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2. Executive Summary

Who the University Is

Azal University for Human Development (AUHD) is a premier higher education institution in Sanaa, Yemen, established in 2008. Operating in a conflict-affected transitional economy, AUHD uniquely bridges rigorous global academic standards with urgent local humanitarian and developmental needs. We are officially ranked 2nd locally among Yemeni member universities in the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) initiative.

Its Community-Impact Mission

Our mandate extends beyond theoretical pedagogy. AUHD functions as a socioeconomic anchor and a center for public health capacity building. Our mission is to directly address the UN SDGs through

applied scientific research, the empowerment of marginalized communities (such as the deaf and hard of hearing), and the provision of localized healthcare solutions.

Major Achievements During the Reporting Period

- Launch of the first Electronic System for Alumni Affairs to combat labor market friction.
- Implementation of the cryptographic "SAR" digital system to protect academic credentials.
- Graduation and direct government employment integration of the "Engineers of Love and Peace" deaf computer science cohort.
- Massive expansion of the Waterford English Training Academy (WETA) community training initiatives.

Key Numbers (2026-2027)

12,500+ Total Beneficiaries	**45** Community Projects
3,500 Medical Beneficiaries	**2,150** Volunteers Mobilized
85 Training Programs	**135** Partner Organizations

3. About the University

Brief Institutional Profile

Located on 60th Street in Sanaa, AUHD operates four primary undergraduate faculties (Medical Sciences, Engineering & IT, Administrative & Human Sciences, Special Education) and a Deanship of Graduate Studies. We prioritize disciplines that address acute labor shortages and infrastructural deficits in Yemen.

Mission and Vision

Vision: To be a paramount local and regional leader in higher education, scientific research, and holistic human development. **Mission:** To output highly qualified professionals capable of immediate, autonomous deployment in crisis environments, driven by an epistemology of pragmatism and adherence to global standards.

Geographic & Community Context

Operating in Yemen requires extreme institutional agility. The country faces severe economic contraction, infrastructure degradation, and public health emergencies. AUHD's context dictates our operational model: we act as an engine for intellectual import substitution and resilience building.

Commitment to Sustainable Development

AUHD integrates SDGs into the core curriculum. Evidence of this commitment is our placement in the **Nature Index** (Ranked 4th nationally) and our official membership in the **FIP (International Pharmaceutical Federation)**, driving global health standards locally.

4. Community Engagement & Social Impact

Documenting AUHD's evidence-based impact methodology: Activity → Target problem → Beneficiaries → Measurable output → Outcome/impact → Evidence.

Initiative 1: Computer Science for the Deaf Project

Target Problem	Severe systemic exclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from STEM education and the digital economy.
Objectives	Equip deaf students with high-demand IT skills (UI/UX, Coding) via highly visual pedagogies and embedded sign-language interpreters.
Beneficiaries	26 specialized graduates (The "Engineers of Love and Peace" cohort) + their extended dependent families.
Measurable Output	Graduation of fully credentialed Deaf Computer Scientists.
Outcome/Impact	Local government directly allocated 20 official government jobs exclusively for these AUHD graduates, breaking the cycle of poverty associated with disability.
Evidence URL	**Computer Science for the Deaf Official Portal**

Initiative 2: Medical Caravans & Community Clinics

Target Problem	Collapse of rural healthcare infrastructure and inability of citizens to afford primary diagnostic care.
Objectives	Provide immediate, free diagnostic and therapeutic care to underserved populations.
Beneficiaries	3,500 Community Members / Low-income citizens in remote districts.
Measurable Output	Deployment of 6 medical specialties; provision of free consultations, optometry surgeries, and medicines.
Outcome/Impact	Early detection of chronic diseases; reduced preventable morbidity and blindness in targeted districts.
Evidence URL	**University Medical Campaigns Documentation**

Initiative 3: WETA Teacher Training & STEM Upskilling

Target Problem	Language barriers preventing access to higher education; outdated pedagogy in public schools.
Objectives	Bridge basic language skills with rigid professional academic requirements in STEM fields.
Beneficiaries	120 Public School Teachers + 1,420 AUHD Enrolled Students.
Measurable Output	Delivery of 750-hour qualification programs for Math/Science teachers; provision of 6 free language courses per AUHD student.
Outcome/Impact	Systemic elevation of local primary/secondary education quality; enhanced global employability for graduates.

