, presented by Gartner, a leading U.S.-based research and consulting firm, and recognized nationally by the National Center for E-Learning, celebrates institutions that demonstrate exceptional technological innovation in education.

Developing an Augmented Reality (AR) Application: This application provides interactive three-dimensional educational content, enabling students to better understand complex concepts and enhancing their overall learning experience. The project was selected from numerous innovative initiatives submitted by leading educational institutions worldwide, underscoring King Faisal University's leadership in integrating modern technologies into the educational process. This recognition reflects the university's strong commitment to leveraging technology to improve the quality of education and reinforces its position as a globally recognized institution at the forefront of educational innovation.

Leadership in E-Learning Awards: KFU received the Innovation Award from the National Center for E-Learning, achieving recognition across three main tracks: Innovation, Excellence, and Impact.

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Health Innovation Hackathon

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KFU Wins the "Anthology Visionary Award" in the Digital Access Category, 2025

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KFU Receives Membership in the Areas of Innovation Initiative

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10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

GLOBAL RANKING

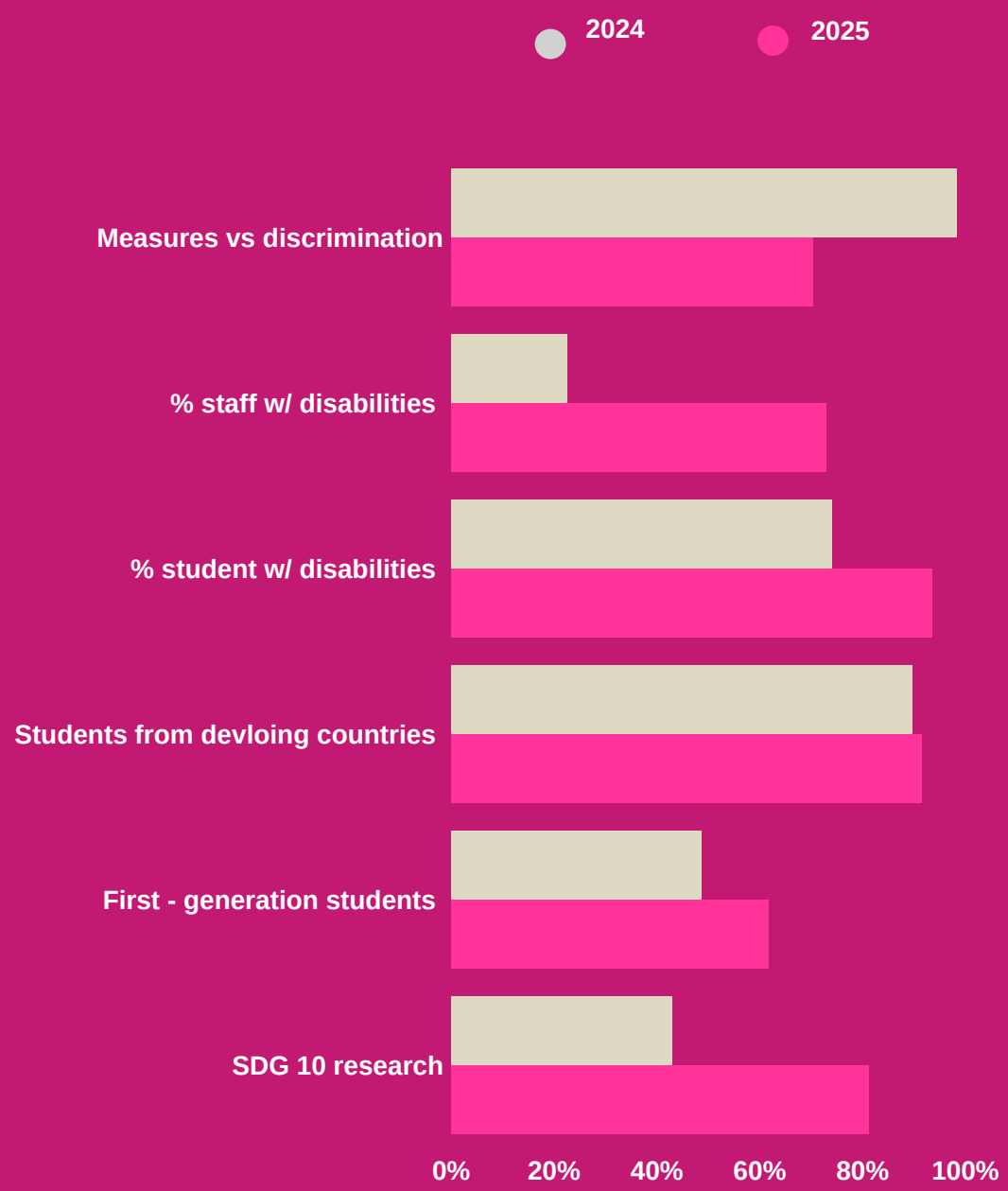
87

PUBLICATIONS: 175

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Reduce inequality within and among countries

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 10th goal: REDUCED INEQUALITIES



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10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

KFU is actively committed to ensuring inclusivity and reducing inequalities in education and access, with a particular focus on underrepresented groups such as students with disabilities, international students, students from underserved families, and those living with chronic illnesses. The university monitors admission and support outcomes through various initiatives, including the establishment of a dedicated unit for students with disabilities, increasing the enrollment of international students, and tracking female student admission rates. By systematically monitoring these underrepresented groups, KFU seeks to foster equitable opportunities, remove barriers to education, and integrate social inclusion into its sustainability agenda.

KFU has a dedicated Unit for People with Disabilities that coordinates support services for students with disabilities. Typical services provided include:

- Assistive technologies and devices, such as screen readers and Braille materials, as well as the adaptation of educational tools for students with disabilities.
- Accessible campus facilities, including modified infrastructure, ramps, accessible restrooms, and barrier-free pathways for people with mobility impairments.
- Academic and counseling support, including guidance services, skills development workshops, and the facilitation of services tailored to the needs of students with disabilities.

500,000 SAR

Disability Support Program

45 <

Number of nationalities of students

600 <

Staff and Students with disabilities

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KFU provides 113 admission seats for students with disabilities and allocates financial support amounting to SAR 500,000.

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King Faisal University's participation in the "Study in Saudi Arabia" Exhibition to attract international students from around the world.

Integration Program for Orphans

As part of its efforts to support orphaned students, KFU organized the third edition of the Takamul Center summer programs on its campus in 2025. This initiative reflects the university's commitment to sustained cooperation, social responsibility, and human capacity development, based on a well-researched scientific methodology and best practices in education and training.

Through the Takamul Center, the university offers a range of enrichment programs across various specialized fields, including the Bokra and Basmat summer programs.

These programs target male and female orphans from all regions of the Kingdom and are considered among the most distinguished programs in the Arab world. They served more than 330 orphans across 17 diverse specialized tracks.

The program was accompanied by an exhibition featuring more than 40 projects presented by students participating in the Basmat and Entrepreneurship programs .

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University Diversity Officer: KFU has appointed a University Diversity Officer as part of its efforts to enhance inclusivity, eliminate discrimination, and promote equal opportunities across its operations. This role supports the university's commitment to recruiting faculty from underrepresented regions, awarding scholarships to students with disabilities and those from low-income communities, enforcing a non-discriminatory admissions policy, and providing support services for persons with special needs.

Providing Free Educational Opportunities for Students: KFU offers free education to all undergraduate students. In addition, the university provides complimentary study seats for the most underprivileged segments of society. To further support access to education, the university has established numerous agreements with community organizations, including charitable societies and other sectors, to provide free study seats and e-learning opportunities for individuals who are unable to attend classes in person.

Faculty Recruitment: KFU actively seeks to attract faculty members from developing countries and low-income regions. By offering opportunities to scholars from underrepresented areas, the university fosters diversity and helps reduce inequalities in access to academic positions.

Percentage of Non-Saudi Employees at the University

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ALECSO Member States Training Programs: In cooperation with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), King Faisal University implements training programs aimed at enhancing the skills and expertise of faculty members from universities across ALECSO member states .

- **Workshops and Training Programs for People with Disabilities**: KFU is committed to empowering individuals with disabilities through a variety of workshops, training courses, and inclusive initiatives.

- **Workshop: The Journey of Empowering People with Disabilities in Employment**: Organized as part of Career Week activities, this workshop aimed to promote employment opportunities and workplace inclusion.

- **Fundamentals of Saudi Sign Language Training Course:** This course was designed to enhance communication and inclusivity within the university community.

- **Capacity Building Program:** This program targeted individuals with Down syndrome to strengthen their personal and professional skills.

- :**Participation in Sports Championships for People with Disabilities** In line with the university's efforts to promote sports inclusion and academic excellence for all segments of society, particularly students with disabilities, KFU participated in the Athletics Championship for People with Disabilities held in Riyadh.

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10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

King Faisal University publishes more than

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scientific research papers on disability and special needs topics

Workshop (The Journey of Empowering People with Disabilities in the Field)

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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

GLOBAL RANKING

101-200

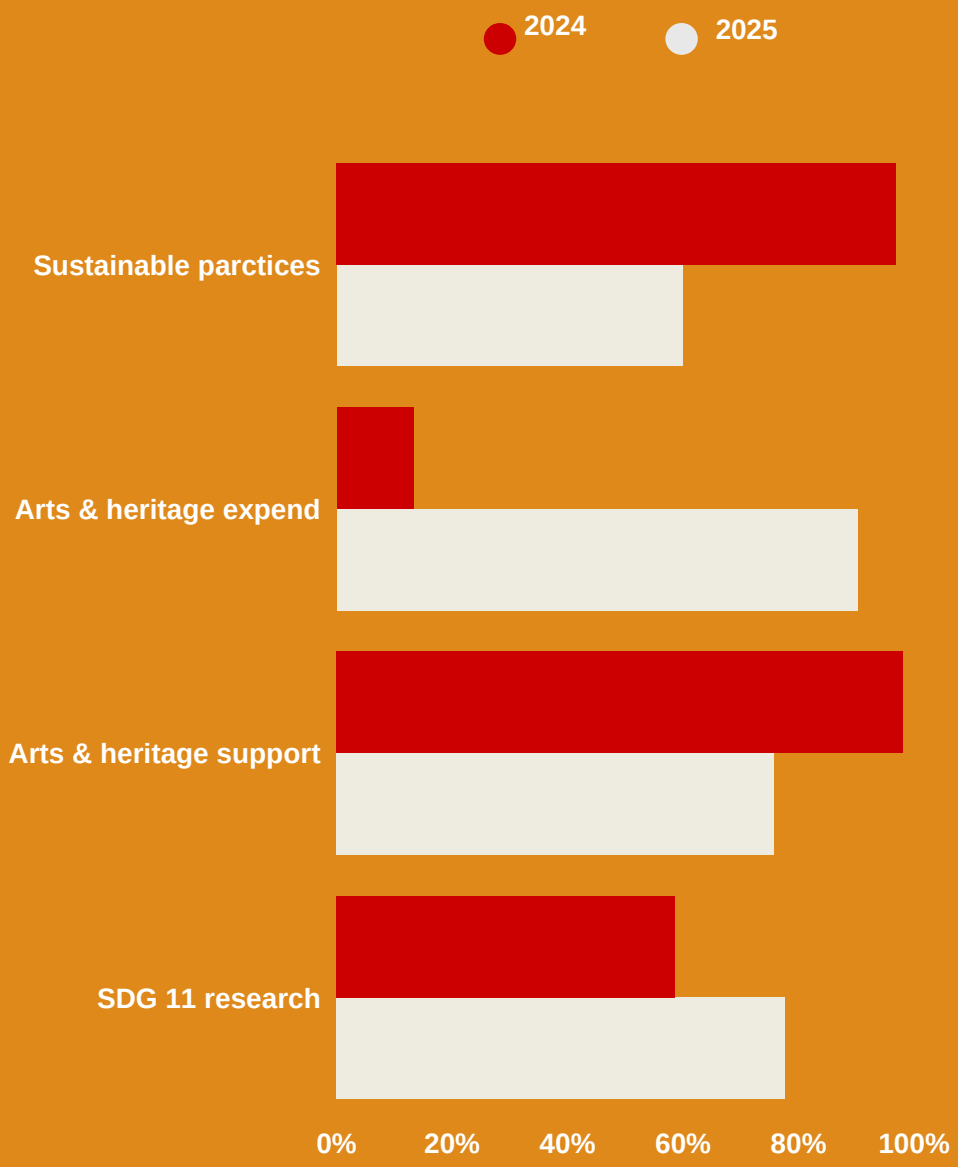
PUBLICATIONS: 268

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 11th goal: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



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KFU actively promotes inclusive community access to its campus infrastructure and resources as part of its sustainability strategy. The university allows the public to access its library, green open spaces, pedestrian pathways, and selected buildings, thereby facilitating lifelong learning, recreational activities, and cultural exchange beyond the campus community.

