EMPOWERING FUTURES:

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY'S IMPACT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:

Progress Report on Ateneo's Contribution to SDG

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PREFACE

"*Empowering Futures: Ateneo de Manila University's Impact on Sustainable Development Goals SY 2020-2022,*" is a testament to the university's commitment to academic excellence, innovative research, inclusivity, and societal engagement. The report, which forms part of the University Metrics Report of the Strategy and Quality Management Office, supports the mission and monitors and documents its progress towards achieving the 17 SY 2020-2022 goals.

The report highlights the university's challenges and issues and the steps taken to overcome them. The report is a work in progress and attempts to account for Ateneo de Manila University's journey toward a sustainable future to inspire others to follow in its footsteps.

In 2013, Ateneo de Manila University founded the Ateneo Institute of Sustainability. Five years later, Ateneo actively engaged with global ranking bodies utilizing higher education frameworks to assess the sustainability commitment of institutions. These concepts served as the foundation for assessing Ateneo's sustainability performance.

It is significant to highlight that only a portion of Ateneo's activities are covered in this study, which focuses on data gathered during the academic years 2020–2021 and 2021–2022. Our office intends to provide an annual report for thorough updates.

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Ateneo de Manila University is a beacon of hope that actively engages in initiatives to uplift communities and eradicate poverty. With a commitment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 1: No Poverty, Ateneo's approach is structured around themes that showcase their dedication to alleviating financial disparity and fostering inclusive development.

2020-2021

Enabling Access through Financial Aid

Ateneo's commitment to poverty eradication is reflected in its financial aid programs. The university assists low-income students (page 12) and students at the bottom 50 percent of income, breaking financial barriers and ensuring that education is a fundamental right, not a privilege.

Holistic Anti-Poverty Initiatives

Ateneo's Magis Scholarship, which admits students from the bottom 50% income group, provides more than just an education. It provides a transformative experience, empowering individuals to rise above their circumstances.

Holistic Support Ecosystem

Ateneo's holistic support system, including the Gabay program, encompasses emotional, social, and academic facets, ensuring scholars graduate and thrive.

Extending Global Support

Ateneo's global outreach initiatives, like the [Pastoral Leadership and Management for Mission](#) and [Asian Peacebuilders Scholarship](#) programs, provide financial aid to participants from the Global South, fostering international understanding and cooperation.

Community-Driven Poverty Alleviation

[Ateneo's Innovation Center](#) and [Ateneo Intellectual Property Office](#) collaborate with local communities, providing mentorship and resources to promote entrepreneurship and encouraging self-sufficient local economies. The university's outreach programs, like the [Ateneo Center for Educational Development](#) and [Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health](#) Outreach, ensure essential services reach the most vulnerable, creating an impact.

Advocating Policy Change

The [Ateneo Policy Center of the School of Government](#) and [Center of Social Entrepreneurship (ASCENT)](#) of the [School of Management (JGSOM)](#) embody Ateneo's proactive stance, engaging in policy-making endeavors that ensure poverty eradication remains a priority on national and global agendas.

Ateneo de Manila University's initiatives address the symptoms and target the root causes of poverty. Their proactive measures, outreach, and community-driven approach solidify their role as a leader in the fight against poverty, bringing real change, one life at a time.

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Financial Accessibility and Support for Students

Ateneo de Manila University continued its commitment to breaking financial barriers for education in 2021-2022. The university expanded scholarships to non-traditional regions, ensuring talented but financially challenged students had equal educational opportunities. [Financial Aid Grants and Magis Scholarships](#) continued, providing support and covering low-income students' tuition, fees, transportation, books, and living expenses. Ateneo maintained high completion rates among students from , emphasizing academic and service responsibilities.

Community Empowerment and Sustainable Businesses

Ateneo actively supported local sustainable businesses, offering mentorship, administrative support, grant assistance, IP protection, and [startup incubation](#). Collaborations with programs like [Ateneo Tulong Sulong](#) and [Blue](#)

Nest provided financial and organizational aid to local companies, fostering community business growth. Initiatives like school profiling, teacher training, and dental missions continued, enhancing access to essential services for vulnerable communities.

Policy Advocacy and Global Outreach

The university actively participated in policy-making at local and national levels through the Ateneo Policy Center and Ateneo Center for Economic Research and Development, ensuring poverty alleviation and economic development were on the national agenda. Global outreach efforts included programs like the Asian Peacebuilders Scholarship, fostering regional representation and international cooperation.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 1 Performance

Ateneo de Manila University has made significant strides in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 1: No Poverty. Building on their success, here are some recommendations to enhance the university's efforts in eradicating poverty further.

1. Enhanced Outreach and Awareness: Ateneo should consider deepening its collaboration with local community leaders, NGOs, and schools to reach potential beneficiaries.

2. Tailored Support Systems: The university should enhance support systems for scholars to address their unique needs comprehensively. This includes academic mentoring, career counseling, and mental health support.

3. Strengthen Partnerships: Ateneo should forge greater partnerships with business and philanthropic organizations to expand financial aid. By diversifying funding sources, Ateneo can sustain and potentially increase student aid, reaching a broader demographic.

4. Expanding Anti-Poverty Programs: The university should establish a robust framework to track scholars' progress and success rates post-graduation. This data-driven approach will enable Ateneo to refine its programs continually, ensuring maximum impact.

5. Inclusive Regional Outreach: The university should consider expanding regional outreach programs to more countries and regions facing extreme poverty and enhance partnership programs with countries in Southeast, South Asia, and Africa. This will build on the current work of East Asia Pastoral Institute and the Loyola School of Theology.

6. Skill Enhancement Initiatives: Introduce skill enhancement workshops and continuing education training programs within the university. Empower students with practical skills that enhance their employability, fostering self-sufficiency.

7. Sustainable Business Incubators: Ateneo should strengthen the Ateneo Innovation Center, Center of Social Entrepreneurship (ASCENT), and related programs, providing local entrepreneurs and scientists with financial aid, mentorship, and resources. Facilitate the growth of sustainable businesses, empowering communities to uplift themselves economically.

8. Strengthening Policy Advocacy: The university should deepen local, national, and international engagement with policymakers. Advocate for policies that promote economic inclusivity, accessible education, and entrepreneurship.

9. Long-Term Community Development: Ateneo should invest in long-term community-based development projects, focusing on healthcare, education, and skill development. By building infrastructures and providing training, Ateneo can create self-reliant communities, sustainably breaking the cycle of poverty.

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Ateneo de Manila University is committed to social responsibility and actively participates in policy-making at local and national levels. The university's Ateneo Policy Center and the <u>*Ateneo Center of Social Entrepreneurship (ASCENT)*</u> *address poverty and promote sustainable development.*

The <u>*Ateneo Policy Center*</u> *was founded in 2017 and is a hub for informed policy-making. The center focuses on essential areas such as good governance, strong institutions, poverty reduction, health, agriculture, taxation, and sectoral policy reforms by conducting data-driven research. By collaborating with national and local policymakers, the Ateneo Policy Center provides valuable insights that drive policy decisions, creating a favorable environment for poverty alleviation initiatives.*

The Ateneo Center of Social Entrepreneurship (ASCENT) is part of the School of Management and aims to address poverty through social entrepreneurship. ASCENT collaborates with stakeholders from the business sector, academia, and civil society, using research, education, training, advocacy, and community-based partnerships to promote social entrepreneurship as a powerful tool for poverty reduction.

In March 2021, ASCENT and the Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia (ISEA) worked together to spearhead a petition advocating for the passage of House Bill 02145, which promotes sustainable entrepreneurship.

SDG 2 Zero Hunger

2020-2021

Ateneo University's Systematic Approach to Reduce Food Waste

Ateneo University has implemented a systematic approach through the Ateneo Sustainability Policies and Specific Guidelines (2021) to track and reduce food waste across all university units. Monitoring and reporting food wastage data ensures a transparent and accountable process, aligning with UN SDG 2. The approach minimizes waste at every stage of the food production process.

Prioritizing Students' Nutritional Needs

Additionally, Ateneo prioritizes students' nutritional needs by providing scholarships such as the Magis Scholarship and the Financial Aid Grant, which include monthly food allowances to ensure access to nutritious meals. The university also offers initiatives like the community pantry and meal provisions during the pandemic to alleviate student hunger, aligning with UN Targets for SDG 2.

Focus on Sustainable Food Choices

Ateneo's focus on sustainable food choices is all-encompassing, promoting balanced meals comprising carbohydrates, proteins, and fresh fruits and vegetables. LSAFSNAC and Balanced Meal Plates Guidelines (2017) emphasize healthy cooking methods, lean meats, and vegetables, fostering a campus environment where everyone can make nutritious choices. The Green Monday campaign encourages plant-based diets and showcases their health and environmental sustainability commitment.

Guidelines for Balanced Nutrition and Proportional Pricing

Ateneo implements guidelines that advocate for balanced nutrition and proportional pricing to ensure that healthy food is accessible to all. By encouraging the consumption of fresh, nutritious foods at affordable rates,

the university promotes healthy eating without financial barriers, ensuring that every campus community can make nutritional food choices.

Empowering Local Farmers

Ateneo also empowers local farmers by providing a discussion platform through knowledge-sharing initiatives like the Independent Dialogue for the UN Food Systems Summit. The university offers free access to technologies like the Smart Agri Resilience Toolkit of the Coastal Cities at Risk in the Philippines - Ateneo Innovation Center. It supports research on sustainable farming practices, contributing to the advancement of agriculture nationally.

Sourcing Sustainably

Finally, partnerships like the Ateneo DReaM Team and the Ateneo Center for Educational Development exemplify Ateneo's commitment to sustainable food purchases. By sourcing products from local cooperatives and encouraging larger entities like WalterMart to support local farmers, Ateneo promotes sustainable practices, sustainable agriculture, and food security in the broader community.

2021-2022

Food Waste Reduction and Management

Due to the pandemic Ateneo discontinued food waste tracking in 2021-2022. The absence of an on-site cafeteria shifted the focus to fundamental cafeteria management, ensuring legal compliance and COVID-19 standards.

Nutritional Support and Alleviating Hunger

While specific initiatives for nutritional support were being reviewed in 2021-2022, suggesting a potential decrease in this area compared to the previous year, Ateneo prioritized students' dietary needs by offering scholarships with monthly food allowances and providing community pantry initiatives and meal provisions during the pandemic to alleviate student hunger.

Sustainable Food Choices and Access

While efforts at sustainable sourcing persisted, the focus broadened in 2021-2022. Ateneo emphasized legal compliance, training, and COVID-19 standards, indicating a comprehensive approach beyond food sustainability to ensure healthy accessibility for all campus community members.

Empowering Local Farmers and Sustainable Sourcing

Ateneo continued its efforts in sustainable sourcing, including hydroponics farming and collaboration with the Tanging Yaman Foundation, promoting sustainability and innovation in food production during 2021-2022. The university empowered local farmers through knowledge-sharing initiatives and supported research on sustainable farming practices, contributing to agricultural advancement nationally.

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Ateneo de Manila University is well-known for its commitment to addressing food insecurity and hunger through financial aid programs and student-led initiatives. The university offers a Financial Aid Grant that provides critical support, including a dedicated food allowance, to students from low-income families, mitigating any concerns about food insecurity and ensuring that they have access to regular meals. The Magis Scholarship goes even further, covering tuition fees and providing a monthly food and living allowance, creating a stable environment conducive to academic success.

Apart from these programs, Ateneo's student-led organization, Gabay, is critical in fostering support. Founded under the guidance of Fr. Thomas B. Steinbugler, SJ, Gabay offers a wide range of services, including food discount coupons, tutorials, academic resources, transportation and dorm allowances, emergency funds, medical subsidies, and counseling services. With its holistic approach, Gabay ensures that students have access to nutritious meals and receive comprehensive support, enabling them to thrive academically and personally.

Recommendation for Ateneo's SDG 2 Performance

Ateneo de Manila University has significantly addressed SDG 2: Zero Hunger through initiatives that institutionalize food waste tracking to student support programs and community empowerment initiatives. This reflects its commitment to eradicating hunger on campus and place-based level.

1. Strengthening Campus Food Waste Reduction Efforts: Ateneo has not made notable progress in reducing campus food waste, due to the pandemic but there is room for improvement. Targeted strategies like awareness campaigns, responsible portioning, and waste reduction initiatives should be implemented to minimize food waste across all stages of production and consumption. Engaging the campus community in these efforts can contribute to further progress.