Evidence URL	WETA & English Translation Portal

5. Education & Inclusion (SDG 4, 10)

AUHD implements structural policies to ensure fair, transparent, and accessible education, actively dismantling financial and physical barriers.

Core Institutional Policies & Accessibility

- **University Admission Policy:** Transparent admission processes detailed in our New Student Guide and comprehensive Academic Guide ensure equal opportunity regardless of background.
- **Special Needs Support:** Our Faculty of Special Education pioneers inclusive pedagogies. We provide tailored academic accommodations and dedicated Psychological Counseling services to support students' mental health.
- **Equality & Non-Discrimination:** Enforced across all campus operations, ensuring a safe environment for all demographics. Safe transit is guaranteed through our **Yemen Drive** mass-transit partnership.

Community Service Scholarships (2026-2027 Academic Cycle)

As part of AUHD's core commitment to social responsibility and bridging educational gaps during economic hardship, the university has allocated comprehensive scholarship packages for the 2026–2027 academic year:

- **Academic Excellence Scholarships:** Allocation of **60 free and partial scholarships** for top-performing students based on comprehensive competitive entrance testing standards.
- **Financial Hardship Support:** Allocation of **400 scholarships** for students unable to continue their higher education due to severe economic conditions, providing **two full years free** of tuition fees.
- **Displaced Persons Support:** Allocation of **35 free scholarships** specifically dedicated to supporting internally displaced persons (IDPs) to ensure equitable educational access.
- **Students with Disabilities Support:** Allocation of **20 specialized scholarships for persons with disabilities**, covering **50% of tuition fees every year** throughout their undergraduate studies to ensure long-term financial equity.

Evidence Check: Detailed student welfare procedures and housing support are publicly documented at the AUHD Student Housing Guide.

6. Health & Well-being (SDG 3)

AUHD acts as a primary healthcare provider and capacity builder. Our Health Administration and Medical faculties lead this mandate.

University Health Services & Clinics

AUHD operates internal health services and specialized clinics serving both the student body and the local community at subsidized rates. Our students in Medical Laboratories and X-Ray Technology gain clinical hours by providing essential diagnostic services to the public.

Health Awareness Activities & Campaigns

Maternal Health (OSCE)

The Midwifery Program trains students via Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) to handle obstetric emergencies, directly impacting maternal mortality ratios.

Clinical Pharmacy & Ethnobotany

Pharmacy students developed anti-dandruff and wound-healing treatments from local Sidr and Banana plant extracts, promoting local self-sufficiency in medicine.

Emergency Readiness (BLS)

Mandatory Basic Life Support (BLS) certifications for Anesthesia and Specialized Nursing students ensure immediate trauma response capability.

Preventative Nutrition

Female students from Clinical Nutrition conducted interactive health education seminars at the 'Speak Up' institute to combat lifestyle diseases.

7. Gender Equality & Empowerment (SDG 5)

AUHD systematically supports the inclusion and empowerment of women in higher education and the workforce, recognizing their critical role in national recovery.

- **Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF):** AUHD signed a strategic agreement with the YLDF's Girls' Center to expand educational, technical, and research cooperation explicitly targeting female empowerment.
- **Female Student Participation in STEM/Health:** Female students dominate clinical outreach, such as the nutritional seminars conducted at local institutes, positioning them as primary educators and change agents in public health.
- **Logistical Support for Retention:** The "Yemen Drive" secure transport partnership specifically alleviates security concerns for female students, directly enabling sustained female enrollment and graduation rates across our medical and engineering faculties.

8. Economic & Community Development (SDG 8)

Career Support & Labor Market Integration

Through the Faculty of Administrative Sciences, AUHD produces graduates in Accounting, International Business, and Financial Sciences who are trained in forensic accounting and anti-money

laundering (AML) to rebuild the national economy.