The central library is open to various categories of community users throughout the week, and the campus grounds host public walking and cycling paths, exhibitions, and cultural events. This commitment to openness supports the university's goal of transforming its campus into a shared public space, thereby contributing to more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable human settlements.

KFU's Ramadan Nights:
KFU welcomed visitors during the holy month of Ramadan to its King Faisal University Ramadan Nights events, offering a rich and enjoyable experience. The events included a variety of programs and workshops suitable for all age groups, as well as interactive competitions and traditional games. In addition, the university hosted mobile scientific, innovation, and creativity exhibitions across various fields, providing opportunities for interaction and engagement among visitors from all segments of society and contributing to the preservation and celebration of Ramadan traditions.

KFU's Ramadan Nights

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Research Safari:

The Research Safari is an exploratory tour through one of the university's natural areas a serene oasis rich with wildlife and vegetation near the Al-Ghuwaiba migration corridor. The site includes multiple research and experimental stations, offering visitors a peaceful retreat from urban life and an opportunity to connect with nature through hiking and exploration. The safari is open to all members of the community.

The safari route encompasses 22 research zones, each dedicated to a specific field of study or practice, including: beekeeping, agricultural fields, horses, goats, sheep, teaching chick pens, training fields, a feed mill, cattle, a teaching poultry slaughterhouse, poultry, crocodiles, pygmy goats, oryx, a dairy plant, camels, ostriches, fish and shrimp, an outdoor and indoor plant nursery, hydroponics, and agricultural research tools and equipment. In addition, there are four recreational and educational sites for hiking, fruit picking, heritage exploration, and a resort area.

A walking trail connects various agricultural and livestock sectors, featuring informative displays on agriculture, engineering, veterinary medicine, and animal husbandry. Visitors will also find exhibitions of tools and equipment, directional signage, an automated milking parlor, and a showcase of endangered animal species.This initiative forms part of the university's community engagement program, leveraging academic resources to serve the surrounding region under the motto: "The University Without Walls." Spanning a total area of 6 square kilometers, the station provides diverse opportunities for hiking, education, tourism, and scientific research.

The Research Safari integrates two main dimensions tourism and scientific advancement. It serves as a living laboratory, offering researchers, students, and visitors access to comprehensive academic and scientific experiences. Future development plans include launching new research experiments, training programs, and field trials, as well as creating a lake and expanding both animal and plant research facilities.

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Research Safari

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ثالثًا: مبادرة "مهرجان ليالي كفو" منصة مجتمعية متكاملة

أقامت جامعة الملك فيصل مبادرة "مهرجان ليالي كفو" للعام الثاني على التوالي بوصفها إحدى مبادراتها المجتمعية الرائدة خلال شهر رمضان المبارك، انطلاقًا من دورها في تعزيز القيم الإنسانية والاجتماعية وترسيخ أواصر التعاون والتلاحم بين منسوبيها وكافة شرائح المجتمع، إلى جانب دعم المبادرات التطوعية وغير الربحية. وهدفت المبادرة إلى تقديم تجربة رمضانية متكاملة تجمع بين البعد الثقافي والاجتماعي والابتكاري، من خلال باقة متنوعة من البرامج والفعاليات المناسبة لمختلف الأعمار، تضمنت أنشطة تفاعلية، ومسابقات، وأركانًا تراثية تعزز الهوية السعودية. كما سعت المبادرة إلى تمكين الطلبة عبر إشراكهم في التخطيط والتنفيذ، ودعم منظومة الابتكار وريادة الأعمال، وتعزيز المشاركة المجتمعية بفتح الحرم الجامعي للزوار، وترسيخ القيم الرمضانية والهوية الوطنية، إضافة إلى تعميق ثقافة العمل التطوعي.

سعت مبادرة "ليالي كفو" إلى تحقيق مجموعة من الأهداف المتكاملة التي تعكس رسالة جامعة الملك فيصل في مجالات التعليم والتعلم، والبحث العلمي، والابتكار، وخدمة المجتمع، وريادة الأعمال، ومن أبرز هذه الأهداف:

1. تمكين طلبة الجامعة من خلال إشراكهم في تخطيط وتنفيذ الفعاليات، وإتاحة الفرصة لهم لاستعراض مشاريعهم ومهاراتهم في بيئة واقعية، بما يعزز من قدراتهم التعليمية والتطبيقية، ويدعم توجهاتهم نحو ريادة الأعمال والتعلم القائم على التجربة.
2. دعم مخرجات البحث العلمي والابتكار من خلال تسليط الضوء على براءات الاختراع ومنتجات الجامعة البحثية ضمن «متحف كفو للفكر»، بهدف نشر ثقافة الابتكار وربطها بالواقع المجتمعي.
3. تعزيز المشاركة المجتمعية عبر فتح أبواب الجامعة لاستقبال الزوار من مختلف فئات المجتمع، وتقديم تجربة رمضانية ثرية تعكس دور الجامعة في خدمة المجتمع وتفاعله.
4. ترسيخ القيم الرمضانية والهوية الوطنية من خلال فعاليات تدمج بين البعد الثقافي والاجتماعي، وتحتفي بالتراث ضمن مبادرة عام الحرف اليدوية.
5. تعميق ثقافة العمل التطوعي عبر تحفيز منسوبي الجامعة وطلبتها على الانخراط في مبادرات ومهام تطوعية تسهم في بناء الشخصية وتعزيز الانتماء المجتمعي.

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KFU successfully implemented the concept of a "University Without Walls" through this event. Through this Ramadan festival, the university aimed to open its doors to everyone, strengthen the bonds of connection and cohesion between university members and the surrounding community, and encourage participation in charitable and volunteer activities.

Community Engagement at the University Library:

The university's central library serves as a comprehensive cultural platform for the community. An event titled Resin Art and Shaping Techniques was organized for members of the community, promoting creativity and cultural engagement.

Sustainable Transportation: KFU plans to enhance various sustainable mobility options as part of its strategic project, Maximizing the Environmental Impact of the University Campus. Among the achievements of this initiative are free transportation services provided to students, staff, and visitors, the provision of free bicycles across the campus, and a walking initiative supported by the development of new pedestrian pathways.

11	11	9
Big buses (50 passengers)	Medium buses (30 passengers)	Small buses (15 passengers)

8	327	23
Electric golf cars	Total Vehicles	Buses (7 passengers)

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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

As part of KFU's commitment to continued development and architectural advancement, the university is renovating and rehabilitating several older buildings. These include the former College of Arts building, the former university cafeteria, and the College of Applied Medical Sciences building.

Rehabilitation of several buildings in the Faculty of Arts

KFU emphasizes its role in preserving and promoting cultural heritage as part of its contribution to sustainable cities and communities. The university engages in arts, heritage awareness, cultural events, and community participation to strengthen cultural identity and promote inclusive cultural development. Some of the university's heritage- and arts-related initiatives include:

- An exhibition titled We Dream and We Achieve, featuring student creative displays that reflect the past, present, and future of Saudi society.
- The Guest Service Initiative during Hajj 1444H, organized in cooperation with the regional branch of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development to provide facilities and services to pilgrims.
- An exhibition titled Documenting the History of Al-Ahsa: Stories about Broadcasting, organized on the occasion of World Radio Day.
- Participation in national heritage events, including Saudi National Day 93, Saudi Founding Day 2025, and Saudi Flag Day 2025.
- A forum under the theme Year of Arabic Poetry: Poetry in the Eyes of Poets and Critics.
- The Falconry Festival 2025, organized in collaboration with the Al-Ahsa Governorate and the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture.
- The International Camel Conference 2025, in which KFU participated through lectures on genetic diversity, exhibitions of camel-industry tools and commercial products, and partnerships with camel breeders and livestock production stakeholders.

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KFU recognizes that reducing commuting and physical presence on campus for certain functions contributes to its sustainability strategy by lowering vehicle usage, reducing carbon emissions, supporting digital transformation, and aligning campus operations with environmentally friendly practices.

The university allows staff and faculty to work remotely for selected administrative and operational tasks.

KFU has issued a Remote Work Guide, providing guidance and support to staff and faculty on efficient remote working practices. This approach reduces the need for physical commuting, minimizes carbon emissions, and promotes a greener campus.

KFU has adopted a policy that prioritizes pedestrian access across its campus. Whenever new buildings or public zones are developed, or existing ones are redeveloped, their design must prioritize pedestrians and cyclists, ensuring safe, comfortable, and inclusive access routes.

KFU has embedded planning and development standards into its campus growth strategy, stipulating that all new buildings and major renovations must adhere to sustainable construction criteria, including energy-efficient design, the use of sustainable materials, increased green spaces, and pedestrian-friendly layouts.

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KFU Achieves 57th Place in the 2025 Digital Transformation Measurement Index

أعلى الجهات الحكومية في قياس 2025 (3/5)

الترتيب	الجهة	النتيجة	المرحلة
41	صندوق تنمية الموارد البشرية	%88.03	
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43	المديرية العامة للدفاع المدني	%87.82	
44	الهيئة العامة للنقل	%87.52	
45	وزارة الاقتصاد والتخطيط	%87.40	
46	المراسم الملكية	%86.97	
47	جامعة الملك سعود بن عبدالعزيز للعلوم الصحية	%86.79	
48	وزارة العدل	%86.49	
49	الهيئة السعودية للتخصصات الصحية	%86.46	
50	المركز الوطني للفعاليات	%86.42	
51	إمارة منطقة القصيم	%86.19	
52	الهيئة العامة للصناعات العسكرية	%86.17	
53	الهيئة العامة للإحصاء	%86.13	
54	إمارة منطقة الباحة	%86.03	
54	هيئة السوق المالية	%86.03	
56	المؤسسة العامة للري	%86.01	
57	جامعة الملك فيصل	%85.95	
58	إمارة منطقة حائل	%85.60	
59	الهيئة العامة للمساحة والمعلومات الجيومكانية	%85.41	
60	الهيئة العامة للغذاء والدواء	%85.27	

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This approach ensures that infrastructure expansion aligns with the university's institutional identity of food security and environmental sustainability and supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). By adopting these building standards, KFU seeks to reduce its environmental footprint, enhance operational efficiency, and position its campus as a model of sustainable infrastructure.