2. Continuous Support for Student Hunger Alleviation: Continued financial support, scholarships, and access to nutritious meals should be ensured to sustain and enhance these initiatives. Exploring partnerships with local businesses and food suppliers could provide additional resources, ensuring that no student faces food insecurity during their academic journey.

3. Engaging Graduates in Sustainable Agriculture: Ateneo can be pivotal in shaping future agricultural practices by integrating sustainable agriculture and food security modules into existing curricula. By equipping graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to drive innovation and sustainability within the agricultural sector, they can contribute to the global discourse on zero Hunger. Collaborations with farming experts and organizations can enrich these educational initiatives.

4. Strengthening National Hunger Alleviation Efforts: To enhance Ateneo's impact further, the university can expand its outreach initiatives by organizing more events, workshops, and knowledge-sharing platforms involving local farmers and communities. Additionally, the university should advocate for policy changes that support sustainable agriculture and food security at the national level and amplify their influence.

5. Promoting Research and Innovation: Ateneo can invest in interdisciplinary research projects focusing on innovative solutions for food security, sustainable agriculture, and hunger alleviation to strengthen their impact. Encouraging faculty and student participation in research endeavors related to SDG 2 can foster a culture of innovation and contribute valuable insights to the global discourse on zero Hunger.

SDG 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

2020-2021

Ateneo's Contribution to Health Professions Education: Fostering Healthcare Leaders

Comprehensive Health Professions Education:

Ateneo de Manila University's substantial number of graduates in health (pages 10-11) professions showcases a comprehensive approach to healthcare education. By producing professionals in fields like medicine, public health, and allied health sciences, Ateneo addresses the diverse and evolving needs of the healthcare sector.

Meeting UN Targets

Ateneo's achievement in producing 433 health profession graduates (2020-2021) out of 2,325 aligns with the UN SDG 3 Target. This target emphasizes increasing health workforce recruitment, retention, training, and education. Ateneo's commitment to this target indicates a proactive stance in supporting global health initiatives, contributing significantly to developing a skilled and knowledgeable healthcare workforce.

Addressing Health Disparities

Ateneo actively addresses health disparities by educating professionals in health-related fields. Graduates with a foundation in health professions are better prepared to serve diverse communities locally and globally.

Future Healthcare Leaders

Ateneo's graduates in health professions represent the future leaders of the healthcare industry. Equipped with a quality education, ethical values, and a sense of social responsibility, these professionals are poised to impact healthcare delivery, research, and policy significantly.

Ateneo's Collaborative Approach to Health and Well-Being: A Holistic Perspective

Current Collaborations with Health Institutions:

Ateneo's partnerships with local and national health institutions exemplify its commitment to driving health innovation. Collaborative initiatives like the Institute of Philippine Culture's eHATID program and the AMPLify COVID-19 testing facility showcase the university's dedication to technological advancements in healthcare.

Health Outreach Programs and Projects

Ateneo's outreach programs, such as USAID RenewHealth and Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health Outreach, notably the Learning Experiences in Communities (LEC), highlight the institution's social responsibility. These initiatives address crucial areas like drug rehabilitation and community-based healthcare, aligning with UN Targets and promoting health equity and access. The university's focus on community well-being emphasizes the importance of preventive care and education.

Shared Sports Facilities and Health Promotion

By sharing sports facilities such as the Blue Eagle Gym and Moro Lorenzo Sports Center with the local community and promoting active lifestyles, Ateneo contributes to both physical and mental well-being. The university's initiatives emphasize the interconnectedness of physical health and mental well-being, creating an inclusive environment for individuals to engage in sports and exercise.

Mental Health Support and Smoke-Free Policy

Ateneo's active promotion of mental health through the Bulatao Center and online counseling services demonstrates its commitment to the well-being of students and staff. The smoke-free policy and mental health support create a healthier environment, aligning with UN Targets and ensuring a campus that promotes physical and psychological well-being.

2021-2022

Healthcare Education and Workforce Development

Ateneo's commitment to healthcare education continued during 2021-2022.

Collaborative Health Initiatives

Ateneo sustained its collaborations with local and national health institutions, focusing on technological advancements in healthcare. Notable initiatives included the eHATID program and FASSSTER's COVID-19 monitoring platform, reflecting the university's dedication to health innovation.

Community Health Outreach

The Fight Against Hunger initiative continued providing food packs to 10,000 children and their families. Medical missions in underserved communities continued, showcasing Ateneo's commitment to addressing health disparities in local communities.

Physical and Mental Well-being Support

Ateneo maintained its support for mental health through various offices and services, notably the Wellness Hub and the Ateneo Bulatao Center, emphasizing its dedication to the well-being of students and staff. The university's sports facilities remained accessible to the public, promoting physical and mental health for all. The smoke-free policy was reinforced, ensuring a healthier campus environment.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 3 Performance

Ateneo de Manila University has significantly progressed in advancing Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing. The following recommendations are proposed to further enhance its impact in health and wellness, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Focused Research Initiatives: To address local and global health challenges, Ateneo should strengthen its focus areas in health research. It should allocate resources to research topics such as mental health, non-communicable diseases prevalent in the region, and emerging health threats. Collaborating with local health organizations and international research institutions will enable comprehensive studies.

2. Data-Driven Decision Making: Leveraging data analytics and technology will enhance the research process. Investing in data analysis tools will derive meaningful insights from research findings.

3. Knowledge Dissemination: Ateneo should establish platforms for sharing research findings within academic circles and with the broader community. Hosting conferences, workshops, and seminars open to the public and creating user-friendly publications and online resources summarizing research outcomes will ensure that valuable health insights are accessible to everyone.

4. Diversify Health Education Programs: Ateneo should expand the range of health-related courses and degree programs. Introducing interdisciplinary programs integrating healthcare with fields such as technology, business, and policy-making will prepare students to address complex health challenges from various angles.

5. Internship: Enhancing practical learning experiences for students pursuing health-related degrees is essential. Ateneo should establish partnerships with hospitals, clinics, and research centers to provide students with real-world exposure. Practical training and internships will equip them with crucial skills and a deeper understanding of healthcare practices.

6. Continuous Learning for Healthcare Professionals: Introducing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs for healthcare professionals will help them stay updated with the latest medical advancements and evidence-based practices. Ateneo should collaborate with professional bodies to offer accredited courses and workshops, providing a platform for healthcare practitioners to enhance their knowledge and skills.

7. Strengthening Collaborations: To maximize the impact of health services, Ateneo should forge strategic partnerships with local healthcare providers and NGOs. Collaborating on community health camps, vaccination drives, and awareness campaigns will enable the pooling of resources and expertise, especially in underserved areas.

8. Remote Health Services: To reach remote communities, Ateneo should harness digital technology to provide remote healthcare services. The university should support the establishment of community-based hotlines, and mobile health clinics will ensure that consultations, primary healthcare, and health education reach even the most isolated regions.

9. Mental Health Support: Ateneo should prioritize mental health initiatives within the community. Establishing counseling centers, helplines, and support groups will provide accessible and affordable mental health services to students and the wider community. Raising awareness about mental health issues and reducing stigma is crucial.

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Ateneo de Manila University's collaborations in health and well being.

The Ateneo de Manila University's collaborations with various health institutions, locally and globally, are a testament to its commitment to promoting health and well-being, in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being.

One such example is the e-Hatid program of the Institute of Philippine Culture, which underscores the university's dedication to advancing health and technology. Spearheaded by Dr. Dennis Batangan of the Ateneo School of Medicine and supported by the DOST-PCHRD, this initiative focuses on improving health information systems by developing the eHealth tablet. Through community-based interventions, Ateneo contributes to the national agenda of the Universal Health Care Act, working towards bridging gaps in healthcare accessibility and strengthening the health infrastructure in the country.

Moreover, Ateneo's recent partnership with the national government on the AMPLify project, the Ateneo Molecular Pathology Laboratory, highlights the university's prompt response to critical health challenges. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, this collaboration with the Health Department and the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Board established an on-campus COVID-19 testing facility. Named AMPLify, this facility played a crucial role in mass testing efforts, addressing the surging COVID-19 cases and fulfilling the urgent need for diagnostic facilities. Ateneo's proactive involvement in these collaborations not only improves healthcare accessibility but also underscores its commitment to addressing pressing health issues, ultimately contributing to the advancement of SDG 3.

SDG 4 QUALITY EDUCATION

2020-2021

Ateneo de Manila University is committed to providing inclusive education, aligning its efforts with Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

The proportion of Graduates with Teaching Qualifications

Ateneo's focus on producing qualified primary school teachers underscores its role in strengthening the foundational educational landscape.

Lifelong Learning Initiatives: Fostering Continuous Education

Ateneo's initiatives, such as Areté Connect, and policies facilitate lifelong learning, transcending traditional educational boundaries.

Empowering Through Public Resources

Ateneo offers free access to diverse online resources, lectures, and educational materials, such as the Magisterial Lecture series, embodying inclusivity and promoting continuous learning opportunities for all.

Bridging Communities: Public Events and Vocational Training

The University hosts enriching public lectures and webinars, such as the 2nd Edukampyon Webinar Series on "learner agency" through a partnership between the Ateneo Teacher Center and Rex Education, extending educational benefits beyond campus boundaries and fostering a culture of knowledge exchange and skill development. These efforts align with UN Target 4.

Reaching Beyond Educational Outreach Activities

Ateneo's educational outreach initiatives, such as the 2nd Edukampyon Webinar Series on "learner agency" through a partnership between the Ateneo Teacher Center and Rex Education reach local schools and communities, promoting educational inclusivity and ensuring knowledge

dissemination to diverse demographics. These activities align with UN Target for SDG 4.

Ensuring Accessibility: Lifelong Learning Access Policy

Ateneo's non-discriminatory policies, notably the Loyola Schools [Gender Policy](#) guarantee educational access to all, regardless of background, fostering an inclusive educational environment aligned with UN Target for SDG 4.

Supporting Every Aspirant: Proportion of First-Generation Students

Ateneo's commitment to providing educational opportunities for first-generation students showcases its dedication to leaving no one behind in pursuing knowledge.

2021-2022

Producing Qualified Primary School Teachers

Ateneo continues its focus on producing [qualified primary school teachers (page 20)](#).

Lifelong Learning Initiatives

Ateneo's commitment to lifelong learning is evident through initiatives like Areté Connect, which offers diverse educational resources beyond traditional boundaries.

Public Events and Vocational Training

Ateneo hosts enriching public lectures, [webinars](#), and [events](#), fostering knowledge exchange and skill development. The university also offers [skills training program](#)s and [executive education workshops](#), furthering education accessibility.

Education Outreach and Accessibility

Ateneo's outreach efforts extend beyond campus, promoting education through tailored lectures and demonstrations in local schools and communities. The university ensures access to these activities for all, aligning with UN Targets.

Ateneo's Fight Against Hunger initiative, in partnership with the Inquirer Foundation through the [Ateneo Center for Educational Development (ACED),](#) promotes community health and well-being. The program reaches out to

10,000 children and their families in schools like Old Balara Elementary School (OBES) with weekly food packs. Furthermore, Ateneo conducts medical missions in underserved communities, such as Pamilyang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA) and Sumilao farmers, to offer essential health services, including general consultations, wound care, and laboratory tests.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 4 Performance

1. Enhance Preparation for Careers in Education: Given the significant increase in the percentage of graduates with teaching qualifications, it is essential to continue and expand efforts to improve the preparation of graduates for careers in education. This can include strengthening teacher training programs, providing mentorship opportunities, and integrating practical teaching experiences to ensure educators are well-equipped to deliver quality education.

2. Foster Lifelong Learning: Building on the positive trend in lifelong learning measures, sustaining and promoting continuous learning and development opportunities for individuals beyond traditional educational settings is crucial. This can be achieved by offering diverse and accessible lifelong learning programs, such as vocational training events, executive training programs, and institutes for continuing education, as demonstrated in existing initiatives.

3. Inclusive Policies for First-Generation Students: Although there has been a slight decline in the percentage of first-generation students, it is essential to prioritize the promotion of inclusive policies and support mechanisms to ensure equitable access to education for all. Efforts should be made to identify and address barriers faced by first-generation students, such as financial constraints, lack of guidance, and cultural factors. Increasing the representation of first-generation students in higher education institutions can promote diversity and equal opportunities for underrepresented groups.

