2.5.4 Sustainable food purchases

The Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (WUAJ&K), Bagh, is committed to promoting sustainability through responsible and ethical procurement practices. The university ensures that all food purchases prioritize local, sustainable, and quality-assured sources, contributing to both environmental responsibility and community development.

Implementation of the Sustainable Food Procurement Policy

The university has developed and implemented a Comprehensive Sustainable Food Procurement Policy, which guides all purchasing decisions related to hostel and canteen food supplies. This policy ensures that food items are sourced from local, environmentally responsible, and socially ethical suppliers, minimizing the carbon footprint and supporting local producers in District Bagh, AJK. (Annex I)

Local and Recognized Food Vendors

In accordance with this policy, all hostel procurements are made through recognized and reputable suppliers within District Bagh. These vendors are selected based on quality, hygiene, reliability, and compliance with sustainable sourcing standards. The complete list of vendors supplying food and related items to all hostels is provided in (Annex II)

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CAMPUS FOOD SECURITY AND HUNGER PREVENTION POLICY

1. Introduction

The Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (WUAJ&K), Bagh, is committed to the welfare, health, and productivity of its students, faculty, and staff. The university recognizes that access to affordable, nutritious, and hygienic food is fundamental to ensuring academic excellence, workplace performance, and overall well-being.

This policy aims to address food insecurity and hunger on campus through structured, sustainable, and inclusive measures aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

a) Ensure that all students and staff have access to sufficient, safe, and affordable meals on campus.
b) Prevent food insecurity and hunger through subsidized food and financial support.
c) Maintain high standards of food safety and hygiene in all cafeterias and hostel messes.
d) Promote awareness about nutrition, food waste reduction, and healthy dietary practices.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff members of WUAJ&K, covering all university cafeterias, hostel messes, and food service areas on campus.

4. Policy Provisions

a) Affordable and Subsidized Meals

- The university ensures the availability of healthy and nutritious meals at highly subsidized rates for students and at reasonable, cost-based rates for faculty and staff.
- Meal prices are reviewed periodically to maintain affordability without compromising food quality.

b) Food Quality, Safety, and Hygiene Monitoring

- Regular inspections of meal quality, kitchen hygiene, and food safety standards are conducted by the Hostel Warden, Cafeteria Committee, and Administration.
- Feedback from students and staff is periodically collected to improve menu options and service quality.

c) Financial Assistance to Needy Students

Need-based scholarships and financial assistance are provided to students from low-income families to cover food and living expenses.

d) Awareness and Education

The university organizes awareness campaigns and seminars on nutrition, responsible consumption, and food waste reduction to encourage healthy and sustainable habits.

e) Community Outreach and Food Redistribution

Leftover edible food, in good condition, is collected and distributed to needy individuals in nearby communities, in coordination with local volunteers and welfare organizations.

f) Coordination and Implementation

The Hostel Warden, Cafeteria Committee, and Director of Student Affairs, under the supervision of the Registrar, are responsible for implementing this policy, maintaining records, and submitting annual reports to the Vice Chancellor.

5. Monitoring and Review

The Director of Student Affairs will annually review the implementation and impact of this policy. Any recommendations for improvement will be submitted to the Vice Chancellor for approval.

Annex II

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Certified Venders and Suppliers list 2025

Sr. No	Vender	Items
01	MKCC	All grocery items(Flour, Rice, Milkpack, Biryani Masalas, Daal Cooking oil etc)
02	Zia Chicken Shop	Fresh Chicken
03	Khalid Bakers and Sweets	All Bakari item and Yogurt etc
04	A.Q Traders Abdul Hafeez Baig	LPG Gas
05	Insaaf Vegetable and Murgh Shop	All Vegetable items
06	Muhammad Naseem Khanwood shop	Woods
07	Al Hayat Hotel	Roti (Saturday and Sunday)

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