The College of Engineering, represented by the Graduate Studies and Scientific Research Committee, organized a scientific lecture titled Green Building Standards and Feasibility Analysis.

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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

GLOBAL RANKING

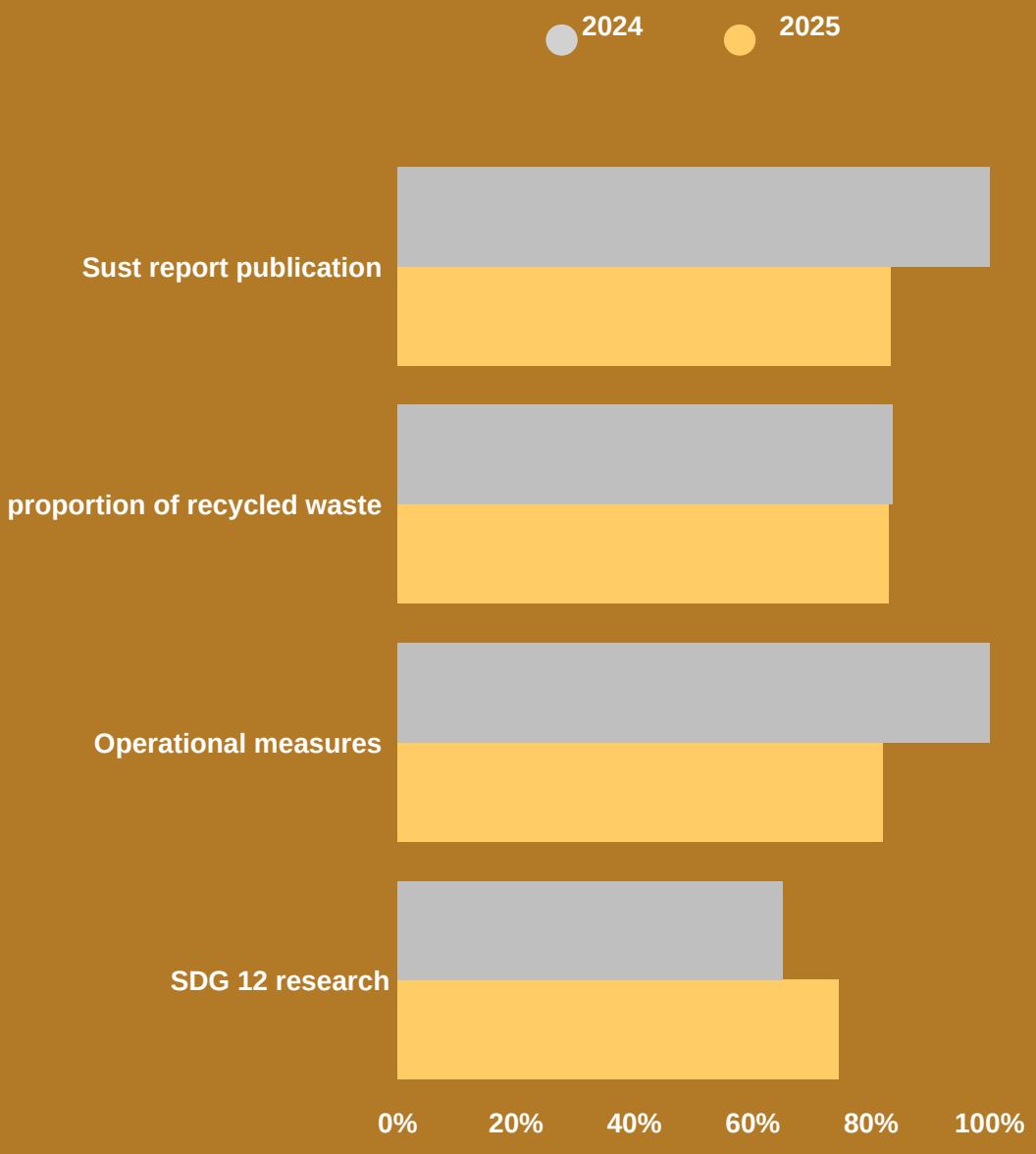
101-200

PUBLICATIONS: 665

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 12th goal: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

KFU has implemented an array of operational measures aimed at embedding sustainability into its campus operations and infrastructure. These measures include policies to reduce paper, plastic, and disposable material consumption, as well as the adoption of remote working arrangements for staff to reduce commuting-related emissions.

KFU has demonstrated leadership in digital sustainability by integrating green ICT infrastructure and energy-efficient systems across its campus. This initiative reduced paper consumption by 38% between 2023 and 2025 and expanded e-learning accessibility to more than 12,000 beneficiaries.

KFU has implemented a structured framework to enhance sustainability performance. The framework integrates policy development, community engagement, and data-driven evaluation to ensure measurable progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In addition, the College of Education, in cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs at KFU, participated in the celebration of Environmental Week 2025, organized by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture under the theme Our Environment is a Treasure.

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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Organic Waste Management and Recycling at the Research and Training Station

Agricultural and animal waste contains large quantities of organic materials generated from farming and food processing activities. In the past, this waste was often regarded as worthless and disposed of improperly, leading to environmental pollution and the spread of disease. Recognizing the importance of sustainable resource management and the need to increase food production efficiency, the concept of recycling agricultural and animal waste has emerged as a vital practice. This approach transforms waste from an environmental burden into a valuable source of organic materials that enhance agricultural productivity and protect natural ecosystems.

Through recycling, these wastes are converted into natural organic fertilizers used across fields, gardens, and green spaces. This process also provides researchers and students with hands-on learning opportunities to study and apply practical techniques in waste recycling and organic fertilizer production.

Types of Organic Waste and Management Methods

1. Plant Waste: Generated from various field operations and crop cultivation within the station, plant residues are collected and transported to designated areas for safe treatment and recycling. These materials undergo processing and are reused in the production of organic fertilizers that improve soil fertility and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

2. Organic Waste (Compost): This category includes waste from cattle, sheep, horse, and poultry training and research units. After proper composting and processing, the resulting organic material is applied to agricultural lands as a natural fertilizer, enriching soil structure and maintaining long-term productivity.

3. Veterinary Organic Waste: Veterinary waste and animal carcasses are managed using high-temperature organic incinerators, ensuring the complete elimination of pathogens and pollutants. This environmentally sound disposal method safeguards both animal and human health while maintaining ecological integrity.

Machinery and Processing Equipment

The station is equipped with advanced machinery to support efficient waste recycling operations:

- Shredding and Cutting Machine (CARAVAGGI – Italy): With a production capacity of 8–10 cubic meters per hour, this machine shreds and cuts tree branches, small stems, crop residues, and wood into fine particles that decompose rapidly through microbial activity, thereby expediting the composting process.
- Fertilizer Line Agitator (SITTLER – Canada): This equipment features a circular axle more than 2.15 meters wide and operates through a tractor's hydraulic and rotational power. It functions by turning and aerating compost rows, enhancing oxygen flow and supporting aerobic decomposition, thereby accelerating the production of high-quality organic fertilizer.

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صورة ٨ : منظر جانبي لآلة الغربلة

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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

KFU adopts a clear policy for securing sustainable and ethically sourced food and supply chains. The university's Policy on Ethical Sourcing of Food and Supplies ensures that food provided across the campus is of high quality and procured in accordance with international best practices.

The university operates a dedicated Training and Research Station that includes orchards, hydroponic greenhouses (10,000 m^2), nurseries, animal husbandry units (cattle, sheep, goats, and poultry), dairy processing facilities with a capacity of up to 10,000 liters per day, beekeeping facilities, and feed crop production areas. Surplus produce is utilized for internal consumption or community distribution.

The sustainability initiatives implemented in 2025 resulted in measurable outcomes, including a 25% reduction in energy consumption and a 19% increase in community participation in environmental programs. These outcomes demonstrate KFU's alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).

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13 CLIMATE ACTION

GLOBAL RANKING

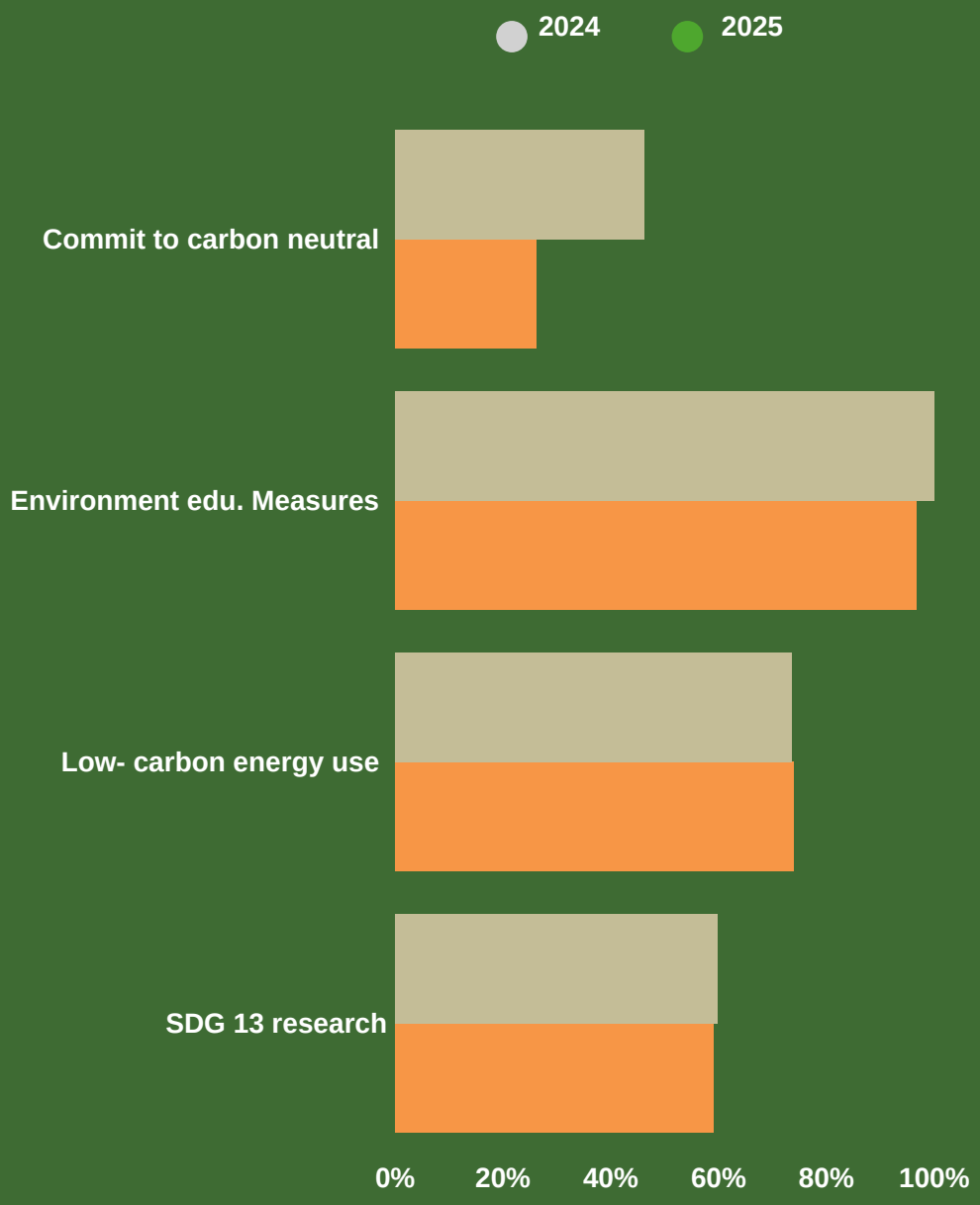
101-200

PUBLICATIONS: 351

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 13th goal: CLIMATE ACTION



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13 CLIMATE ACTION

KFU places strong emphasis on climate education as part of its community outreach and sustainability mission. Through its Local Education initiative, the university extends learning beyond the campus to raise awareness about climate change, environmental protection, and sustainable living among residents of Al-Ahsa and the wider Eastern Region.