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Lifelong Learning Training Events at Ateneo de Manila University

Ateneo de Manila University is committed to promoting lifelong learning and vocational training opportunities for the general public. As part of its Executive Education Program, the university offers ad-hoc and programmed events that cater to non-government organizations, academic institutions, legal and non-legal practitioners, and public sectors.

One such event is the Keeping on Track: Executive Training on Project Management and Coordination, part of the Ateneo School of Government's Executive Education Program. This online training was attended by 28 participants from various organizations and institutions, providing them with the necessary skills and knowledge to manage and coordinate projects effectively.

In addition, the Joaquin Bernas SJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education of the Ateneo Human Rights Center provides continuing legal education for legal and non-legal practitioners in the public and civil society sectors. This program offers training and opportunities for practitioners to enhance their knowledge and skills in the legal field.

SDG 5 GENDER EQUALITY

Empowering Women: Ateneo's Commitment to Gender Equality

Ateneo de Manila University is a champion of gender equality, and its initiatives align with Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Supporting Educational Aspirations: Fostering First-Generation Female Students

Ateneo's commitment to empowering women begins with ensuring access to education, especially for the first in their families to attend university. This initiative aligns with UN Targets for SDG 5, highlighting the university's dedication to supporting disadvantaged female students. Ateneo's proactive approach ensures that women from diverse backgrounds have equal opportunities to pursue higher education, breaking barriers and fostering inclusivity.

Ensuring Equal Access: Tracking, Policies, and Support Systems

Ateneo goes beyond admission numbers, implementing comprehensive strategies to ensure equal access to education for women and addressing UN Targets for SDG 5.

Transparent Tracking Measures

Through the University Metrics (2020-2022), Ateneo tracks women's application and entry rates, providing gender-disaggregated data. This transparency ensures accountability and guides further inclusivity efforts.

Inclusive Admission Policies

The Ateneo de Manila University Graduate Programs declare that admission to the Ateneo Loyola Schools is open to all eligible young men and women without discrimination based on nationality, creed, gender, residence, or financial capability. Moreover, the Office of Admission and Aid affirms that Ateneo de Manila University is open to everyone, regardless of background, belief, or economic status.

Scholarships and Support Programs

Ateneo promotes women-focused scholarships, encouraging female students' participation in higher education. The university supports women's educational journey by providing financial aid and mentorship opportunities.

Encouraging Underrepresented Subjects

Ateneo's outreach initiatives encourage women to apply for subjects where they are underrepresented. Through collaborations and programs, such as the Ateneo de Manila Department of Political Science implemented "Capability Building for Gender-Based Violence (GBVE) in Emergencies," an executive capacity-building program in emergency management in conflict, disaster and pandemic situations," the university promotes gender diversity in traditionally male-dominated fields.

Promoting Women in Senior Academic Roles

Ateneo strives for gender balance in senior academic positions, fostering an environment where women can thrive and contribute significantly to the institution's leadership.

Ensuring Graduation Equity

Ateneo monitors women's graduation rates in various fields, addressing gender disparities.

Creating Supportive Environments: Policies and Facilities

Ateneo's policies and support systems ensure a safe and supportive environment.

Non-discrimination Policies

Through the Loyola Schools Gender Policy and the Code of Decorum and Administrative Rules on Sexual Harassment, Other forms of Sexual Misconduct, and Inappropriate Behavior, Ateneo upholds a robust policy against discrimination, ensuring an inclusive environment where everyone is treated with respect and fairness.

Maternity and Paternity Support

The university offers maternity policies and paternity leave, recognizing the importance of work-life balance for its employees.

Childcare Facilities and Mentoring Schemes

Ateneo provides accessible childcare facilities and fosters a culture of mentorship, ensuring women receive guidance and support throughout their academic journey.

2021-2022

Access and Inclusivity

Ateneo University is committed to supporting first-generation female students, with 78 such students out of a total of 1,445 women starting degrees (page 6). This ensures access to education for people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The university has implemented transparent tracking measures, inclusive admission policies, and scholarships, providing equal access to education. It also actively encourages applications from women in underrepresented fields through outreach and collaborations.

Academic Excellence and Support

Ateneo University has made significant progress in promoting gender balance in senior academic roles, employing 72 female academic staff (page 26). This reflects the university's commitment to female representation in leadership positions. The university also awarded degrees to 159 female graduates in STEM, 107 in Medicine, and 973 in Arts and Humanities/Social Sciences, demonstrating a commitment to empowering women across diverse academic disciplines.

Supportive Environment and Well-Being

Ateneo University maintains non-discrimination policies, creating a gender-inclusive community that supports transgender individuals. The university also ensures a safe reporting environment for individuals reporting discrimination. Additionally, the university provides maternity and paternity policies and offers paid leave. More action is needed for childcare facilities, to support the work-life balance of its faculty, staff, and students.

Mentorship and Support Programs

Ateneo University has implemented mentoring schemes for graduate students, emphasizing personal, educational, and professional growth. The university's mentorship programs foster an inclusive and accessible learning environment, ensuring all students have equal development opportunities.

Recommendations For Ateneo's SDG 5 Performance

1. Policy: Revisit and strengthen the basis for the policy regarding women's applications and entry, as stated in the Loyola Schools Graduate Programs statement and the statement from Ateneo Admissions. Establish non-discrimination policies for transgender individuals.

2. Support Services: Revisit the provision of childcare facilities for students, faculty, and staff, as no existing evidence of practice was provided.

3. Programs and initiatives: Substantiate women's application in underrepresented subjects through better initiatives; Enhance access schemes such as the David and Ruth Hopper, Ramesh, and Pilar Bhatia Canada Fund at the Institute of Philippine Culture and Ateneo scholarships; Strengthen mentoring schemes such as those provided by the Graduate Programs Office.

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Women's Application in Underrepresented Subjects

As a part of promoting diversity and inclusivity in education, it is essential to encourage women to apply for subjects where they are underrepresented. The university under discussion recognizes this and has taken various steps to promote women's application in such subjects. The university encourages women's applications through university outreach and collaborates with other universities, community groups, government, or NGOs in regional or national campaigns.

The Department of Political Science's "Capacity-Building on Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE)" aims to build the capability of middle-level decision-makers in GBVE and government and community-based actors. The program targets fund participants from women-led organizations.

Additionally, the university runs a program called Asian Peacebuilders Scholarship (APS) that trains young Asian professionals to become peacebuilding practitioners. The program gives priority funding to low- and middle-income countries where the use of English is not pervasive, including Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.

SDG 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

2020-2021

Ateneo's Performance in SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

Ateneo de Manila University has made great strides in promoting clean water and sanitation, working towards Sustainable Development Goal 6.

Safe and Regular Water Supply

Ateneo implements the Ateneo de Manila University Sustainability 2021 Guidelines, ensuring the availability and reliability of a safe and regular water supply within its community. Adequate data is provided, indicating transparency and accountability in water supply management.

Improved Sanitation Facilities

Ateneo has implemented policies and initiatives to ensure the well-being of the campus community regarding sanitation facilities. Data regarding sanitation facilities are available, indicating transparency and awareness.

Water Consumption Tracking

Ateneo measures the total volume of water used, demonstrating a commitment to tracking and managing water consumption. Ateneo efficiently uses water, as evidenced by the campus population's water volume.

Wastewater Treatment

Ateneo has an effective wastewater treatment system promoting responsible water usage.

Preventing Water System Pollution

Ateneo has implemented processes to prevent water pollution, showcasing a proactive approach.

Providing Free Drinking Water

Ateneo implements such as the Office for Food Safety and Quality Assurance Guidelines, ensuring the availability of free drinking water, contributing positively to community health and well-being.

Water-Conscious Building Standards

Ateneo has applied water-conscious building standards, indicating a commitment to water conservation.

Water-Conscious Planting

Ateneo promotes water-conscious planting, enhancing sustainability efforts. The Ateneo de Manila University Sustainability Guidelines provide that "Whenever possible, less water-intensive vegetation is chosen for campus greening."

Water Reuse Policy

Ateneo has a robust policy for maximizing water reuse, reflecting dedication to sustainable practices.

Water Reuse Measurement

Ateneo effectively measures water reuse, showcasing accountability and transparency.

Water Management Educational Opportunities

Ateneo provides educational opportunities, contributing to community awareness and water management knowledge.

Promoting Conscious Water Usage

Ateneo actively promotes conscious water usage on campus and in the broader community.

Off-Campus Water Conservation Support

Ateneo supports water conservation efforts off-campus, actively engaging with the larger community.

Sustainable Water Extraction on Campus

Ateneo utilizes sustainable water extraction technologies, contributing to environmental conservation.

Cooperation on Water Security

Ateneo collaborates with various levels of government, showcasing a commitment to water security at a broader scale.

The Ateneo Innovation Center offers programs on water management skills to local communities. Its innovative projects, including solar-powered clean water systems and wastewater treatment solutions, promote sustainability and empower communities. Collaborative initiatives like the Philippine Groundwater Outlook project help communities understand the impacts of climate change on groundwater resources and population growth.

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Sustainable Water Management and Conservation

Ensuring a Safe and Regular Water Supply

Ateneo University maintains a consistent and safe water supply through transparent management and monitoring, utilizing efficient practices to conserve substantial volumes of water.

Improving Sanitation Facilities

The university has implemented effective policies and systems for wastewater treatment, reusing treated water for various purposes, and promoting campus hygiene and well-being.

Tracking Water Consumption

Ateneo University maintains water consumption records, demonstrating accountability and efficient use of water resources for the campus population.

Pollution Prevention and Water Quality Assurance

Sustainable Wastewater Treatment

The university utilizes natural processes and sustainable systems for wastewater treatment, ensuring the responsible disposal of sewage without harm to the environment.

Preventing Water System Pollution

Ateneo University implements stringent measures to prevent water pollution, adhering to environmental standards and using decentralized wastewater treatment systems.

Providing Free Drinking Water

The university ensures access to potable water in public areas, conducting regular testing to maintain compliance with national standards and ensure water quality.

Sustainable Infrastructure and Practices

Water-Conscious Building Standards

Ateneo University incorporates sustainable practices in construction, including rainwater harvesting, water-efficient fixtures, and adherence to water-conscious building standards.

Water-Conscious Planting

The university promotes using drought-tolerant plants and green technologies, aligning with water conservation principles for landscaping and vegetation.

Water Reuse Policy and Measurement

Ateneo University has implemented comprehensive rainwater harvesting and wastewater reuse policies, ensuring accountable and transparent water management practices.

Community Engagement and Education

Water Management Educational Opportunities

The university organizes educational events addressing water scarcity enhancing community awareness and knowledge about sustainable water management practices.

Promoting Conscious Water Usage

Ateneo University takes proactive steps to promote conscious water usage, deploying clean water systems and providing hands-on training for communities on and off campus.

Off-Campus Water Conservation Support

The university collaborates on community projects like "DIGDI," incorporating water-related technologies in disaster-resilient houses, enhancing community resilience.

Collaborative Water Security Initiatives

Sustainable Water Extraction

Ateneo University utilizes sustainable technologies like rainwater harvesting and stormwater management, minimizing the impact on public sewage systems and conserving water resources.

Cooperation on Water Security

Ateneo de Manila University collaborates with national government agencies to address water-related issues in nine water-critical cities. One of the major projects is PhiGO, led by Dr. Ma. Aileen Leah G. Guzman and Dr. Andrew Barkwith, funded by the PH-UK Newton Agham program. PhiGO evaluates climate impact on groundwater resources, flood, and drought risks and partners with Pampanga and Iloilo City governments.

The university collaborates with local and national governments on projects like PhiGO, assessing climate change impacts and groundwater resources and actively addressing water-related challenges in critical areas.

Recommendation for Ateneo's SDG 6 Performance

Ateneo has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to promoting clean water and sanitation within its campus and the broader community. While notable progress has been made, there are opportunities for further enhancement across key areas:

1. Sustainable Water Consumption: Ateneo should focus on implementing advanced technologies for real-time water monitoring, identifying areas of potential water wastage, and promoting water conservation awareness among students, staff, and faculty. Continuous efforts in these areas will contribute significantly to sustainable water usage on campus.