During 2025, KFU organized specialized programs on renewable energy and the circular economy. The university delivered 16 training workshops and six national conferences addressing sustainable innovation, thereby strengthening institutional capacity and regional awareness.

These activities are designed for all segments of society, including students, families, and professionals, helping them understand the connections between local environmental actions and global climate goals.

KFU also collaborates with local authorities, schools, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to deliver climate-focused programs, promote the use of renewable energy, and encourage environmentally responsible behavior. By integrating climate education into community learning, the university contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action), empowering people with the knowledge and skills needed to build a more sustainable and climate-resilient future.

مشاركة كلية التربية في فعاليات "أسبوع البيئة السعودي 2024"

المعرض المصاحب من الأحد - الخميس / 7 أبريل 2024 - 11 مايو 2024

نوع المشاركة	عنوان المشاركة	
المنصة الثقافية	د/ مروه مجدي حسن	الاستدامة البيئية وصحة الغذاء
	د/ محمد علي الرويلي	الاستدامة البيئية والتوعية
	ريم عبدالله بن ذايقان	التصميم الداخلي في شروع أشجار المدن
ورش عمل تفاعلية	د/ حسين أحمد الحمادة	عروض التدوير، الوان والفشة
	د/ محمد علي الرويلي ريم فلوه محمد الفقير د/فطمة عبدالرحمن بوجيجة	اعادة استخدام مخلفات النفايات لتلقية المنسوجات تصاعية وديكورات منزلية
	ريم ليلى محمد بوعميل	اعادة تدوير الكرتون
	ريم غزيل سليمان المنيعي ريم أريس محمد العقير	الوراثي الرياضية من بيئي
	ريم منال عبدالعزيز القرشاني	اعادة تدوير العجوات الزجاجية
	د/ هيو احمد الرويلي ريم ايمان محمد شلوف	التشكيل الفني لمستهلكات الورق والكرتون من اجل بيئة مستدامة
ورش عمل	د/ ناصر أبو زيد ابراهيم الطالبة: ياسمين عبدالله بكر الله الطالبة: أمينة بارك الرشيدي	دائرة البيئة على المجال الرياضي
	د/ محمد علي الرويلي الطالبة: نظيفة فهد الدعجان الطالبة: فاطمة وهيب الوزير الطالبة: غيداء منصور الوسيدي	دور القانون البيئية في تعزيز الاستدامة البيئية
	د/ وفاء حمدي ابراهيم	عروض أزياء وأعمار
جلسات علمية	د/ منصور أبو الحلا محمود	القانون البيئية والاستدامة البيئية
	د/ ريهام مصطفى احمد	استدامة الأحماء في محاور من القانون والتصور
	د/ نظيه محمد ابراهيم	تنمية الذكاء البيئي
	د/ ريهب رأفت عبدالله	نظرة الخصائص على المشاركة البيئي لتقرة
الدراسات العلمية	د/ ناصر أبو زيد	Eight Weeks of High-Intensity Interval Training Using Elevation Mask May Improve Cardiorespiratory Fitness, Pulmonary Functions, and Hematological Variables in University Athletes
		التصميم المحوري كمدخل لتعزيز دمج التكنولوجيا في تصميم الوحدات السكنية للتحسين الصحة النفسية للإنسان وراحته
	د/ أسماء أبو العلاسعودي	الوحدات السكنية المتكاملة المستدامة نحو تقليل بصمتها في المملكة العربية السعودية
	د/ خلف عبد القوي رشدي د/ ريهام مصطفى احمد	Utilization of Textile Discharge Printing Principle in Creation of Artistic Patterns
أعمال فنية	د/ هدى فضل المطيري	التنوع المجتمع
	د/ دانيا علي عبدالمنعم	توظيف الصور والقطع المحتوية في مجسمات المنزل
	د/ محمد علي الرويلي	توظيف المخلفات في لوحة التجريدي - أنت منك
	الطالبة: لطيفة لطيف	لوحة رؤية مستقبلية
	د/ ريهب رأفت عبدالله الطالبة: غيداء منصور الوسيدي الطالبة: نورة عزاز المناهل الطالبة: شهد سعد الشهري	لوحات فنية رقمية توعوية للحفاظ على البيئة

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KFU Hosts the Second International Conference on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability .

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13 CLIMATE ACTION

KFU has published a comprehensive Climate Action Plan that outlines its institutional commitment to addressing climate change through education, awareness, and operational measures. The plan highlights environmental education programs implemented during the 2023–2025 academic years, such as the Green Buildings Forum, desertification monitoring forums, tree-planting campaigns, and participation in Earth Hour. It also details how the university integrates awareness, research, training, and partnerships, including collaboration with the National Centre for Vegetation Development and Combating Desertification, into its climate response strategy.

Through these efforts, KFU contributes directly to Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) by reducing carbon emissions, promoting energy efficiency, and fostering sustainability education at the community level. Continuous monitoring and performance evaluation ensure that each initiative aligns with measurable global benchmarks.

Cooperation with the National Center for Environmental Compliance

Turn off all the lights on campus for sixty minutes - Earth Hour 2025

Saudi Green Building Forum

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13 CLIMATE ACTION

KFU emphasizes its institutional responsibility toward the environment and the surrounding community by embracing collaborative planning to address climate-related disasters. The university has implemented a series of collaborative initiatives, including participation in the international forum Mechanisms for Monitoring Desertification and Means of Tackling It; cooperation with King Salman Energy City (SPARK) on renewable energy, power grid distribution, vegetation cover expansion, and sand encroachment control; and a memorandum of understanding with the Imam Abdulaziz Bin Muhammad Royal Nature Reserve to protect and expand vegetation cover in natural reserves as part of desertification mitigation efforts.

The university also collaborates with the Saudi Society for Environment and Combating Desertification and partners with the National Center for Vegetation Development and Combating Desertification through knowledge exchange and agricultural cooperation. In addition, KFU has launched an annual tree-planting campaign targeting the planting of 45,000 seedlings and trees, hosted a workshop entitled Research, Development and Innovation for the Saudi Green Initiative and the Implementation Plan of Afforestation, organized a training course on Sustainable Construction, and hosted a forum associated with the corporate exhibition NET0THON, which supports the Kingdom's 2060 carbon neutrality goal.

Furthermore, KFU signed a cooperation agreement with the National Center for Environmental Compliance to enhance environmental quality and joined the global Earth Hour 2025 campaign by switching off campus lights for sixty minutes.

These activities reflect KFU's strategic integration of climate action into education, research, community outreach, and partnerships, embodying a holistic approach to climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience aligned with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action).

As part of King Faisal University's initiative to plant 45,000 seedlings, the university planted 40 seedlings in the outer courtyard of Al-Bandariyah Intermediate School to establish a green garden for the school.

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13 CLIMATE ACTION

KFU actively supports national and regional government efforts through a variety of institutional mechanisms. Key initiatives include the establishment of the Code Lab, which provides consulting and digital entrepreneurship services to government agencies; collaboration with the General Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises (Monsha'at) to deliver programs that promote freelance work, entrepreneurship, and SME capacity building; hosting major conferences such as the Second International Conference on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (MEWA) and the Public Authority for Food Security, thereby advancing policy dialogue and strengthening research-to-practice linkages; and engaging in strategic institutional agreements to provide advisory services, technology transfer, and policy support to governmental stakeholders.

Through these actions, KFU integrates its sustainability mission into public-sector collaboration, aligning both its academic strengths and operational capabilities with the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030.

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14 LIFE BELOW WATER

GLOBAL RANKING

101-200

PUBLICATIONS: 214

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

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توقيع اتفاقية تعاون

KFU جامعة الملك فيصل KING FAISAL UNIVERSITY

بهدف تحقيق التكامل في التحول البيئي جامعة الملك فيصل
توقع اتفاقية تعاون مشترك مع شركة جسيس للبيئة

مجالات التعاون

1. تطوير برامج تعليمية نوعية (Fast-Paced Credentials) لا سيما في المجالات الحيوية المتصلة بالاستدامة والتحول البيئي للمملكة، والذي يخدم ويحقق أهداف الجامعة والشركة ويعزز التكامل فيما بينهما لتحقيق رؤية المملكة ٢٠٣٠.

2. التكامل الاستشاري بين الجامعة والشركة في إنتاج حلول مستوحاة من المسؤولية البيئية والحفاظ على الطاقة وتمكين الاقتصاد وقدرته التنافسية.

3. زيادة فرص النمو الوظيفي وتجديد المخزون المعرفي والمهاري للعاملين في القطاع البيئي.

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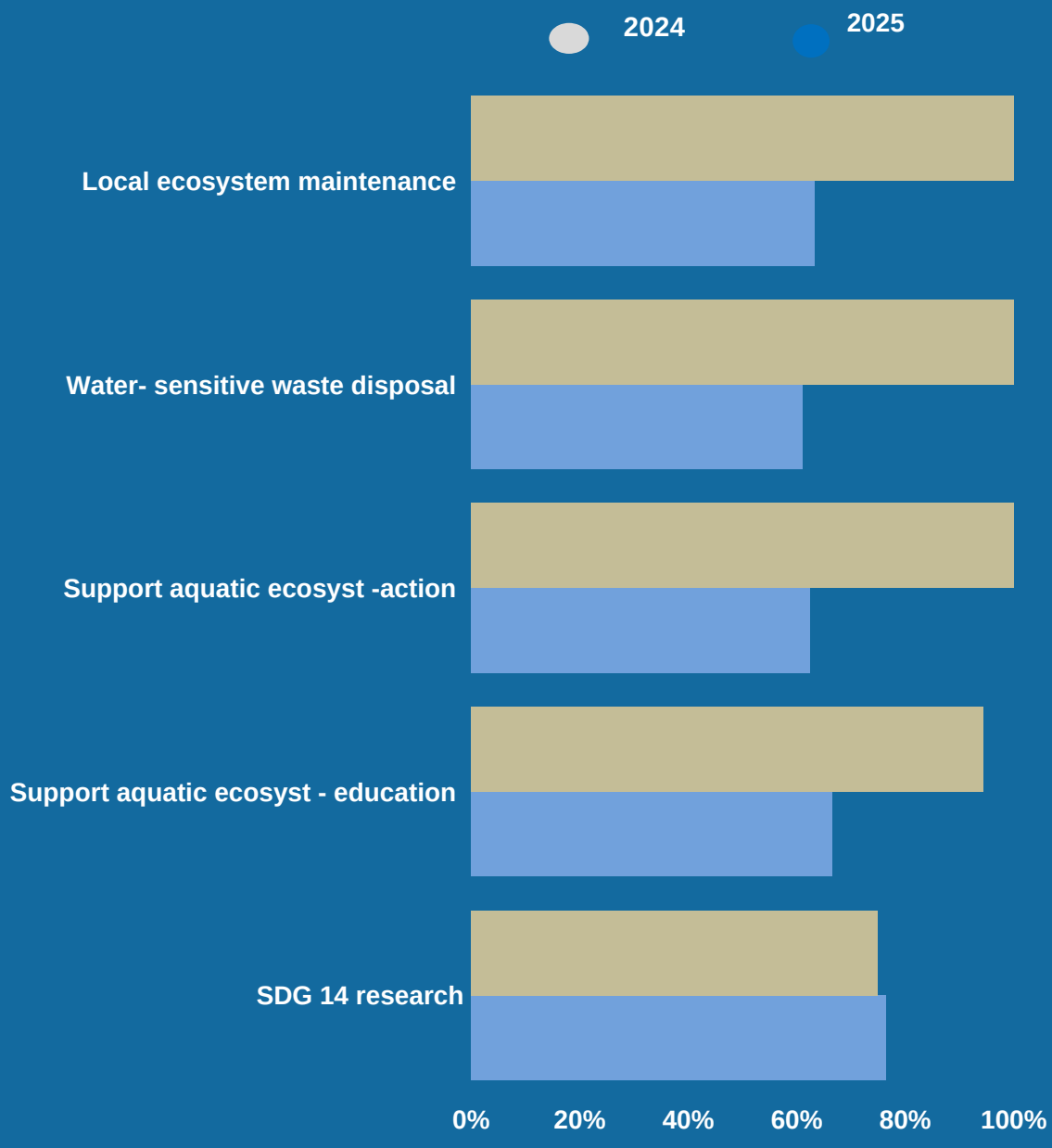
KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 14th goal: LIFE BELOW WATER



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14 LIFE BELOW WATER

KFU affirms its commitment to being a leader in the field of water and aquatic ecosystems, including biological water systems and biodiversity, within the region. The university positions itself to work with partners and community institutions to support national transformation and generate knowledge that benefits both local and global communities.

Research and Training through the Fish Resources Research Center: KFU's Fish Resources Research Center plays a prominent role in conducting research, studies, and practical consultations related to the exploitation, management, and development of living aquatic resources, whether from natural fisheries or aquaculture, while also monitoring the health of aquatic ecosystems.

Water and Environmental Studies Center Programs: The university's Water and Environmental Studies Center offers training courses and consulting services in water sciences and related fields. Its objectives include conducting high-quality research and publishing in the fields of water and the environment; transferring and localizing water technologies; adopting smart water management systems, including the Internet of Things (IoT) for water monitoring; developing methods for treating wastewater and industrial effluents; improving water quality; contributing to environmental sustainability through research and innovative technologies; providing consultancy services; and establishing partnerships with national and international research centers.

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KFU is deeply committed to promoting sustainable fisheries as part of its environmental and sustainability strategy aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water). Through its Fish Resources Research Center, the university conducts research, training, and awareness programs focused on the sustainable management of aquatic living resources. The center studies the development of natural fisheries and aquaculture systems and provides technical workshops for professionals in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors to encourage responsible practices and prevent overfishing.

KFU also collaborates with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture and other partners to enhance aquaculture technologies, improve water quality management, and protect aquatic biodiversity. Awareness initiatives address the impacts of pollution and overexploitation on marine ecosystems, emphasizing the importance of ecological balance and food security.

By integrating research, education, and community engagement, King Faisal University plays a vital role in ensuring the long-term sustainability of marine and freshwater resources, supporting both environmental protection and the economic well-being of local communities.

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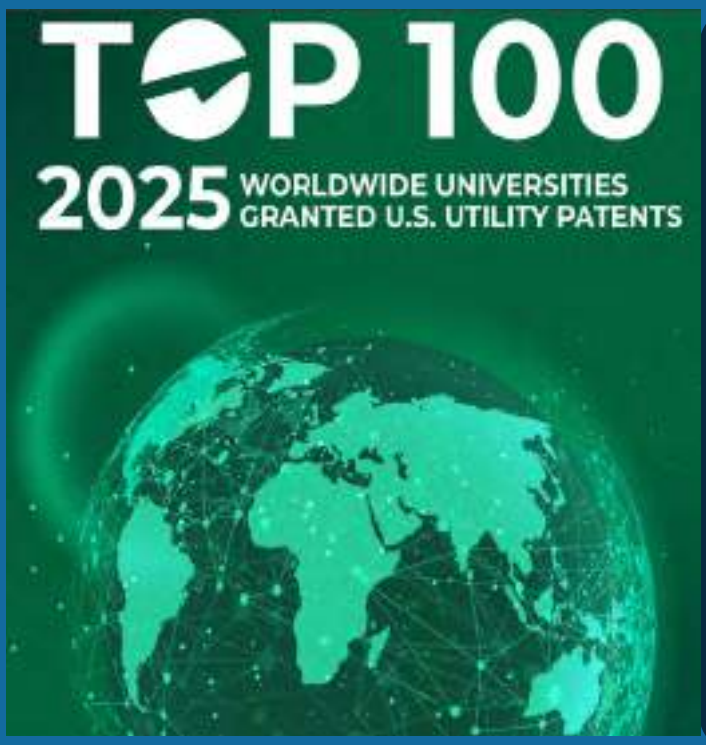

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Water Life Researches

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Water Life Patents

Project to Study the Marine Environment and Biodiversity of Tarout Island Beach and Saihat Beach

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The Agricultural Extension Unit

The Agricultural Extension Unit of the College of Agricultural and Food Sciences, through its Business Services Center and in cooperation with the National Institute for Industrial Training, conducts various training programs to support the university's goals of food security and environmental sustainability.

Among these programs was a workshop entitled The Use of Highly Saline Water in Irrigation. Thirty-five trainees from the General Irrigation Authority participated in the program, which covered several topics, including the importance of water and the available sources of irrigation water in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; the characteristics and standards of irrigation water quality; the challenges associated with irrigation water salinity and the resulting soil salinization; the environmental impacts of using highly saline water and the risks of soil and plant salinization; best practices for mitigating irrigation water salinity problems; plant and crop tolerance to highly saline irrigation water; various methods of irrigation water desalination and their applications; and the most important laboratory measurements, mathematical models, and analytical methods used to assess irrigation water quality and salinity.

KFU's Participation in the International Algae Conference and Exhibition, Showcasing Its Latest Scientific Research, Innovations, and Patents

Agreements and Collaborations to Protect Water Systems and Reduce Environmental Damage

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KFU has entered into a series of agreements focused on protecting aquatic ecosystems and their biodiversity. Among the most prominent is a collaboration with Al-Qusaibi Company on a project to develop environmentally friendly technologies that contribute to reducing emissions affecting marine life.

A memorandum of understanding was also signed with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture to monitor water quality and promote environmental innovation in the industrial sector.

Furthermore, KFU established a collaboration with Naizak Company and Lovibond Company through a workshop aimed at strengthening the infrastructure for innovation and development in the water sector and improving the quality of testing and measurement services provided by the Central Laboratories Department.

Environmental Commitment to Watershed Management

Cooperation with the National Aquaculture Association

Cooperation with a Global Maritime Industry Company

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15 LIFE ON LAND

GLOBAL RANKING

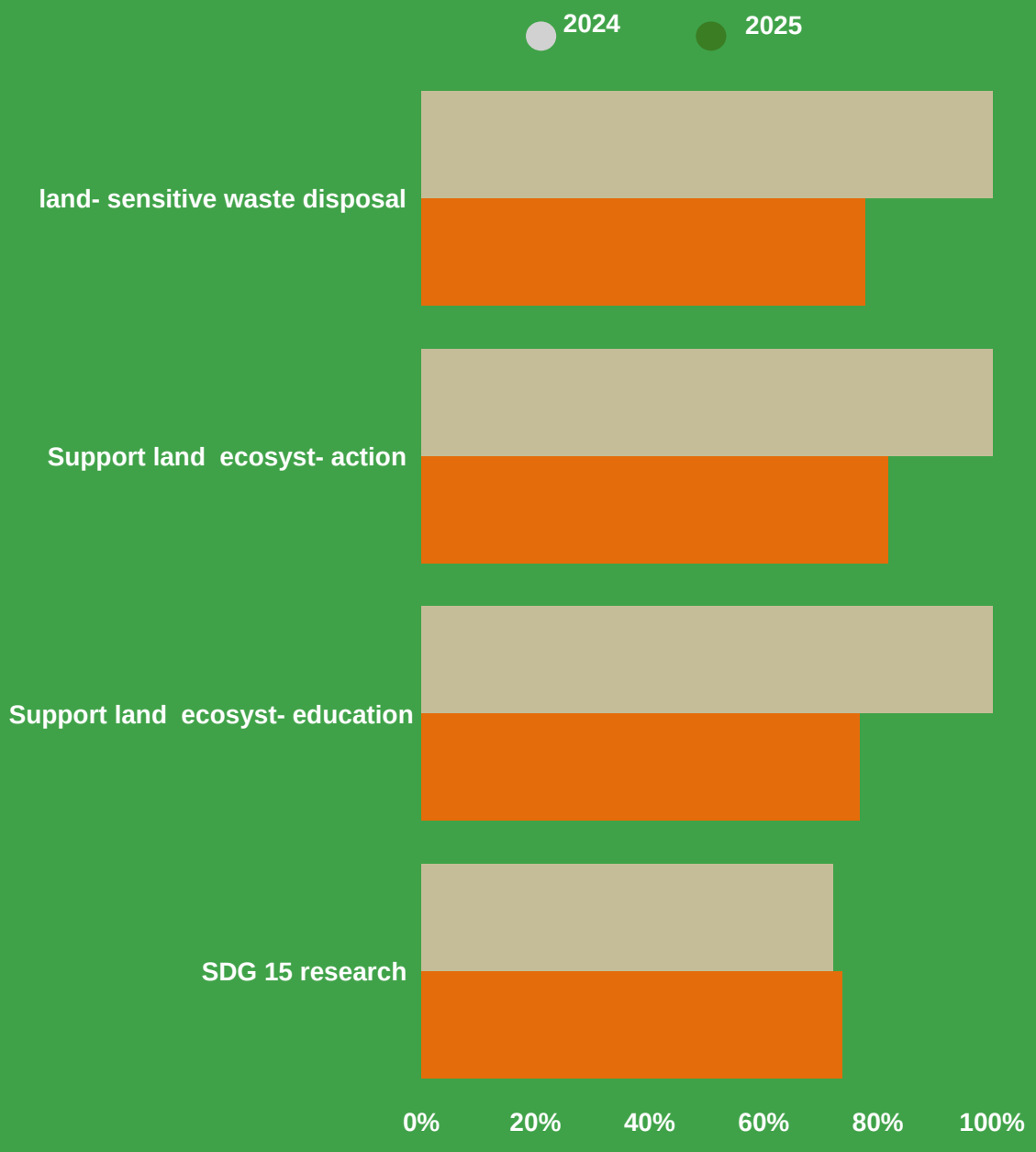
101 -200

PUBLICATIONS: 177

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems

KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 15th goal: LIFE ON LAND



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KFU highlights a series of sustainability-oriented events, with a particular focus on the sustainable use of land, biodiversity, and environmental protection under Sustainable Development Goal 15 (Life on Land). The university positions these events as part of its mission to work with partners and community institutions to serve society and contribute to the global knowledge base.

Examples of KFU Sustainability Events:

- Food and Date Processing Industries Forum: The forum aims to create additional investment opportunities in the date sector, an important pillar of the national economy.

- Environment and Circular Economy Forum: Organized by Saudi Aramco in the Southern Region, the university contributed a scientific paper titled Soil Quality and Its Effect on Vegetation Cover and established an information booth highlighting its role in environmental protection.