2. Enhancing Water Usage and Care: To maintain high standards, the university could invest in upgrading its wastewater treatment facilities and

preventive measures against water system pollution. Regular training sessions for campus members regarding the proper use and care of water resources are essential to ensure efficient water management.

3. Strengthening Water Reuse Initiatives: Ateneo should invest in research and development of innovative water reuse technologies. Collaborating with local organizations and research institutions can bring fresh ideas and resources, enabling Ateneo to effectively expand its water recycling efforts.

4. Community Engagement and Partnerships: To enhance its community impact, Ateneo should expand its educational programs, awareness campaigns, and partnerships with local governments and NGOs. Establishing long-term projects to provide clean water access to neighboring communities could significantly contribute to SDG 6.

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Ateneo de Manila University's 2021 Sustainability Guidelines Promote Clean and Renewable Technologies for Water Conservation and Wastewater Treatment

The Ateneo de Manila University has updated its Sustainability Guidelines, which aim to promote sustainable practices throughout the institution. The guidelines are based on "green tropical built environment principles and innovative, clean and renewable technology" and cover a wide range of topics, including water conservation and wastewater treatment.

One of the critical features of the updated guidelines is the emphasis on implementing clean and renewable technologies. For example, the University has installed water conservation and wastewater treatment systems such as DEWATS or BWATS, rainwater harvesting and storage, and water-saving installations such as dual flush toilets and aerators for water taps.

The Ateneo Sustainability Report 2020 documents the University's efforts to reuse water through various approaches. Rainwater collection for flushing and wastewater treatment through implementing the Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System (DEWATS) and the Integrated Sustainable Irrigation System (ISIS) are two of the main approaches used. The University reuses wastewater by treating effluent through aerobic and anaerobic reactors and reed beds and uses it for irrigation.

The University offers free educational opportunities for water management to the public. The Ateneo Innovation Center (AIC) has grown significantly over the last decade, helping startups turn their ideas into ventures and connecting them to industry partners, NGOs, and LGUs. AIC's provides free and accessible community-based projects based on a solar-powered clean water system, domestic wastewater treatment system, solar auto-hand washer, off-grid ventilator, electronic sensor, and monitoring system of low-cost phototherapy light system.

Moreover, the Philippine Groundwater Outlook, a joint project of the Ateneo de Manila University, the British Geological Survey, and the Natural Environment Research Council, has helped communities contribute to the participatory assessment of climate change and population growth impact on groundwater resources. Project proponents developed monitoring and forecasting models on floods and drought risks and social factors in the project sites of Pampanga and Iloilo City.

SDG 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Ateneo de Manila University has shown significant progress in promoting affordable and clean energy on its campus and the wider community, aligning with various aspects of SDG 7. The university has implemented sustainable practices and energy-efficient measures in several ways, as discussed below:

Energy-Efficient Renovation and Building:

Ateneo's sustainability guidelines focus on incorporating green tropical built environment principles and innovative technologies in new constructions. Additionally, the Campus Master Plan ensures the preservation of greenery and open spaces, promoting energy-efficient designs and biodiversity.

Upgrading Existing Buildings for Energy Efficiency:

The University's Solar Project is a testament to the university's dedication to upgrading existing buildings for higher energy efficiency. The installation of solar rooftops and the commitment to additional solar power capacity highlight their efforts toward sustainable energy consumption.

Carbon Reduction and Emission Management:

Ateneo manages energy and greenhouse gas emissions by employing energy-efficient technologies and sustainable building standards. Their sustainable commuting program, use of LED lights, and the implementation of solar power projects demonstrate their commitment to reducing carbon emissions.

Energy Efficiency Planning and Wastage Identification:

The university has implemented an energy efficiency plan and regularly undergoes energy reviews to identify areas of wastage. Through the Ateneo de Manila University's Solar Project and Annual Energy Utilization Reports, Ateneo actively monitors energy consumption and implements conservation measures.

Community Outreach and Partnerships:

Ateneo engages with the local community through programs like ASEP-CELLs and partnerships with organizations like the Coastal Communities at Risk in the Philippines. These initiatives focus on educating the community about energy efficiency and providing free and accessible clean energy technologies, fostering a collaborative approach to sustainable energy.

Policy Development and Support:

Ateneo supports the government in clean energy policy development, mainly through its partnership with the Philippine Department of Energy and the Local Government Academy. Their involvement in discussions regarding the impact of energy management devolution showcases their commitment to shaping national and local energy policies.

Assistance to Low-Carbon Innovation:

The Ateneo Innovation Center actively supports startups working on low-carbon technologies. Projects like community-based solar-powered clean water systems and innovative solutions like procurement contribute significantly to fostering a low-carbon economy.

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Energy-Efficient Renovation and Building

Preserving greenery and open spaces is a priority at Ateneo, aligning with energy-efficient designs and biodiversity. The university maintained its focus on green tropical built environment principles and innovative technologies.

Upgrading Existing Buildings for Energy Efficiency

Efforts were made to upgrade existing buildings, including repairs, replacements, and preventive maintenance. New construction projects incorporated designs to minimize solar exposure and heat gain, contributing to energy efficiency. Solar power initiatives were continued, committed to enhancing solar power capacity and installing solar rooftops on buildings.

Carbon Reduction and Emission Management

Ateneo aimed to become carbon neutral by 2030, focusing on reducing carbon emissions and investing in renewable energy sources. Initiatives included divestment from fossil fuels and promoting sustainable transportation and eco-friendly materials. The university actively managed

energy and greenhouse gas emissions, employing sustainable practices and energy-efficient technologies.

Energy Efficiency Planning and Wastage Identification

Ateneo implemented energy efficiency plans, including sub-meters, water conservation, energy-efficient lighting, and air-conditioning units. Regular energy reviews were conducted to identify areas of high energy wastage. Solar PV systems were utilized to power a significant portion of the campus's electricity consumption.

Community Outreach and Partnerships

Ateneo engaged with the local community through various programs. Efforts like the Smart Agriculture project focused on promoting energy efficiency and clean energy within the community. Partnerships with government departments and organizations enabled the university to educate the community about energy efficiency and provide accessible clean energy technologies.

Policy Development and Support

The university actively supported clean energy policy development through collaborations with government.

Assistance to Low-Carbon Innovation

Ateneo continued to support startups working on low-carbon technologies through programs like the Ateneo Blue Nest.

Energy Use Density

In 2021-2022, Ateneo used 44,965 GJ of energy for 303,223 m2 of university floor space, indicating effective energy management practices within the campus facilities.

Recommendations on Ateneo's SDG 7 Performance

To improve Ateneo's SDG 7 performance on affordable and clean energy, the following recommendations should be considered:

1. Enhancing Research Initiatives: Ateneo should continue investing in research related to clean and affordable energy solutions. The focus should be on interdisciplinary studies, exploring innovative technologies, and conducting in-depth analyses to contribute valuable insights to the global conversation on sustainable energy practices.

2. Strengthening University Measures: Although Ateneo has maintained efforts in university measures, there is room for improvement. Enhance existing policies and practices related to energy efficiency within the university infrastructure. Consider updating energy policies to align with the latest international standards and emphasize renewable energy sources.

3. Optimizing Energy Use: Ateneo should optimize energy use to reduce further the energy consumption per unit area of its buildings. Implement energy-efficient technologies, explore renewable energy sources, and promote awareness about responsible energy usage among students and staff.

4. Strengthening Community Engagement: Ateneo's engagement with the local community has shown improvement, but there's potential for further growth. Develop community outreach programs that educate residents about energy conservation, renewable energy adoption, and the benefits of clean energy. Collaborate with local governments and organizations to create impactful initiatives that promote sanitary energy practices in surrounding areas.

5. Collaborative Partnerships and Knowledge Exchange: Partner with other educational institutions, research organizations, and industry leaders. Engage in collaborative projects, knowledge exchange programs, and joint research ventures to develop affordable, clean energy solutions. By leveraging collective expertise, Ateneo can accelerate progress in sustainable energy initiatives.

6. Student Involvement and Awareness: Encourage student involvement through organizations and awareness campaigns centered around clean energy. Empowering students with knowledge and encouraging them to participate actively in sustainable energy projects can significantly contribute to the university's SDG 7 objectives.

8. Continuous Monitoring and Reporting: Implement a monitoring and reporting system to track energy consumption, renewable energy generation, and the impact of community engagement initiatives. Regularly publish reports detailing achievements, challenges faced, and plans. Transparency and accountability are crucial in sustaining momentum and garnering support from stakeholders.

FEATURE

ASOG's Access to Sustainable Energy Programme-Clean Energy Living Laboratories: Paving the Way for a Sustainable Future in the Philippines

Ateneo School of Government's Energy and Sustainability Research The Ateneo School of Government (ASOG) is at the forefront of energy and sustainability research, focusing on promoting access to sustainable energy. The school's research is published under the Access to Sustainable Energy Programme-Clean Energy Living Laboratories (ASEP-CELLs) project, a collaborative effort between the government Department of Energy and the EU.

The ASEP-CELLs project is an initiative that aims to accelerate the adoption of clean and renewable energy technologies in the Philippines. ASOG's research under this project covers many topics, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable transportation.

SDG 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

2020-2021

Under SDG 8, Ateneo University has significantly promoted decent work and economic growth. The following headings and themes provide an overview of Ateneo's performance in this area:

Employment Practice

Ateneo is committed to fair employment practices and labor rights through various policies and agreements. The policies include the following:

- Employment Practice Living Wage: Ateneo ensures that staff receive compensation meeting local standards, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA 2019-2022), demonstrating a commitment to paying living wages.

- Recognition of Unions & Labor Rights: Ateneo recognizes the rights of unions and labor through agreements like the CBA 2019-2022, ensuring the right to self-organization, collective bargaining, and negotiations

- Policy on Ending Discrimination: Ateneo has policies that protect against discrimination, promoting inclusivity regardless of gender, sexuality, religion, age, or other factors. These policies include the Loyola Schools Gender Policy and Faculty Manual (2019)

- Policy on Modern Slavery: Ateneo ensures no forced labor, no modern slavery, and no child labor in its operations, aligning with international labor standards. The Hiring Policy and Staff Handbook outlines this policy.

- Policy on Equivalent Rights in Outsourcing: Ateneo guarantees equivalent workers' rights when outsourcing activities, fostering fair treatment and adherence to labor laws.

- Pay Scale Equity Policy: Ateneo reports gender pay ratios in the Ateneo Sustainability Report 2020, demonstrating efforts to ensure pay scale equity. The university also has a Job Evaluation Policy in place.

- Tracking Pay Scale for Gender Equity: Ateneo tracks the pay scale of gender equity, promoting transparency and accountability in ensuring equal pay for equal work.

- Employment Practice Appeal Process: Ateneo provides avenues for employees to appeal on employee rights and pay, ensuring a fair and just process for dispute resolution.

The proportion of Students with Work Placements

Ateneo's initiative to prepare students for the workforce is exemplified by offering work placements. The number of students with employment placements for over a month reflects Ateneo's commitment to practical, real-world experiences.

The proportion of Employees on Secure Contracts

The proportion of contract employees over 24 months is essential to ensure stable employment. Unfortunately, specific data on this metric are not provided, making evaluating Ateneo's performance in this area challenging.

2021-2022

As part of its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 8, Ateneo de Manila University made significant strides towards promoting Decent Work and Economic Growth during 2020-2021. Here is an overview of the university's performance in this area:

Employment Practice:

Ateneo implemented policies and agreements to ensure fair employment practices and labor rights. These policies included provisions for living wages, union recognition, anti-discrimination measures, and protection against modern slavery and child labor. The university also established an appeal process for employees to address grievances, which promoted fairness in employment practices.

Proportion of Employees on Secure Contracts (Data Unavailable for 2020-2022):

Ateneo's commitment to decent work suggests that the university made efforts to maintain stable employment for its staff. This commitment demonstrates Ateneo's dedication to ensuring job security for its employees.

Expenditure per Employee

Universities play a significant role in driving economic growth, and employee investments contribute to national and regional economic development.

Proportion of Students with Work Placements in 2021-2022:

In 2021-2022, Ateneo continued its efforts to prepare students for the workforce, indicating a sustained focus on practical education and employability. While specific data on the number of students with work placement for more than a month (page 16) was unavailable for this period, Ateneo's commitment to this metric suggests the university's continued dedication to real-world skill development.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 8 Performance

The University has consistently committed to research and understanding the dynamics of Decent Work and Economic Growth, specifically in SDG 8. It is essential to continue investigating emerging trends and challenges in the field.