- Environment Week 2025: Activities included workshops, educational lectures, competitions, and an environmental exhibition featuring multiple university faculties, units, and centers focusing on sustainable land use, biodiversity, and the conservation of natural resources.

- International Forum for Afforestation Techniques 2025: Organized by the National Centre for Vegetation Development and Combating Desertification, the forum included KFU's participation in presenting

research products on afforestation technologies, desertification control, waste recycling, water resources, forest development, and related fields.

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- World Soil Day: The event included a scientific and awareness exhibition consisting of eight thematic booths covering soil types, soil-plant relationships, soil formation, soil and climate, the Happy Soil concept, sustainable solid waste management, and applications of remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS) in soil studies.
- Second International Conference on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability: The conference, aligned with the Saudi Green Initiative and the Middle East Green Initiative, addressed national and global food security, environmental sustainability, and innovation. The conference proceedings included recommendations on international research collaboration, sustainable agricultural technologies, water system improvements, and related areas.

KFU's Participation in the Riyadh Agricultural Exhibition

دور القطاع غير الربحي في تنمية الغطاء النباتي

One of the research papers presented at the International Forum on Afforestation Technologies was entitled *The Role of the Non-Profit Sector in Developing Vegetation Cover*.

KFU's Participation in the International Exhibition and Forum for Afforestation Technologies 2025

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Mechanisms for Monitoring Desertification and Ways to Address It.

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KFU conducts educational programs and awareness campaigns aimed at increasing awareness among students and the wider community about the value of ecosystems, the risks of land degradation, biodiversity loss, and sustainable land management.

Through its research centers, such as the Avian Research Center and the Research Excellence Center for Palm and Dates, the university dedicates significant efforts to conserving plant ecosystems, wildlife habitats, and regional biodiversity. For example, the Avian Research Center conducts research on migratory birds in the Al-Ahsa Reserve.

KFU implements environmentally responsible waste management practices, including solid waste segregation (plastic, paper, glass, and aluminum), organic waste treatment (grass, tree residues, and composting), and the proper disposal of electronic and hazardous waste. These actions help protect soil and terrestrial ecosystems from pollution and degradation.

The university also treats and reuses wastewater, particularly for irrigation purposes, thereby reducing the demand for potable water and minimizing potential impacts on land by decreasing water extraction and limiting effluent discharge.

Fields within the KFU Nature Reserve

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A Memorandum of Cooperation with the National Center for Wildlife Development in Research, Science, and Houbara Bustard Breeding Development Projects

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A Scientific Lecture Entitled *Results of the Jojoba Plant Genome Project*

KFU declares its strategic ambition to become a leader in wildlife conservation, terrestrial ecosystem protection, and biodiversity preservation by working with partners and community institutions and generating knowledge that benefits both local and global communities.

Training in Skills for the Agricultural Sector in Cooperation with the Agricultural Development Fund: KFU organized a training course on developing technical competencies for professionals in the agricultural sector in cooperation with the Agricultural Development Fund. The program aimed to enhance human capital capabilities and support agricultural sustainability.

14 Natural Reserve Field

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As part of King Faisal University's 45,000-Seedling Initiative, the university planted 40 seedlings in the outer courtyard of Al-Bandariyah Intermediate School to establish a green garden for the school.

The Saudi Falcons Club Research Chair aims to evaluate and analyze the current status of the falconry sector in the Kingdom and to identify the challenges facing both the sector in general and the Club's programs in particular. The Chair also conducts survey studies on falcon populations and habitats across the Kingdom to preserve different falcon species, including rare and endangered species, in support of the *Haddad* Program, which aims to return falcons to their natural habitats.

In addition, the Chair conducts scientific research on diseases affecting falcons and develops specialized databases to support conservation efforts. It also seeks to localize scientific technologies used in falcon breeding, reproduction, tracking,

and treatment practices adopted in leading countries around the world. Furthermore, the Chair undertakes scientific research to improve reproductive efficiency in falcons and contribute to the long-term conservation and sustainability of falcon populations.

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Protecting Biodiversity at the KFU Research Station

KFU is committed to preserving biodiversity and protecting wildlife through a range of projects implemented at its Research Station in collaboration with the National Center for Wildlife Development. As a result, the KFU Research Station has become one of the most important nature reserves in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. The reserve is home to a variety of wildlife species, including gazelles and deer, some of which are rare and endangered.

The reserve also serves as a research and training platform in the fields of biodiversity conservation and wildlife management.

Between 2023 and 2025, the station implemented several propagation and planting projects for valuable native tree species, including acacia and tamarisk, in cooperation with the National Center for Vegetation Development and Combating Desertification.

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KFU recognizes that the introduction and spread of non-native (“alien”) species pose a serious threat to terrestrial ecosystems, biodiversity, and sustainability. The Alien Species initiative is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 15 (Life on Land) and reflects the university’s commitment to maintaining ecosystem health within the region.

The university supports eradication and control programs for specific invasive species, including collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to combat the red palm weevil, an invasive species that negatively affects local agriculture.

Through research and academic programs, KFU investigates the ecological impacts of alien species, including their effects on soil, vegetation, and water resources, and integrates these findings into its biodiversity conservation strategy.

Awareness-raising activities and educational programs are developed to inform students, staff, and community stakeholders about the risks posed by invasive alien species and the importance of prevention, monitoring, and management.

KFU also recognizes that shared land ecosystems represent a critical sustainability challenge, as ecosystems that extend across institutional, municipal, or regional boundaries require cooperative management among universities, governmental bodies, local authorities, industry, and communities.

الضرر والأهمية الاقتصادية لحفار ساق النخيل ذو القرون الطويلة

The Damage and Economical Importance of the Date Palm Long Horne Stem Borer Beetle (Jebusaea hammerschmidtii) Reiche (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae

دراسة مدى فاعلية مادة الكابسيسين والمستخلصات المائية للفلفل والقرنفل في مكافحة سوسة النخيل الحمراء (R.ferrugineus O)

Study on the efficacy of Capsaicin, and aqueous extracts of pepper and clove plants on the palm red weevil (R. ferrugineus O.)

Accordingly, KFU engages in agreements and collaborative programs with local authorities and environmental agencies to support land resource management, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable land use across the wider region.

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16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

GLOBAL RANKING

101-200

PUBLICATIONS: 149

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

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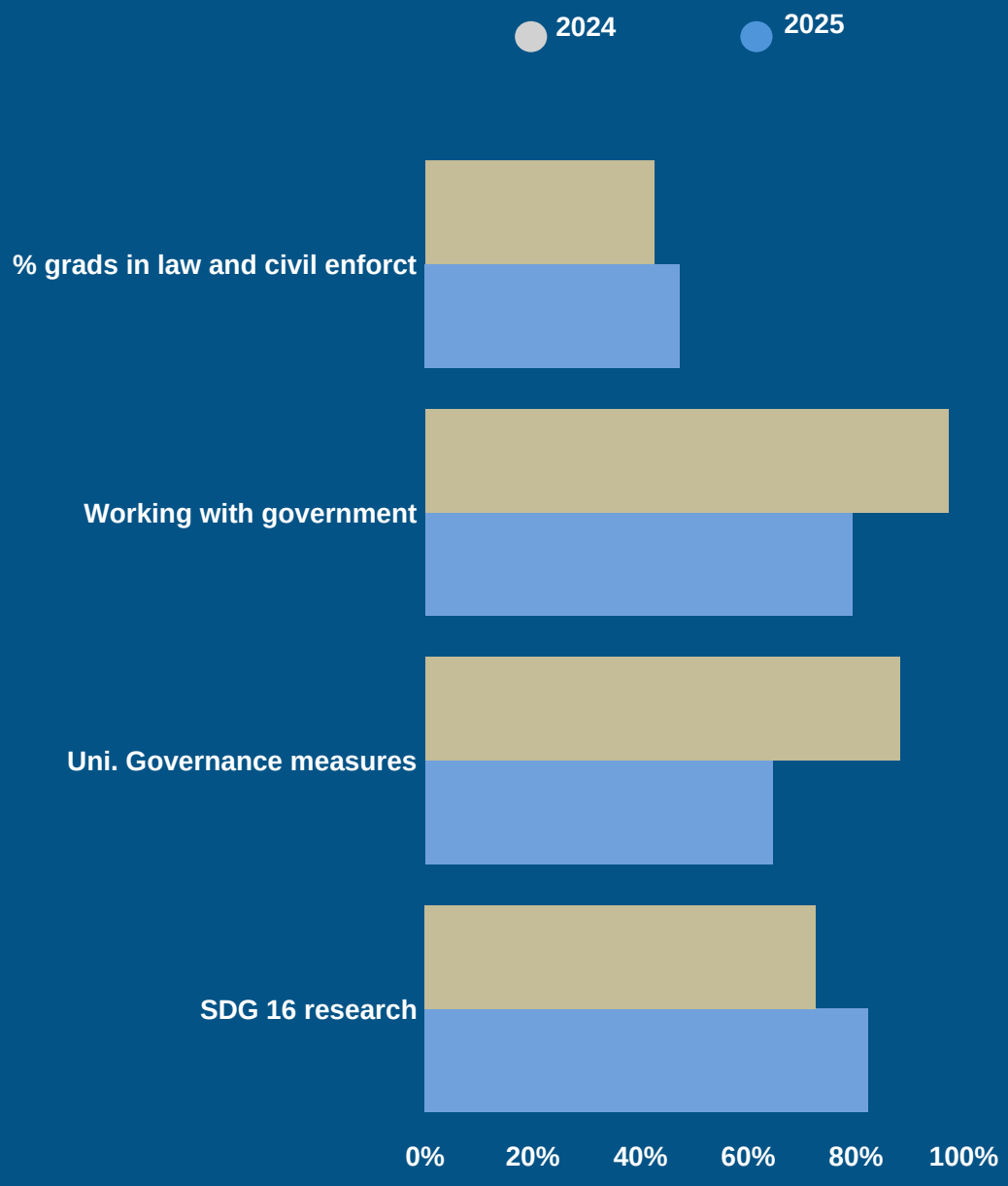
KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 16th goal: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



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KFU applies the concept of a University Without Walls, opening its facilities, knowledge resources, and cultural assets to the entire community. The university aims to promote inclusion, well-being, and heritage preservation through open access to campus spaces and events.

Main Actions (2023–2025):

- KFU Ramadan Nights 2025: A Ramadan festival that welcomed visitors of all ages through workshops, competitions, traditional games, and creative exhibitions. The event strengthened community ties and encouraged charitable and volunteer participation.
- KFU Walk Initiative: A public health event held with the participation of the university's Disability Club and Inclusion Unit to promote health, well-being, and social inclusion.
- Access to Sports Facilities: KFU opened its stadiums and sports facilities for community sporting events and tournaments. An agreement with Al-Fateh SC (Apex Center) allows the public to use the university's sports city for training and recreational activities.
- **Public Access to the Central Library: KFU's central library serves as a community cultural hub, hosting workshops such as Resin Art and Design. The library is open to the public every Saturday.**

Through open facilities, public programs, and cultural engagement, KFU demonstrates a living model of sustainable community integration, connecting education, heritage, and health through active public participation.

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Key Statistics of KFU's Ramadan Nights 2025

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KFU defines a set of sustainable practices organized around operational performance and clear target setting to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The university focuses on aligning its operations, infrastructure, consumption patterns, waste management, and resource use with measurable sustainability targets.

KFU's practices include, but are not limited to:

- Reducing paper consumption and transitioning to digital workflows through paperless operations.
- Managing organic waste and converting it into reusable resources, such as composting yard waste and transforming plant and animal waste into organic fertilizers.
- Implementing resource-efficiency measures in buildings, energy systems, and infrastructure through initiatives such as green building standards.
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KFU Walk Initiative

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- Establishing monitoring and reporting frameworks that track institutional performance against sustainability targets.

The KFU's library is open to all members of the community every Saturday

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Brown-Field Site Initiative: KFU's Brown-Field Site Initiative addresses the redevelopment of previously used or underutilized land within or around the campus. The initiative aims to transform such sites into productive and sustainable spaces in alignment with the university's institutional identity of food security and environmental sustainability.

KFU has established several themed museums and public exhibitions focusing on areas such as veterinary medicine, Saudi coffee heritage, books and manuscripts, and traditional crafts. These museums are open to the wider public, extending beyond students and staff, thereby fostering community engagement, knowledge sharing, and cultural awareness.

The university's library and museum systems are designed to provide public access through memberships and visitor programs, supporting lifelong learning and community engagement with academic and cultural heritage resources.

KFU's Participation in Saudi National Day 93

University and Community Exhibition:
The event included a forum featuring several panel discussions with representatives from the government, private, and non-profit sectors. The discussions highlighted the university's achievements in serving the community, its role in fostering social integration, and its efforts to strengthen partnerships that contribute to achieving national development goals.

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KFU emphasizes that “all facilities and activities are available to everyone” and affirms that it places its facilities, knowledge resources, and programs in the service of the wider community. One of its key sustainability initiatives is promoting arts and cultural heritage through the organization of programs, seminars, and exhibitions.

Some of the notable initiatives include:

- We Dream and We Achieve: An exhibition featuring student creative displays that reflect Saudi Arabia’s past, present, and future.
- Guest Service Initiative during Hajj: Organized in partnership with the regional branch of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, this initiative aimed to provide comprehensive facilities and services to pilgrims during Hajj 1444H.
- Documenting the History of Al-Ahsa: Stories about Broadcasting: An exhibition organized in celebration of World Radio Day.
- Participation in National Heritage Events: Including Saudi National Day 93, Saudi Founding Day 2025, and Saudi Flag Day 2025.
- Year of Arabic Poetry: A cultural initiative celebrating Arabic poetry and its contribution to cultural heritage.
- Falconry Festival 2025: KFU participated in collaboration with the Al-Ahsa Governorate and the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture through a veterinary consultation booth highlighting the historical and cultural heritage of falconry.
- International Camel Conference 2025: KFU’s participation included a lecture on the genetic diversity of camels in Saudi Arabia.

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KFU has adopted remote working arrangements for certain administrative and operational functions as part of its sustainability strategy. This approach aligns with the university's efforts to reduce commuting, lower carbon emissions, and promote more flexible and modern working practices.

KFU also includes affordable housing among its sustainable practices as part of its broader objective of creating inclusive and accessible educational and living environments.

The university places a strong emphasis on prioritizing pedestrians within its campus transportation system. Pedestrian walkways, crossings, and access points are designed to give priority to foot traffic over vehicular movement. Measures include dedicated sidewalks, clearly marked pedestrian crossings, traffic-calming zones (such as reduced vehicle speeds near pedestrian areas), enhanced signage for pedestrian right-of-way, and design interventions that encourage walking throughout the campus.

KFU recognizes collaboration with local public authorities and government institutions as a strategic mechanism for supporting regional development, fulfilling its institutional mission, and aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Sustainable Development Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) and Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). The university is committed to strengthening these partnerships to serve the community and integrate its educational, research, and innovation activities with public-sector needs.

KFU has established specific standards for new campus buildings and infrastructure to ensure that they meet sustainable design criteria, including energy efficiency, green building practices, sustainable materials, and water efficiency. The university emphasizes that planning and development decisions are guided by sustainability principles. Rather than constructing conventional facilities, new developments are designed to minimize environmental impacts and integrate with the campus's ecological and social context.

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Project for the Development of National Park Services in the Eastern Province

Developing a Perennial Tree Program within the Master Plan for AlUla City

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The University's Commitment to the Saudi Building Code

In accordance with Royal Decree No. M/43 dated 26/4/1438 AH, which mandates the application of the Saudi Building Code to all construction activities in both the public and private sectors, KFU is committed to ensuring full compliance with all requirements of the Code. The Saudi Building Code comprises a comprehensive set of conditions, requirements, executive regulations, and appendices related to building and construction practices, with the aim of ensuring safety and public health.

Through its Projects Department, KFU continuously monitors and ensures the implementation of all requirements and provisions of the Saudi Building Code across all classifications and throughout all university buildings.

Smart Buildings Project

This project aims to provide smart solutions that enhance energy efficiency and reduce waste by enabling full control of building operations outside official working hours. The Smart Buildings Project features automated access control systems based on authorized user permissions and enables integrated management and remote operation of building entrances and gates.

This initiative represents a significant step toward a more sustainable and intelligent future in building management and reflects the university's commitment to adopting advanced technologies to serve its staff while ensuring the safety and security of its buildings and assets.

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Number of graduates from law in 2025

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Smart Buildings Project

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GLOBAL RANKING

101-200

TOTAL OF GOALS PUBLICATIONS: 3886

Data for year: 2020-2025 (SciVal)

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

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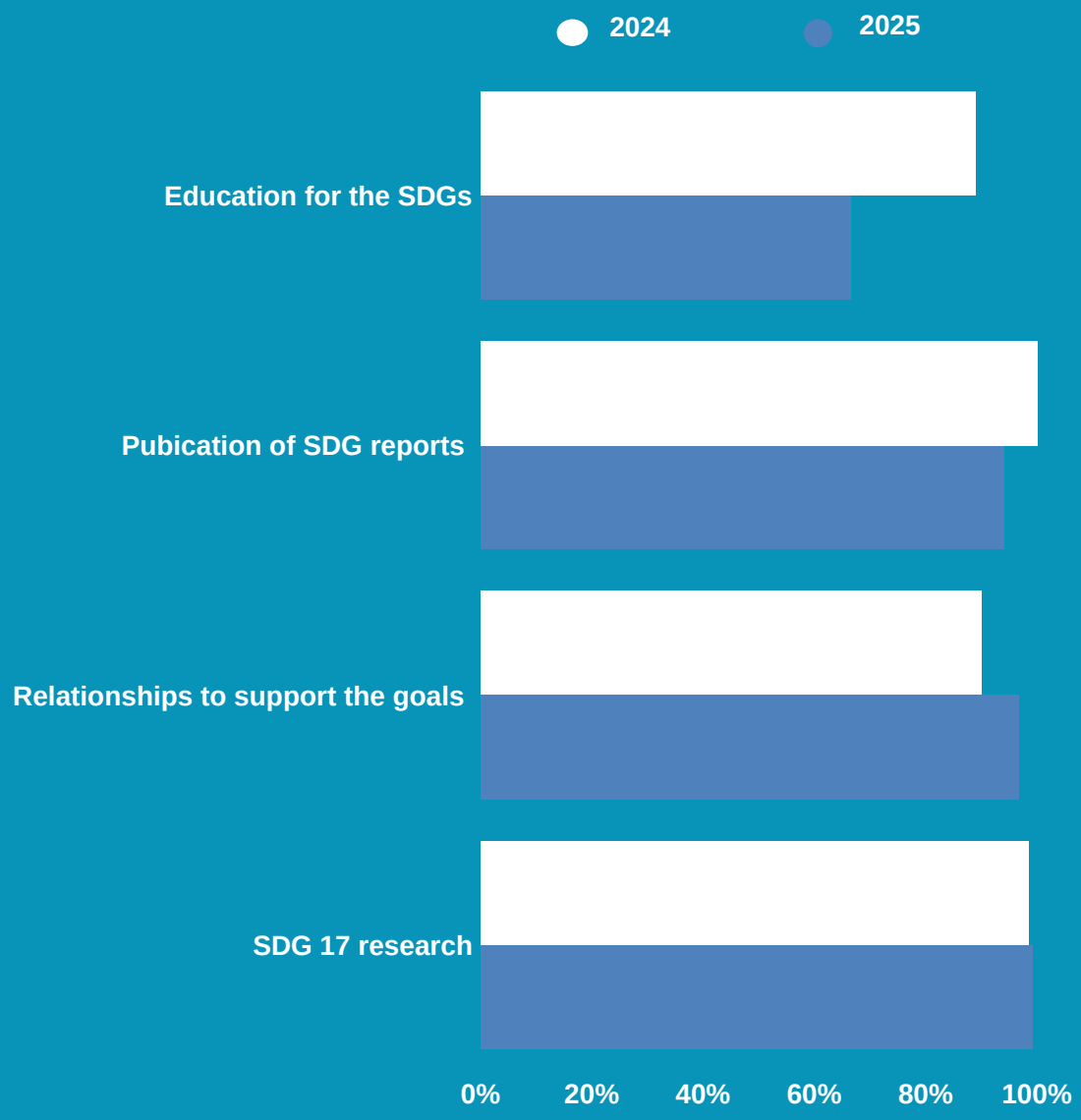
KFU's performance in last years in achieving the 17th goal: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



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KFU's Global and Local Partnerships

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KFU aligns with Saudi Vision 2030 by emphasizing the importance of strengthening both community and international partnerships to advance education, healthcare, the economy, and other areas of development. The university has established a range of strategic partnerships that generate mutual benefits and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Sustainable Development Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

- Participation in the Saudi Green Buildings Forum: KFU is a major partner in the forum, contributing through education, training, awareness-raising initiatives, and environmental research, with the aim of advancing a zero-carbon built environment.
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Diriyah Gate Development Authority: The agreement aims to attract and train Saudi talent for development projects and equip graduates with the skills required by the labor market.

Examples of Partnerships and Cooperative Initiatives:

- Collaboration with the Regional Prisons Directorate in the Eastern Province: KFU is exploring the provision of distance-learning bachelor's programs for inmates, alongside other specialized educational initiatives.
- Partnership with the Chamber of Al-Ahsa through the Agricultural Development Committee: This partnership supported the Food and Date Processing Industries Forum, which aimed to create investment opportunities in the date sector.
- Agreement with the National Center for Water Efficiency and Conservation: The agreement focuses on joint research, training, awareness programs, and improving water supply chains in urban, industrial, and agricultural sectors.
- Joint Projects with Government Entities: These initiatives include an agreement with the Human Resources Development Fund (Hadaf) to register KFU as a training service provider through the national Taqat porta
- .Collaboration with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO): KFU signed a cooperation agreement to deliver distance training programs for faculty members in member states, benefiting more than 1,000 trainees from 22 countries.
- Joint Scientific Research Project with the University of Queensland, Australia: The project focused on the genome of the jojoba plant and resulted in the publication of six peer-reviewed research papers and other scientific outputs.

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Impacts and Strategic Value

- These partnerships strengthen KFU's societal role by bridging the university with government entities, industry, non-governmental organizations, and international institutions.
- They support multiple Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Sustainable Development Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), as well as other goals related to decent work, innovation, responsible consumption and production, and climate action.
- They enhance KFU's capacity in research, training, community service, and innovation while enabling the university to leverage regional strengths, such as the date industry and water resources.
- They position the university to contribute to regional economic development and support national priorities under Saudi Vision 2030.

KFU has adopted a clear institutional identity centered on food security and environmental sustainability. To fulfill this identity, the university deploys its capabilities across its core functions, including teaching and learning, research, community engagement, leadership, and business innovation.