1. Enhancing Employment Practices : Ateneo has made some strides in improving employment practices, but there is still much room for improvement. To enhance this aspect further, the university should focus on continuous dialogue with employee unions, ensuring their voices are heard. Transparent communication channels facilitate constructive negotiations, fostering a work environment based on mutual respect and understanding. Additionally, regular training programs on diversity, inclusion, and anti-discrimination policies can further strengthen the university's commitment to providing a safe and fair workplace for all.

2. Optimizing Expenditure per Employee: Strategic investments in expenditure per employee, employee well-being, professional development, and infrastructure can increase productivity and job satisfaction. By analyzing spending patterns, Ateneo can identify areas for improvement and allocate resources effectively, ensuring that every peso spent contributes meaningfully to the university's mission and the well-being of its employees.

3. Increasing Percentage of Students on Work Placements: Collaborations with local businesses and industries can create more placement

opportunities for students, giving them valuable real-world experiences. Moreover, strengthening mentorship programs between alums and current students can provide insights into career paths, creating a bridge between education and employment.

4. Ensuring Secure Contracts : Ateneo should consider implementing long-term contracts for eligible staff, providing job security and stability. Transparent communication regarding contract terms and opportunities for professional growth within the university can enhance employee morale and retention.

SDG 9: INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Fostering Entrepreneurship and Innovation: University Spin-Offs

Ateneo's need for registered university spin-offs represents an area for potential growth. To stimulate the creation of spin-off companies, Ateneo should encourage entrepreneurship among students and faculty, facilitate collaboration between academic research and industry, and provide resources for startups.

Establishing mentorship programs and offering incubation support can nurture innovative ideas and transform them into sustainable enterprises, aligning with SDG 9.

Ateneo's research income from industry can be further optimized. Strengthening collaborations between academic staff and industries, particularly in STEM fields, can lead to mutually beneficial research projects.

Encouraging interdisciplinary research involving Medicine, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences can diversify research income sources. Ateneo can actively engage with industry partners to attract more research funding, foster innovation, and contribute to developing new technologies and solutions.

Bridging Academia and Industry for Research Collaboration

Ateneo should focus on bridging academia and industry for research collaboration to optimize its potential in SDG 9. By strengthening collaboration between academic staff and industries, Ateneo can attract more research funding, foster innovation, and contribute to developing new technologies and solutions.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 9 Performance

1. Spin-offs:

- Introduce more entrepreneurship programs that educate students and faculty on business development, intellectual property rights, and startup management.

- Offer seed funding and mentorship to aspiring entrepreneurs within the university community.

2. Research Income from Industry

- Establish dedicated platforms for industry-academia collaboration.

- Facilitate workshops, seminars, and conferences that bring together researchers and industry professionals to exchange ideas and explore potential collaborations.

- Encourage interdisciplinary research projects that involve multiple subject areas.

- Create awareness about IP protection and commercialization among researchers.

- Actively pursue research grants from industry partners.

3. Academe and Industry Collaboration

- Foster collaboration between STEM, Medicine, and Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences departments to tackle complex societal challenges from various perspectives.

- Support patent applications and licensing agreements, enabling the university to capitalize on its intellectual assets.

- Enhance the development of a dedicated team to identify funding opportunities, prepare research proposals, and establish mutually beneficial partnerships with industries seeking innovative solutions.

- Establish dedicated spaces within the university, such as incubation centers and innovation hubs, where entrepreneurs can collaborate, access resources, and receive mentorship.

SDG 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Analyzing Ateneo's Performance in SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities.

2020-2021

Ateneo de Manila University's commitment to inclusivity and diversity is evident in its efforts to reduce inequalities. Here, we review the university's performance in five key areas:

First-Generation Students

Ateneo recognizes the importance of providing access to education for students from families without a university background. The university supports first-generation students, p.7 by providing opportunities such as scholarships.

Students from Developing Countries

Ateneo actively promotes diversity by admitting students from low or lower-middle-income countries and providing them with financial aid. The university's efforts to ensure accessibility and affordability contribute to UN Targets, fostering international inclusivity.

The proportion of Students with Disabilities and Employees with Disabilities

Ateneo's commitment to inclusivity extends to individuals with disabilities. The university provides support services, accessible facilities, and targeted mentoring programs to ensure equal opportunities for students and employees with disabilities.

Measures Against Discrimination

Ateneo actively combats discrimination by implementing non-discriminatory admissions policies, tracking underrepresented group applications, and taking planned actions to recruit from these groups. The existence of a diversity committee and support services showcase the university's dedication to UN Targets for SDG 10, ensuring that marginalized groups have equal opportunities to succeed.

Accessible Facilities and Disability Support

Ateneo's commitment to reducing inequalities is further evident in its efforts to provide accessible facilities and support services for students and employees with disabilities. The university ensures a physically accessible campus, including restrooms and parking slots for people with disabilities. Providing accommodation policies, mentoring programs, and academic support services ensures holistic support, aligning with UN Targets for SDG 10.

2021-2022

First-generation students:

Ateneo remained dedicated to supporting first-generation students (page 7), with 168 beginning their degrees in 2022 out of 2801 students.

Students from developing countries:

The university admitted 33 international students from developing countries (page 14) in 2022 and provided them with financial assistance, contributing to the UN Targets for SDG 10.

Proportion of students with disabilities:

In 2022, Ateneo had 1301 students with disabilities (page 15) out of a total population of 13159, ensuring that inclusivity and accessibility were prioritized at all degree levels.

Measures against discrimination:

Ateneo demonstrated its firm stance against discrimination by implementing non-discriminatory admissions policies, tracking applications and admissions of underrepresented groups, planning actions for recruitment, and providing support services for these groups. The university's diversity committee and accessible facilities further demonstrated its commitment to reducing inequalities.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 10 Performance

1. Enhanced Support for First-Generation Students: Implement mentorship programs, academic workshops, and peer support networks tailored explicitly for first-generation students. Provide career counseling and networking opportunities to bridge the gap between education and employment.

2. Global Integration Programs: Expand orientation programs and cultural exchange initiatives for international students—Foster partnerships with local communities to provide practical support, language assistance, and avenues for cultural integration.

3. Accessible Employment Practices: Actively recruit individuals with disabilities, ensuring equal employment opportunities. Establish mentorship programs for employees with disabilities and promote a barrier-free work environment.

4. Awareness Campaigns: Conduct regular awareness campaigns about anti-discrimination policies, disability rights, and the importance of inclusive practices. Encourage open dialogues and workshops to promote understanding and acceptance within the university community.

5. Continuous Policy Evaluation: Regularly assess the effectiveness of existing policies and support programs. Gather feedback from students, staff, and faculty to identify areas for improvement and implement necessary changes.

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Ateneo de Manila University's Commitment to Diversity and Inclusivity: Providing Equal Opportunities and Support for All Students

Ateneo de Manila University provides targeted support and mentoring for students with special needs. The Admissions Testing Guidelines for Accommodation of Applicants with Special Needs of the Loyola Schools Graduate Programs assists and provides reasonable accommodation to students who are persons with disabilities or with special needs, specifically in the area of admissions testing requirements and procedures.

The university recognizes the right to equal opportunity for students with special needs and disabilities, with policies to provide reasonable academic accommodation, psycho-emotional support, psychiatric and medical referral, and formative action. Moreover, mentoring is part of the monitoring and reassessment phase when students with special needs must meet with a mentor or guidance counselor.

SDG 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

2020-2021

Promotion of Arts and Heritage

Ateneo de Manila University is committed to promoting arts and heritage in the local community through various initiatives. The university provides public access to culturally significant buildings and monuments, including the Ateneo Art Gallery, Church of Gesu, Rizal Library, Ateneo Library of Women's Writings, and Areté installations, and Ateneo Wild Project.

These initiatives allow public members to engage with Filipino national artists' works, explore green spaces, and access knowledge and resources.

Ateneo also encourages local arts through student-led organizations like Tanghalang Ateneo and the Performing Arts Cluster, which showcase contemporary and classic Filipino works.

The university also records and preserves cultural heritage through projects like Sandaang Salaysay and ALIWW, which help sustain Filipino cultural traditions.

Sustainable Practices

Ateneo is committed to promoting sustainable practices on campus through various initiatives.

- The university supports sustainable commuting by encouraging carpooling schemes, electric shuttles, and bike lanes.

- It also provides affordable housing for employees and students and promotes remote working arrangements to address the housing needs of its community.

- The University supports remote working and provides Guidelines for Work from Home Conduct.

- Ateneo prioritizes pedestrian access on campus, fosters a safe and walkable environment, and collaborates with local authorities to ensure community development and inclusive planning.

● The university also adheres to [sustainable building standards](#), provides responsible waste management, and tracks waste generation while implementing recycling programs.

2021-2022

Ateneo's commitment to SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities is evident through its various initiatives promoting arts and heritage, sustainable practices, and affordable housing. Some of the highlights include:

Support of Arts and Heritage:

Ateneo provides public access to c[ulturally significant buildings](#), artifacts, [libraries](#), and green spaces. The university also showcases its commitment to the arts through [public performances,](#) contributing significantly to the local arts scene.

Expenditure on Arts and Heritage:

Ateneo allocates a substantial amount of its total university expenditure for arts and heritage initiatives, demonstrating its commitment to promoting and preserving cultural heritage.

Sustainable Practices:

Ateneo promotes sustainable commuting through the [E-Jeep program, bike lanes, walkways, and e-jeeps](#). The university also allows remote working, provides [affordable housing options](#), prioritizes pedestrian access on campus, and collaborates with local authorities and organizations to address planning issues. Ateneo also adheres to sustainability guidelines while building new buildings.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 11 Performance

1. Enhancing Public Engagement and Access: Ateneo should expand its public engagement initiatives, promoting awareness and participation in cultural events, heritage programs, and sustainable practices. Implement free public access days, interactive workshops, and community events to involve a broader audience.

2. Strengthening Cultural Preservation: Establish partnerships with local artists, historians, and cultural experts to document and preserve local traditions, folklore, and languages. Create a dedicated cultural preservation center within the university, promoting research and education about the region's cultural heritage.

3. Sustainable Transportation and Commuting: Expand eco-friendly transportation options on campus, including electric vehicle charging stations, bike-sharing programs, and incentives for carpooling. Develop awareness campaigns to encourage students and staff to use sustainable modes of transport, reducing the carbon footprint of commuting.

4. Green Campus Initiatives

- Intensify efforts to enhance green spaces on campus, promoting biodiversity, urban agriculture, and sustainable landscaping.

- Involve students in tree-planting drives and ecological restoration projects.

- Implement a waste reduction strategy across all university facilities, including composting and recycling programs.

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The Church of Gesu, designed by the Recio+Casas architecture firm, symbolizes Filipino Catholic culture and is a notable architectural gem in Manila. The Church's roof design, inspired by the traditional Philippine nipa hut, represents the Holy Trinity. With appropriate campus registration, the Church of Gesu is open to the public, providing a serene and contemplative space for visitors to appreciate the architecture and experience moments of reflection and prayer.

On the other hand, the Ateneo Wild Project offers public access to the University's green spaces through guided walking tours. Ateneo Wild aims to conserve biodiversity by describing the science behind the campus flora and fauna. Guided walking tours are open to students, employees, Jesuit residents, and other contributors interested in discovering the University's biodiverse ecosystem. These tours also provide an opportunity for citizen-oriented science and decision-making regarding campus urban development. The Ateneo Wild Project's guided walking tours enable visitors to witness the fantastic biodiversity of the campus.

The University boasts an impressive flora and fauna, including various bird species, butterflies, and plants. The Ateneo Wild Project also emphasizes the importance of preserving the environment and the role that the University plays in ecological conservation.

SDG 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Ethical Sourcing and Waste Disposal Policies

Ateneo has comprehensive policies governing ethical sourcing and waste disposal, ensuring the quality and safety of food products while managing hazardous waste through structured protocols. The university emphasizes safety and emergency procedures.

Minimization of Plastic and Disposable Items

Ateneo actively minimizes plastic use by banning plastic straws and single-use plastics while ensuring the responsible use of engineered and renewable packaging.

Extension of Policies to Suppliers and Waste Recycling

Ateneo's policies strive to extend to outsourced services and the supply chain, ensuring suppliers and contractors adhere to sustainable development principles. The university actively measures waste generated and recycled to demonstrate a commitment to waste reduction and recycling efforts.

Publication of a Progress Report

Ateneo publishes sustainability reports every three years to showcase its progress and commitment to sustainability. These reports provide a transparent view of the university's initiatives and contributions to the SDGs.

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Ethical Sourcing and Waste Disposal Policies:

From 2021 to 2022, Ateneo prioritized ethical sourcing and waste disposal policies as part of its Laudato Si Plan and Sustainability Guidelines. The university ensured that its food and supply sourcing practices were honest and environmentally responsible. Nutritious menus were developed, meat consumption was reduced, and green purchasing procedures were followed to ensure that products met strict environmental standards.

Minimization of Plastic and Disposable Items:

Ateneo implemented policies to minimize plastic and disposable items, prohibiting plastic straws and single-use plastics. Instead, reusable straws, glasses, cups, and containers were encouraged. Educational programs were available to promote sustainable food production, packaging, and consumption practices. The cafeteria menu featured climate-friendly food choices, and acceptable packaging materials included natural, degradable, and reusable options.

Extension of Policies to Suppliers and Waste Recycling:

Ateneo took its policies further by ensuring that it extended to its suppliers and the waste recycling process. The university partnered with suppliers and contractors who followed sustainable development principles. It also redirected a significant amount of waste to its Material Recovery Facility (MRF), showcasing its proactive stance on recycling and environmental responsibility.

Publication of a Progress Report:

To highlight its impact on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, Ateneo published a progress report titled "Empowering Futures." The report outlined its policies for ethical sourcing, waste disposal, plastic reduction, and supplier sustainability. It also showcased community-based partnerships and initiatives to develop and implement food-energy-water technologies. By publishing this report, Ateneo demonstrated its transparency, progress, and commitment to responsible consumption and production practices.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 12 Performance

1. Ethical Sourcing and Fair Trade Practices: Strengthen partnerships with local farmers and producers, promoting fair trade practices. Develop an ethical sourcing policy for all campus facilities, ensuring that products are sustainable, environmentally friendly, and ethically produced. Support local businesses that adhere to responsible production methods.

2. Plastic and Waste Reduction Campaign

- Launch a comprehensive plastic reduction campaign, including awareness drives, workshops, and incentives for reducing single-use plastics.

- Implement a plastic-free campus initiative, encouraging the use of reusable containers and utensils.

- Collaborate with vendors to reduce plastic packaging and explore sustainable alternatives.

3. Circular Economy Implementation

- Develop a circular economy strategy, focusing on product lifecycle analysis, recycling, and upcycling initiatives.

- Establish partnerships with recycling facilities and organize awareness events highlighting the importance of a circular economy.

- Encourage students and faculty to participate in research projects centered on circular economy practices.

4. Supplier and Supply Chain Sustainability

- Strengthen the university's supply chain sustainability by vetting suppliers based on their environmental policies and practices.

- Encourage suppliers to adhere to responsible production methods and ethical labor practices.

- Establish a supplier code of conduct, ensuring all partners align with the university's sustainability goals.

5. Transparent Reporting and Accountability

- Enhance transparency by publishing annual sustainability reports detailing progress, challenges, and future goals related to SDG 12.

- Regularly update stakeholders on the university's sustainable practices and achievements, including students, staff, and the local community.

- Foster a culture of accountability, encouraging feedback and suggestions from all stakeholders.

FEATURE

Ateneo de Manila University Takes Bold Steps Towards Sustainability with Policies on Plastic and Disposable Item Use

Ateneo de Manila University has recently updated its sustainability policies and guidelines (January 2021) to include measures to minimize campus plastic and disposable item use. The revised policies ban the use of plastic straws and beverages served in single-use plastics and other disposable glasses and only allow acceptable forms of packaging that conform to the plastic recycling code set by the Society of Plastics Industry, Inc.

The guidelines apply to caterers and service providers on campus, and the Office for Food Safety and Quality Assurance provides specific mandates for food businesses operating in the Loyola Schools cafeteria. For example, the guidelines require the leading food business operator to install water fountains in their food service premises and mandate the placement of clean glasses and a tray for used drinking glasses.

In addition to minimizing plastic and disposable item use, the university is committed to ensuring that its policies extend to outsourced services and the supply chain. The updated sustainability guidelines state that the university will only use suppliers, contractors, and service providers whose organizations follow sustainable development principles, such as ethical labor and environmental practices.

The university's Central Purchasing Office Manual of Operations also requires contractors to certify compliance with all government-mandated laws relative to the project concerns, including labor law and construction safety requirements. Contractors and third-party stakeholders' operations should align with campus sustainability principles, and they are expected to do the job at their best, ensuring quality craft in an orderly, accurate, safe, and clean manner.

SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION

2020-2021

Low-Carbon Energy Tracking

Ateneo has made significant progress in measuring and utilizing low-carbon energy sources, primarily through its solar energy projects. The installation of solar panels in 2020 demonstrates the university's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint. Approximately 2.587% of the electricity consumption on the main campus is derived from solar power, showcasing a tangible shift towards sustainable energy practices.

Environmental Education Measures

Ateneo actively engages in local education programs on climate change risks, mitigation, and adaptation. The university contributes to competency-based energy training programs for local government units through partnerships with governmental bodies like the Philippine Department of Energy and the Local Government Academy. Moreover, through CCARPH, Ateneo collaborates with NGOs like the Manila Observatory and Buklod Tao, promoting climate adaptation through research, outreach, and community engagement.

Commitment to Carbon-Neutral University

While Ateneo has not yet set a specific target date for becoming carbon neutral, the university is actively engaged in research and initiatives to mitigate climate change impacts. Focusing on projects like Spirulina cultivation and combating illegal wildlife trading demonstrates Ateneo's dedication to addressing environmental challenges.

2021-2022

Ateneo's Progress in Achieving SDG 13: Climate Action (2021-2022)

Monitoring Low-Carbon Energy Usage:

During 2021-2022, Ateneo continued to measure and utilize low-carbon energy sources. The university closely monitored its low carbon energy

consumption from solar PV systems, aiming to increase the share of solar energy in its overall consumption by 20% before 2024. Implementing solar panel installations and energy-saving measures significantly reduced Ateneo's carbon footprint.

Promoting Environmental Education:

Ateneo collaborated with organizations such as Oxfam Pilipinas and the National Resilience Council to provide local education programs on climate change. The university actively participated in cooperative planning for climate change disasters, informing and supporting local governments in early warning and monitoring of climate change disasters. Ateneo also worked with NGOs on climate adaptation as part of its initiatives.

Commitment to Carbon Neutrality:

As part of its integral ecology journey, Ateneo set a target date for achieving carbon neutrality between 2030 and 2039. This commitment aligned with Pope Francis' call to integral ecology and the Laudato Si University initiative, reflecting Ateneo's dedication to becoming a carbon-neutral institution.

Recommendation for Ateneo's SDG 13 Performance

Ateneo has significantly contributed to reducing carbon emissions through its Solar Energy Project. However, there is room for improvement in increasing the share of low-carbon energy in the university's overall energy mix. In addition, while the university has commendable efforts in providing local education programs on climate change, there is an opportunity to develop a comprehensive Climate Action Plan in collaboration with local governments. Ateneo can build upon its current initiatives and enhance its support for government initiatives to promote disaster preparedness and resilience.

1. Continue investing in low-carbon energy projects to reduce the university's carbon footprint significantly.

2. Develop a comprehensive Climate Action Plan in collaboration with local governments, emphasizing disaster preparedness and resilience.

3. Provide evidence of annual progress based on the target date for becoming a carbon-neutral university.

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Ateneo's Contribution Towards Climate Change Disaster Preparedness and Adaptation in the Philippines

The University actively participates in cooperative planning for climate change disasters, both locally and regionally. This involves working with the government and local governments throughout the Philippines to tackle the issue. The University represents the academic sector in the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and participates in policy review and development, as seen in the NDRRMP plan.

Moreover, the University has been involved in the Ateneo Coastal Cities At Risk Philippines Project (CCARPH) Terminal Report, which engaged with Naga City in the southern part of Manila. The University implemented climate and disaster risk characterization and adaptation tools and methodologies through the Ateneo Innovation Center. The project aimed to mainstream resiliency in the village-based three-year development planning, 2020-2023, by deploying solar-powered water systems in the villages of Naga City. Through these efforts, the University is actively contributing towards disaster preparedness, risk reduction, and adaptation in the face of climate change.

SDG 14: LIFE BELOW WATER

2020-2021

Supporting Aquatic Ecosystems Through Education

Ateneo plays a crucial role in supporting aquatic ecosystems through education. Initiatives such as the Water for Tourism Project and the Ateneo Biodiversity Lab's research efforts showcase the university's commitment to educating local and national communities about freshwater ecosystems and sustainable fisheries.

Supporting Aquatic Ecosystems Through Action

Ateneo's active involvement in events promoting conservation, sustainable utilization of oceans, and minimizing alterations of aquatic ecosystems highlights its commitment to marine ecosystem preservation. Research initiatives like the Genetic Development of Nile Tilapia Strains emphasize sustainable aquaculture practices, contributing significantly to aquatic biodiversity.

Water Sensitive Waste Disposal

Ateneo's water discharge guidelines, and plans to reduce plastic waste, demonstrate the university's responsible waste management practices. Implementing these policies and guidelines underscores Ateneo's commitment to minimizing environmental impact.

Maintaining a Local Ecosystem

Ateneo's collaboration with local communities and implementation of a watershed management strategy, specifically in Boracay Island, showcases its dedication to preserving shared aquatic ecosystems. These efforts highlight Ateneo's proactive approach to maintaining the delicate balance of marine environments.

2021-2022

Supporting Aquatic Ecosystems Through Education:

Ateneo's commitment to freshwater ecosystems and sustainable fisheries continued in 2021-2022 through educational programs such as Water for Tourism and Aqua Farm Ace. These programs focused on raising awareness about overfishing, illegal fishing, and destructive fishing practices among the local communities.

Supporting Aquatic Ecosystems Through Action:

Ateneo organized events to promote the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and marine resources. These events highlighted the role of citizen science in addressing the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Ateneo had Policies to ensure that food from aquatic ecosystems on campus was sustainably harvested.

Water Sensitive Waste Disposal:

Ateneo followed water quality standards and guidelines for water discharges to protect ecosystems, wildlife, and human health. The university also had an action plan to reduce plastic waste on campus, emphasizing waste reduction and management practices.

Maintaining a Local Ecosystem:

Ateneo maintained a plan to minimize alterations to aquatic ecosystems and monitored their health. The university has programs and incentives to encourage good marine stewardship practices and collaborates with the local community to maintain shared aquatic ecosystems, particularly in flood disaster management. Ateneo actively contributed to the USAID Philippines Safe Water Project, focusing on climate change projections and risk analyses for various regions and watersheds.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 14 Performance

1. Increase educational outreach focused on overfishing and illegal fishing practices, engaging local communities for awareness and action.

2. Strengthen collaborations with industries and governmental bodies to implement innovative technologies and practices for aquatic ecosystem conservation.

3. Regularly monitor adherence to water discharge guidelines, evaluate the effectiveness of plastic waste reduction initiatives, and conduct periodic reviews of policies to prevent marine pollution.

4. Develop a plan to minimize the physical, chemical, and biological alterations of aquatic ecosystems, ensuring the long-term sustainability of local marine environments.

FEATURE

Ateneo de Manila University's Community Outreach Programs Promote Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Practices in the Philippines

Ateneo de Manila University has been actively involved in various community outreach programs promoting sustainable fisheries and aquaculture practices. Through its educational programs and outreach initiatives, the university has been educating local and national communities on the sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, and tourism management.

One such program is the Ateneo Biodiversity Lab, which is committed to biodiversity education by disseminating and publishing ecological information. The lab has advanced species discovery, systematics, and ecology of freshwater arthropods of the Oriental Realm since 2013. Led by Professor of Biology Hendrik Freitag, the team applies modern approaches to integrative taxonomy, contributing to generating barcodes uploaded to global databases.