KFU emphasizes that part of its mission is to serve as a future-oriented institution at the local, regional, and global levels and to be a leading center for research and development.

A major strategic priority is embedding food security and environmental sustainability into educational programs by incorporating sustainability-related courses and modules into academic programs and by launching new programs aligned with the university's institutional identity. KFU provides specific examples of how sustainability topics have been integrated into coursework and curricula.

The university has also established a Business Incubator to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and start-ups, particularly those aligned with food security and environmental sustainability.

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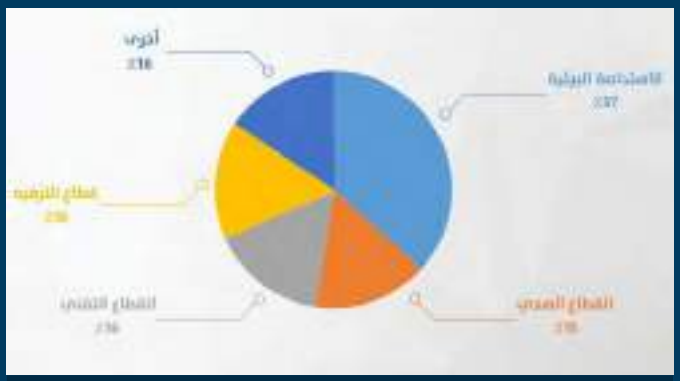

Start-up Fields at KFU

Because the incubator is located within the university and situated in the Al-Ahsa region, which possesses comparative advantages in sectors such as agriculture, the food industry, energy, healthcare, and education, it facilitates strong linkages between students and faculty members and local and regional economic sectors.

Applied Programs and Skills Development:

KFU provides training programs in collaboration with external partners. For example, the university delivered a training program in the United Arab Emirates for farmers on Integrated Pest Management and another program for the Environmental Agency in Al-Ahsa on environmental impact assessment and pollution monitoring.

These applied programs demonstrate how KFU connects its educational mission with real-world sustainability challenges.

KFU adopts a holistic approach by not only teaching sustainability theory but also operationalizing it through entrepreneurship, start-ups, applied training, and curriculum design.

The university's focus on food security and environmental sustainability provides it with a clear thematic niche, making its educational initiatives more distinctive and impactful.

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Start-Up in 2034

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Cooperation Agreement with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)

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Startups from the KFU Incubator 2025

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The Dialogue / Cross-Sectoral Dialogue about the SDGs initiative at KFU serves as an important institutional mechanism that extends beyond teaching and research. It engages the broader ecosystem, including industry, government, and non-profit organizations, in addressing sustainability challenges, aligns the university's strategy with national priorities such as Saudi Vision 2030, and generates actionable recommendations.

The aim of these dialogues is to engage multiple stakeholders—including government entities, the private sector, non-profit organizations, and academia—in discussions on sustainability challenges and solutions, particularly those aligned with KFU's institutional identity in food security and environmental sustainability.

Examples of these initiatives include:

- The Second International Conference on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability: The conference aligned with KFU's institutional identity and addressed issues such as agricultural sustainability, innovation, and digital solutions in food systems.
- Hackathon on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability: An event associated with the conference that brought together innovators, developers, and experts in the fields of food security, environmental sustainability, and artificial intelligence and technology.
- The 8th Forum of Graduates of the College of Computer Science and Information Technology (2023), under the theme "We Connect to Reach": The forum included active dialogue between government and private-sector representatives on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and resulted in the signing of several cooperation agreements.

A Training Program Conducted by the Applied College in Cooperation with the Agricultural Training Center in Al-Ahsa, Affiliated with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture

International Conferences and Exhibitions: KFU participated in events such as the International Dates Conference, which brought together participants from 36 countries, and the International Conference of the Association for Camel Research and Development, demonstrating the university's role in facilitating cross-sectoral dialogue and collaboration across diverse research fields.

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International Conference on Veterinary Medicine

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International collaboration at KFU is strategic and thematic rather than broad or passive. It is tailored to the university's institutional identity in food security and environmental sustainability and is closely aligned with its sustainability objectives. The diversity of international partners across different regions of the world provides a strong foundation for research, innovation, and academic excellence. These collaborations serve as key enablers of institutional transformation by enhancing capacity, strengthening the university's reputation, and connecting it to global challenges and international networks.

Examples of these collaborations include:

- Collaboration with Wageningen University & Research in the Netherlands to improve agricultural practices.
- Collaboration with The University of Queensland in Australia on research related to the jojoba plant.
- Agreements with several Asian universities, including Lanzhou University in China, Istanbul University in Türkiye, and Kanazawa University in Japan.

Through these collaborations, KFU supports joint research projects, student and faculty exchanges, and shared capacity-building programs in sustainability-related fields.

Training Program in Spain on Global Good Agricultural Practices (GlobalG.A.P.) Standards

Statistics for the Food Security and Environmental Sustainability Incubator 2025

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KFU views non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as key partners in capacity building, social innovation, community engagement, and applied training. The university works closely with NGOs to address sustainability-related social and environmental challenges through a range of practical collaborations and initiatives. Examples include:

- Social Investment Challenge Camp: An initiative in the Eastern Province aimed at empowering the social investment ecosystem and engaging the non-profit sector in developing sustainable and entrepreneurial solutions.
- Digital Media in the Non-Profit Sector Training Program: Organized in cooperation with the Saudi Journalists Association – Al-Ahsa, this program attracted more than 180 trainees and focused on enhancing digital communication capabilities within the non-profit sector.
- Cooperation Agreement with the National Center for Non-Profit Sector Development: Signed during the International Non-Profit Sector Exhibition, this agreement aims to jointly deliver research and training services and strengthen human capital capacities within the non-profit sector.
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Diriyah Gate Development Authority: The agreement seeks to attract and train Saudi talent for large-scale development projects and equip graduates with skills relevant to the labor market.
- Joint Initiative with the Ajwaa Al-Ahsa Environmental Group: This initiative focused on raising community awareness of environmental issues, including combating desertification and increasing vegetation cover, through collaboration between KFU and the environmental association.

- Partnerships with Local Non-Profit Organizations: KFU collaborates with numerous local organizations, including charities supporting kidney disease patients, smoking cessation associations, organizations serving persons with disabilities, and youth councils, to embed social sustainability and community engagement within the university ecosystem.

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KFU recognizes the importance of embedding sustainability within its curriculum by offering dedicated courses that address sustainability-related topics and align with its institutional identity of food security and environmental sustainability.

The university provides a wide range of sustainability-focused courses across different academic levels and disciplines. These courses cover topics related to food security, environmental sustainability, energy, water resources, and ecosystem conservation.

Examples of Courses that Address Sustainability or Include Sustainability Topics

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Presents Educational Program

Sustainability: Incorporating Its Concepts into Your Teaching

Highlights

How to encourages an interdisciplinary approach, bridging subjects like science ,social studies, and ethics to instill a holistic understanding of sustainability

28 - 11 - 2023

10:00 - 11.30 Am

Speaker

Dr. Anne Forbes

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The Education for SDGs in the Wider Community initiative at KFU demonstrates how a higher education institution can extend its teaching and training mission beyond the campus and into society at large. The initiative engages non-traditional learners, strengthens connections to regional needs in areas such as agriculture, the environment, and professional skills development, and embeds sustainability within community outreach activities.

Some of the main community engagement programs include:

Number of Beneficiaries of the Graduate Professional Development Program

- Career Week: An event open to all segments of society, designed to provide training, educational programs, and skills development aligned with labor market needs. The event welcomed more than 20,000 visitors and featured an exhibition involving over 40 government and private-sector organizations.
- Volunteer with Your Expertise: Organized by the university's Volunteer Work Unit, this initiative delivered 42 training programs, lectures, and consultations through the contributions of more than 50 volunteers, including faculty members, staff, students, and community members, generating more than 500 volunteer hours.
- Community Partnerships and Service Programs: Through its Community Partnership Development Office, the university has engaged numerous community organizations and individuals in a variety of initiatives, leveraging the university's expertise and resources for community benefit. Examples include exhibitions and programs focused on food security and environmental sustainability.

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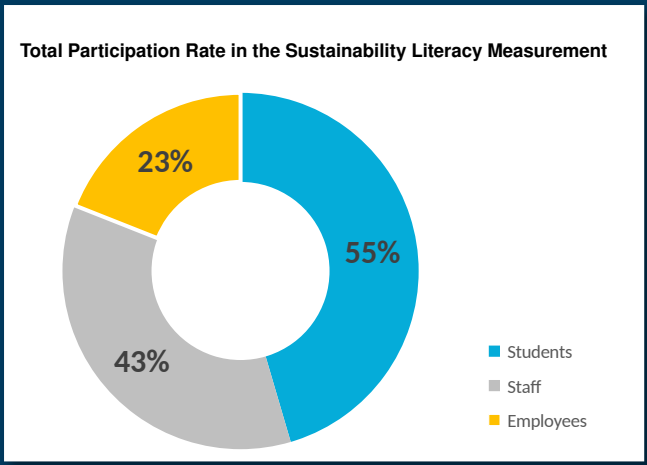
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

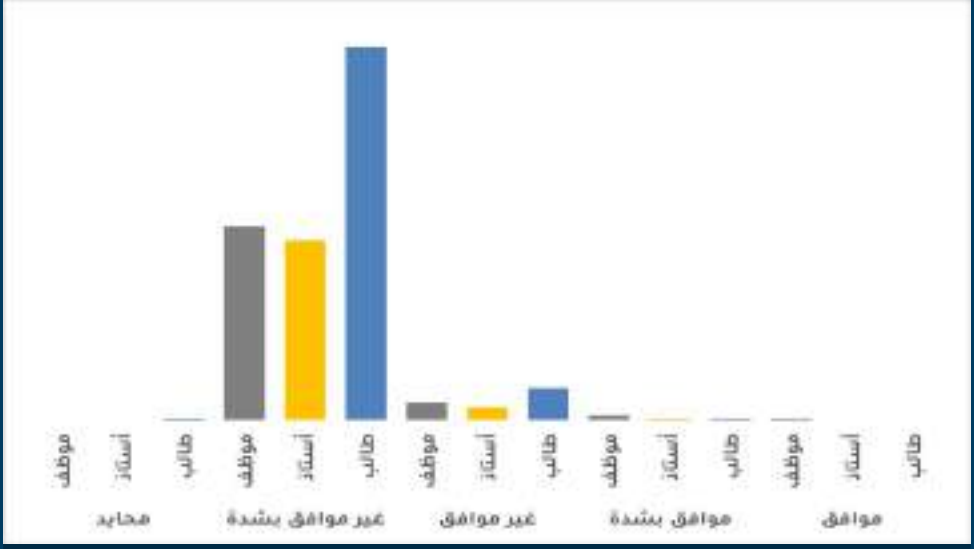
Sustainability Literacy Measurement

KFU is committed to assessing environmental and sustainability literacy among its employees in order to evaluate the university community's understanding of sustainability concepts.

The university also seeks to measure sustainability literacy across the campus by assessing students' knowledge of sustainability-related topics and challenges, as well as understanding the extent to which sustainability influences students' enrollment decisions.

The 2023–2025 Sustainability Literacy Survey was distributed through the Najiz platform to all members of the university community, including students, faculty members, and staff. The survey included questions designed to assess the overall culture and awareness of sustainability within the university community.





One of the survey questions used to measure sustainability literacy: "Is environmental pollution not an important issue?"

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