Another program is the Philippine Groundwater Outlook project, which responds to the demand for, supply, and extraction of freshwater resources. The project's remote real-time groundwater level and sensor systems nationwide are aimed at sustainable water extraction and energy self-sufficiency through solar power generation. It developed monitoring and forecasting models on flood and drought risks. Finally, it conducted a community-based assessment of climate change and population growth's impact on groundwater resources.

The university's outreach programs also address poverty and illegal fishing, which are major issues in the Philippines. The DSA Poverty and Illegal Fishing program aims to support small-scale fishers and their communities by promoting sustainable fishing practices and alternative livelihoods. Additionally, the student-led Institute of Skin Divers of Ateneo held a free activity on Shark Awareness Day to raise awareness of the sharks' vital role in the ecosystem and biodiversity protection.

Dr. Liza Lim, head of the Institute of Social Order and an Ateneo Anthropology and Sociology Department faculty member, also led a free online discussion on "Parallel Development and Counter developments" last August 2020. Dr. Lim focused on illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing, particularly on the impact of IUU fishing on the marine environment. She highlighted how the pandemic and poor law enforcement of national laws negatively impacted small fishers' livelihoods.

SDG 15 LIFE ON LAND

2020-2021

Educational Initiatives for Land Ecosystems

Ateneo de Manila University promotes sustainable land use practices through various educational initiatives.

These initiatives include events such as Wildlife Conservation and Protection and "Ambagan Para as Kalikasan," which aim to raise awareness about sustainable land use practices.

Ateneo also emphasizes biodiversity conservation through its efforts to maintain and extend existing ecosystems, which is evident in the Arboretum and partnerships with organizations such as the Energy Development Corporation.

Moreover, Ateneo's educational programs, such as the Ateneo Wild Coloring Book Series and collaborations with Forest Foundation Philippines, aim to teach local communities about ecosystems and wildlife.

Ateneo's participation in projects like LUCID demonstrates its commitment to educating communities about sustainable land management practices.

Action-Oriented Approaches to Land Ecosystems

Ateneo has developed a policy framework for land conservation, which is reflected in its Sustainability Guidelines 2021. These guidelines emphasize the conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, ensuring that campus development aligns with these principles.

While Ateneo lacks specific policies for monitoring IUCN Red Listed species, its general conservation efforts indirectly contribute to protecting these species and local biodiversity.

Ateneo integrates local biodiversity into its planning processes, balancing campus development and preserving endemic trees and wildlife.

Furthermore, Ateneo actively addresses the impact of alien species through its Campus Tree Inventory and guidelines for protecting native urban wildlife.

Ateneo also collaborates with local communities through projects like LUCID and partnerships with organizations, emphasizing shared responsibility for land ecosystems.

Responsible and Land-Sensitive Waste Management

Ateneo de Manila University adheres to green principles regarding water management practices. It practices rainwater harvesting and wastewater treatment to meet water quality standards.

Ateneo's policies ban plastic straws and single-use plastics, promoting waste reduction practices on campus.

Ateneo also has a hazardous waste management program covering disposal and emergency procedures guidelines.

2021-2022

Supporting Land Ecosystems Through Education:

Ateneo has organized several events like Let's Draw With Inya and the 4th Southeast Asian Gateway Evolution (SAGE) Meeting o promote conservation and sustainable utilization of land, including forests and wild land. The University has implemented the Laudato Si Plan 2022-2029 to promote sustainable food systems on campus.

Ateneo has established the Arboretum of 101 Threatened Philippine Trees, Pollinator Pockets, urban biodiversity murals, and bird window strike prevention measures. The university also manage the Ateneo Community Cat Program and engage in citizen science through The Ateneo Wild project.

Ateneo also offers educational programs on ecosystems to local communities through initiatives like The City Wild: Urban Biodiversity from A, collaborates with local communities through the LUCID project to examine the impact of corn cultivation on land use and social dynamics.

Supporting Land Ecosystems Through Action:

Ateneo has policies outlined in the University Sustainability Guidelines to ensure the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems associated with the university. Although it does not have a specific policy to monitor and protect IUCN Red Listed species and national conservation list species, they do take measures to preserve biodiversity through other policies.

Ateneo incorporates local biodiversity considerations in planning and development processes, promoting principles like protecting native tree species and sustainable design. It has policies to mitigate the impact of non-native species, promote native trees, prevent pet abandonment, and retrofit windows to prevent bird strikes.

Ateneo collaborates with local communities through initiatives like the LUCID project to preserve shared land ecosystems.

Land Sensitive Waste Disposal:

Ateneo maintains water quality standards through rainwater harvesting, storage systems, and nature-based wastewater treatment solutions. It maintains policies to reduce plastic waste on campus, including waste audits and promoting reusable tableware. The University has a comprehensive Hazardous Waste Management Program adhering to DENR standards for safe handling and disposal of hazardous waste.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 15 Performance

1. Strengthening Educational Initiatives

Expand Outreach Efforts: It is recommended that these initiatives be expanded to reach a wider audience, including local schools and communities, to amplify the impact of Ateneo's educational programs. Collaborations with regional schools and environmental organizations can create a network for knowledge exchange.

Diversify Educational Programs: Introducing diverse educational formats such as workshops, seminars, and online courses can cater to various age groups and educational backgrounds, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of sustainable land use and biodiversity conservation.

2. Enhancing Action-Oriented Approaches

Specific Policies for IUCN Red Listed Species: Develop policies and conservation strategies focusing on IUCN Red Listed species within and around the campus. Collaborate with local ecological experts and organizations for comprehensive monitoring and protection programs.

Promote Research and Innovation: Encourage research projects and innovations related to biodiversity conservation. Providing grants and incentives for students and faculty engaged in projects that address local biodiversity challenges can foster a culture of innovation and problem-solving.

Engage in Ecosystem Restoration Projects: Actively participate in local ecosystem restoration projects. Collaborate with governmental bodies and NGOs to restore degraded land and promote the regeneration of native species. Involving students and faculty in hands-on restoration efforts can foster a sense of ownership and environmental stewardship.

3. Advancing Responsible Land Sensitive Waste Management

Enhance Recycling Infrastructure: Invest in advanced recycling facilities on campus. Promote waste segregation at source and implement awareness campaigns to educate the campus community about proper waste disposal. Regular workshops and seminars can reinforce these practices.

Innovative Waste Reduction Initiatives: Explore innovative waste reduction initiatives, such as encouraging reusable containers and bags, implementing composting programs, and promoting a zero-waste lifestyle.

Reward and recognition programs can incentivize active participation in these initiatives.

Community Engagement in Waste Management: Collaborate with local communities to create awareness about responsible waste management. Conduct joint clean-up drives, workshops, and awareness campaigns. Establish partnerships with local recycling facilities to ensure that the waste collected is recycled efficiently.

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Ateneo de Manila University's Initiatives to Maintain and Extend Existing Ecosystems' Biodiversity

Ateneo de Manila University has been actively working towards maintaining and extending existing ecosystems and their biodiversity, particularly those under threat. The university has taken several initiatives to protect and conserve plant and animal biodiversity on campus.

One such initiative is the Arboretum inside the campus, established in partnership with the Energy Development Corporation. The Arboretum aims to conserve endangered native tree species and provide a home for 101 tree species endemic to various parts of the country. The Central Facilities Management Office (CFMO) ensures that structures and operations protect and maintain ecosystems by identifying no-build zones on campus. Additionally, the Ateneo Wild, which documents different plant and animal species on campus, promotes their conservation through information, education, and communication (IEC).

The university has also partnered with the Institute of Environmental Sciences for Social Change and the Université de Namur and Université Catholique de Louvain in a five-year project called "Land Use Change Impacts and Drivers" (LUCID). The project seeks to build capacities among faculty in partner institutions regarding the socio-economic factors influencing corn farming in the upland Philippines. LUCID's research sites are Bukidnon, Iloilo, and Isabela.

SDG 16 PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

2020-2021

Governance Measures

Ateneo University ensures diverse representation on its highest governing body, the Board of Trustees, with faculty members, including non-Jesuits, participating actively. This diversity fosters inclusive decision-making processes that align with UN targets. Recognizing independent student unions, such as the Sanggunian ng Mag-aaral, empowers student voices, promoting democratic values and UN Targets for SDG 16.

Ateneo also engages with local stakeholders through its written policies and programs, promoting community integration and strengthening social ties, reflecting UN Targets.

Participatory Bodies for Stakeholder Engagement

Ateneo University has meaningful mechanisms for local stakeholder participation, including the Ateneo Legal Services Center and various social development initiatives. These ensure diverse voices contribute to university decisions, aligning with UN Target for SDG 16.

Policies and Principles

Ateneo University protects academic freedom, allowing senior and junior academics to research, speak, and teach without constraints, supporting UN Targets for SDG 16.

The university also maintains clear guidelines against corruption, fosters a transparent environment, and promotes ethical conduct.

Ateneo's publication of financial data, following international standards, encourages transparency and accountability, which is essential for UN Targets for SDG 16.

Working with the Government

Ateneo University offers expert advice to government bodies through centers like the [Ateneo Human Rights Cente](#)r and [Ateneo Policy Center,](#) aiding evidence-based policy-making and contributing to UN Target 16.

The university's programs, like the Ateneo School of Government Executive Education and the [Bernas Institute,](#) provide essential upskilling to policymakers, enhancing their capacity and understanding of critical areas and aligning with UN Targets.

Collaborative efforts like the Feasibility Analysis of Syndromic Surveillance using Spatio-Temporal Epidemiological Modeler or [FASSSTER App a](#)nd partnerships with the [Armed Forces of the Philippines](#) showcase Ateneo's commitment to impactful policy-focused research in collaboration with government entities, contributing to UN Target for SDG 16.

Proportion of Graduates in Law and Civil Enforcement

Ateneo University's law- and civil-enforcement graduate courses signify the university's contribution to the legal and civil sectors, essential for upholding justice and achieving UN Targets SDG 16.

2021-2022

Governance measures

The university has several measures in place for effective governance, including [elected representation on the highest governing bod](#)y. [Students' union](#)s are recognized as independent entities, and the university has written policies and procedures to [engage with local stakeholders](#).

The university also ensures [meaningful mechanisms for local stakeholder](#)s in decision-making through participatory bodies. The university has some form of [published principles and commitments on, corruption,](#) and bribery.

Academic Freedom

[Academic freedom](#) is supported for both senior and junior academics. The university also publishes financial data.

Collaboration with Government

Regarding the university's relationship with the government, it provides expert advice to government agencies, especially related to [COVID-19](#) response. The university also offers programs to equip young leaders and

provides training in human rights and legislative advocacy. It is actively involved in policy-focused research with government bodies.

Participatory governance

Additionally, the university offers a neutral platform for government agencies to engage in dialogue.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 16 Performance

Ateneo University has been making significant contributions towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), particularly in SDG 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. Here are some recommendations based on the university's performance in this area:

1. Governance Measures: Ateneo University should continue to ensure diverse representation on its highest governing body, the Board of Trustees, to foster inclusive decision-making processes aligned with UN targets. The university should also continue recognizing independent student unions, such as the Sanggunian ng Mag-aaral, to empower student voices, promoting democratic values and UN Targets for SDG 16.

2. Participatory Bodies for Stakeholder Engagement: Ateneo University should continue enhancing its local stakeholder participation mechanisms, including the Ateneo Legal Services Center and various social development initiatives. These mechanisms ensure diverse voices contribute to university decisions, aligning with UN Target for SDG 16.

3. Policies and Principles: Ateneo University should continue to protect academic freedom, allowing senior and junior academics to research, speak, and teach without constraints, supporting UN Targets. The university should also formulate comprehensive guidelines against corruption, foster a transparent environment, and promote ethical conduct. Ateneo's publication of financial data, following international standards, encourages transparency and accountability, which is essential for UN Targets for SDG 16.

4. Working with the Government: Ateneo University should continue to offer expert advice to government bodies through centers like the Ateneo Human Rights Center and Ateneo Policy Center, aiding evidence-based policy-making and contributing to UN Target 16. The university should also continue to provide essential upskilling to policymakers through programs like the Ateneo School of Government Executive Education and the Bernas Institute. Collaborative efforts like the FASSSTER App and partnerships with the Armed Forces of the Philippines showcase Ateneo's commitment to

impactful policy-focused research in collaboration with government entities, contributing to UN Target for SDG 16.

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Ateneo University's Participatory Bodies for Stakeholder Engagement

Ateneo University emphasizes engaging with local stakeholders, including residents, government, and civil society representatives. The university ensures that these stakeholders have a meaningful mechanism for participating in university decision-making, as required by the UN Target 16.

The university's Social Development Cluster consolidates Ateneo's efforts to link with partner communities and stakeholders. The cluster includes units such as the Ateneo Center for Education Development, Gawad Kalinga, the Ateneo Institute of Sustainability, and the Ateneo Bulatao Center for Psychological Services. These units work directly with local stakeholders in social development projects, promoting community integration and strengthening social ties.

Ateneo Law School's Legal Services Center is a public interest center that supervises volunteer law students in providing marginalized clients access to fundamental human rights through assistance in representation, legal advice, and consultation. This center empowers marginalized communities and helps them participate in decision-making that may impact their lives.

In addition to engaging with local stakeholders, Ateneo University also undertakes policy-focused research in collaboration with government departments as required by UN Target 16. The university's collaboration with the Philippine Department of Health and the Department of Science and Technology resulted in developing the feasibility analysis of syndromic surveillance using a spatiotemporal epidemiological model or FASSSTER. FASTER is a COVID-19 Philippine LGU Monitoring Platform that detects disease transmission from electronic medical records and SMS-based reports of primary care facilities. Generated data serves as a guide for policymakers to address COVID-19 locally and develop best practices at the national level.

The Ateneo School of Government (ASOG) has also collaborated with the Armed Forces of the Philippines to develop a Competency and Training Needs Analysis program to improve the competencies of middle-level soldiers. This collaboration showcases Ateneo's commitment to impactful policy-focused research in collaboration with government entities, contributing to UN Target 16.

SDG 17 PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

2020-2021

Relationships with Regional NGOs and Government for SDG Policy

Ateneo de Manila University is actively developing national government SDG policies, as evidenced by its National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council membership. The university has contributed to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan 2020-2030 and collaborates with NGOs and government bodies such as the Sustainable Development Solutions Network and UN Food Systems Summit 2021.

Cross-Sectoral Dialogue about SDGs

Ateneo initiates and participates in cross-sectoral dialogues through various platforms, such as the Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities–Network-Asia Workshop. The university also co-hosted the "Independent Dialogue for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021" in collaboration with Xavier University and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

International Collaboration Data Gathering for SDG

Ateneo actively participates in international collaborations related to gathering data for the SDGs. The Ateneo Innovation Center, in partnership with the Coastal Cities at Risk Project of the Philippines, has published transdisciplinary research on food-energy-water systems. Additionally, the university collaborates on cross-cultural research related to SDGs 1, 3, and 4.

Collaboration for SDG Best Practice

Ateneo collaborates internationally to review comparative approaches and develop best practices for tackling the SDGs. The university hosted the Independent Dialogue for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021. It engaged in research projects like "Mapping Geographical Inequalities in Access to Drinking Water and Sanitation Facilities in Low-Income and Middle-Income Countries, 2000–17."

Collaboration with NGOs for SDGs

Ateneo collaborates with NGOs for SDGs through platforms like the EPIC Network and partnerships with organizations such as the Global Adaptation Network and the Start Network. Their initiatives, including the Coastal Cities at Risk Philippines project, showcase collaborations with NGOs like the Manila Observatory and PAGASA (Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration) for risk management.

Publication of SDG Reports

Ateneo publishes specific data on their performance against each SDG within their Empowering Futures Report, 2020-2022 and AIC Technical Report 2018-2021. The reports highlight the university's efforts related to financial aid, food security, sustainable agriculture, healthcare, wellness programs, education, gender equality, water conservation, recycling, renewable energy, skills management, infrastructure, marginalized communities, disaster risk management, solid waste management, campus biodiversity, emissions reduction, and governance structures.

Support for National SDG Implementation:

Ateneo supports national SDG implementation by contributing to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan 2020-2030 by actively participating in the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

Support for Local SDG Implementation:

The university supports local SDG implementation through various initiatives, including the Coastal Cities at Risk Philippines project, which addresses local challenges related to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

Education for SDGs: Dedicated Courses on Sustainability

Ateneo offers interdisciplinary courses and programs that focus on sustainability and the SDGs. For example, "SocSci 13: The Economy, Society, and Sustainable Development" and "SocSc 10: Science and Society" delve into sustainable development goals. Elective courses such as "ENVI 170i: Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy" and "PolSc 121.30: Environmental Policies" provide students with in-depth knowledge of environmental issues and policies. The Master in Disaster Risk and Resilience program further exemplifies Ateneo's dedication to addressing disaster resilience and climate change adaptation.

Education for SDGs in the Wider Community: Alumni and Community Engagement

Ateneo's engagement with its alum community showcases a commitment to extending the benefits of education and sustainable development beyond its campus boundaries. The Ateneo Alumni Association encourages alums to contribute to the community through scholarships and voluntary activities. Alumni-led scholarships, such as the "FR SALTY DE LA RAMA SJ GRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND" and the "Fr. Thomas Steinbugler, SJ Memorial Scholarship Fund," enable deserving students to access quality education.

Public-Private Partnerships and Sustainable Development Initiatives

- Ateneo fosters public-private partnerships that support scholarships and voluntary activities for sustainable development. These partnerships demonstrate Ateneo's dedication to mobilizing resources and engaging with external organizations to achieve common goals related to education and social welfare.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships and Research Initiatives

- Ateneo's involvement in them underscores its commitment to collaborative research and policy development. The publication of the MDRR Policy Compendium showcases Ateneo's contributions to knowledge dissemination. By engaging with diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and research institutions, Ateneo promotes collective efforts to address complex challenges, as advocated by SDG 17.

2021-2022

1. Supporting the Goals through Relationships

National Government SDG Policy Development:

Ateneo, working through SDSN Philippines, contributes actively to national SDG policies. Initiatives like the SDG2 Zero Hunger Project focus on policies and interventions that address hunger and undernutrition issues.

Cross-Sectoral Dialogue:

Ateneo engages in cross-sectoral dialogues through collaborations with organizations like EPIC Network. Workshops and initiatives like "Citizen Science for Addressing UN SDGs in SEA" promote knowledge exchange and climate resilience.

International Collaboration for Data Gathering:

Ateneo collaborates internationally on research projects like Coastal Cities at Risk in the Philippines, emphasizing climate resilience. Partnerships with organizations like DOST-PCIEERD and Jamsetji Tata School enhance data-gathering efforts.

Collaboration for Best Practices:

Ateneo collaborates on projects like SECRA, focusing on climate change action and disaster resilience. Their involvement in the Laudato Si Action Platform emphasizes sustainable practices and resilience.

Collaboration with NGOs:

Ateneo partners with NGOs such as AUN-EEC and SDSN Philippines, contributing to research initiatives. Their involvement in the SECRA project and events aligns with climate risk and disaster management.

2. Publication of Progress Report

Ateneo de Manila University has significantly contributed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The university has implemented various initiatives aligned with each goal, from eradicating poverty through financial assistance to promoting sustainable land use practices and biodiversity conservation to ensure conservation principles guide campus development.

Ateneo's efforts also include promoting gender equality, fair employment practices, and responsible waste management, among others, contributing to the SDGs' goal of partnerships for the goals. The university's focus on quality education, practical learning experiences, and inclusive education ensures that no one is left behind in accessing educational opportunities.

Ateneo strengthens partnerships with NGOs and government bodies, expands sustainability reporting, and updates interdisciplinary courses, enhancing its impact on sustainable development.

3. Education for the SDGs

Meaningful Education Commitment:

Ateneo integrates sustainability education through interdisciplinary courses like "SocSci 13" and "SocSc 10." Their participation in Laudato Si's Action Platform ensures integral ecology concepts are incorporated into the curriculum.

Specific Courses on Sustainability:

Ateneo offers specialized programs like the [Master in Disaster Risk and Resilience](#) and the [Master of Science in Sustainability Management,](#) emphasizing sustainability and ecological footprint minimization.

Education for SDGs in the Wider Community:

Ateneo extends its commitment to sustainability through outreach programs, supporting causes like primary education, community development, and in-school feeding programs.

Recommendations for Ateneo's SDG 17 Performance

1. Strengthening Relationships to Support the Goals: Ateneo should deepen and exchange its engagement with national and regional NGOs and government bodies to enhance its impact on SDG policy development. Encouraging more university departments and faculties to participate in such initiatives can broaden the university's impact.

2. Promoting Cross-Sectoral Dialogue about SDGs: Ateneo should expand its efforts in organizing cross-sectoral dialogues, emphasizing the importance of diverse perspectives in achieving SDGs. Regular forums involving students, academics, policymakers, NGOs, and industry professionals can facilitate comprehensive discussions, fostering innovative solutions and partnerships.

3. Enhancing International Collaboration for Data Gathering and Best Practices: Ateneo can explore global partnerships with universities and research institutions to strengthen its international collaborations. This can aid in gathering comprehensive SDG data and provide opportunities for sharing best practices. Participating in global research initiatives and conferences can broaden the university's international network and knowledge exchange.

4. Collaborating with NGOs for Sustainable Development: Ateneo should deepen its collaboration with NGOs, leveraging their expertise and resources for impactful projects. Establishing joint initiatives with NGOs can enhance the effectiveness of Ateneo's projects, ensuring a more significant and sustainable impact on local communities. Regular meetings and common planning sessions can streamline collaborative efforts.

5. Strengthening Publication of SDG Reports: To enhance transparency and encourage more significant support, Ateneo should consider expanding the

scope and actors involved in sustainability reporting, including detailed case studies, project outcomes, and challenges that can provide valuable insights to stakeholders. Utilizing multimedia formats like interactive websites or videos can enhance accessibility and engagement.

6. Expanding Support for National and Local SDG Implementation: To further support national and local SDG implementation, Ateneo should explore opportunities for direct community engagement. Establishing community-led projects and involving students, faculty, and staff in grassroots initiatives can empower local communities and contribute significantly to SDGs at the grassroots level.

7. Enriching Education for SDGs: Ateneo should continually evaluate and update its interdisciplinary courses and programs to align them with emerging sustainability challenges. Encouraging student participation in international conferences, workshops, and projects can broaden their perspectives and enhance their contribution to SDGs. Additionally, integrating sustainability themes into non-environmental courses can foster a holistic understanding of sustainable development among students.

8. Fostering Multi-stakeholder Partnerships and Research Initiatives: To promote innovation, Ateneo should actively seek new partners, including startups, civil society organizations, and international institutions, to diversify its research initiatives. Promoting interdisciplinary research and encouraging collaboration between faculties and departments can lead to innovative solutions for complex SDG-related challenges. Regular seminars, webinars, and workshops can facilitate stakeholder knowledge exchange and foster a collaborative research ecosystem.

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Ateneo University is committed to promoting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through cross-sectoral dialogue and meaningful education. As a leading academic institution in the Philippines, Ateneo University recognizes the importance of engaging with local stakeholders, government, NGOs, and other educational institutions to promote sustainability and social development.

Under the UN Target 17.2.2, Ateneo University actively initiates and participates in cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs. For instance, the university's Coastal Cities at Risk Philippines project collaborated with the Global Adaptation Network, Start, and EPIC-N's network of higher education institutions (HEIs) to develop sustainable solutions for cities. Ateneo also hosted the "Independent Dialogue for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021" in partnership with Xavier University and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. The event aimed to spur food security discussions in response to the pandemic's impact on children's food access. It supported community-based dialogues and inputs to the UN Food Systems Summit in September 2021.

Furthermore, Ateneo University commits to meaningful education around the SDGs across the university. The undergraduate curriculum requires interdisciplinary courses that discuss sustainable development goals, such as "SocSci 13, The Economy, Society, and Sustainable Development" and "SocSc 10, Science and Society." The university also offers elective courses in sustainable development, including "ENVI 170i: Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy" and "PolSc 121.30: Environmental Policies."

The Ateneo de Manila University's School of Science and Engineering runs a Master in Disaster Risk and Resilience program to equip students with the skills and knowledge to manage disaster risks and build resilient communities. In 2020, the graduating class published an MDRR Policy Compendium that covers topics such as resilience, recovery, disaster response, and resilient climate agriculture.

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