Apprenticeship and Skills Development

AUHD's "Exceptional Job Training Program" encompasses over 130 institutional partnerships. A prime example is our agreement with the **Al-Khair Foundation** for a structured apprenticeship program, embedding students directly into corporate environments prior to graduation.

Evidence of Economic Impact: The Electronic Alumni Affairs System

Action: Launch of a digital portal connecting graduates directly with regional corporate employers. **Impact:** Bypasses rent-seeking intermediaries, reduces labor market friction, and provides real-time data on industry demand to adjust Business Administration curricula dynamically.

9. Innovation, Technology & Digital Inclusion (SDG 9)

Digital resilience is AUHD's primary mechanism for overcoming logistical and geographic barriers in Yemen. Our engineering faculty drives this through programs in Cybersecurity, Network Engineering, and Information Technology (IT).

- **The "SAR" Digital System:** AUHD is the first private university in Yemen to implement this cryptographic credentialing system, permanently protecting academic transcripts against forgery and allowing global employers to verify AUHD degrees instantly.
- **AI in Academia:** AUHD research actively explores AI integration, including empirical studies on the impact of Generative AI tools on translation performance among English Translation students, ensuring ethical and effective technology use.
- **Applied Structural Innovation:** Students in Architecture and Civil Engineering utilize advanced software to design post-conflict urban reconstruction models (e.g., the "Azal Tourist Tower" project).
- **Digital Media:** The Graphics & Multimedia department produces market-ready visual communication experts for the digital economy.

10. Environmental Sustainability (SDG 11, 13)

Highlighted documented institutional initiatives supporting campus sustainability.

Sustainability Area	Documented Action / Initiative	Measurable Result
Waste Management	Implementation of strict biomedical waste segregation and safe incineration protocols for Medical Laboratory and Clinical Pharmacy departments.	1,250 kg of hazardous biomedical waste processed safely.
Energy Efficiency	Installation of campus-wide solar photovoltaic (PV) grids to maintain continuous power during	45% reduction in reliance on fossil-fuel

	national grid outages.	generators.
Green Campus Activities	Student-led "Green Sanaa" urban tree planting and campus recycling awareness campaign.	450 students participated in sustainability drives.

11. Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17)

AUHD maintains over 130 institutional training partnerships. Key strategic alliances during the reporting period include:

Partner Organization	Purpose & Activities	Results / Beneficiaries
Al-Mahwit University	Strategic academic cooperation, sharing laboratory infrastructure, and harmonizing national curricula.	Cross-governorate student/faculty exchange and unified research outputs.
Al-Khair Foundation	Implementation of a structured apprenticeship program embedding students in corporate environments.	250+ AUHD students integrated directly into the professional workforce.
Yemen Drive	Logistical mass-transit partnership providing secure, subsidized transport for students across Sanaa.	Increased retention rates, particularly for female students facing security constraints.
Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF)	Partnership with the Girls' Center to expand educational and research cooperation for female empowerment.	Expanded admission opportunities and critical resource sharing for female scholars.

12. Impact Metrics Dashboard

A consolidated view of our measurable impact across community, health, and educational sectors for the 2026-2027 cycle.

Impact Indicator	Result / Value
Community projects executed	**45**
Total direct community beneficiaries	**12,500**
Beneficiaries of medical caravans/clinics	**3,500**
Students involved in community service	**1,850**

Community members in training programs	**1,420**
Active university volunteers mobilized	**2,150**
Active Partner organizations / NGOs	**135**
Women beneficiaries (specific programs)	**6,200**
Accessibility & Disability inclusion initiatives	**8**

13. Evidence & Verification

This report serves as the primary consolidated evidence document for the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings portal. Every claim made in this document maps directly to official university announcements, attendance records, partner confirmations, and public web portals.

Primary Verification Portals & Media Coverage

- **Global Accreditations & UNAI:** www.auhd.edu.ye/majors/azalaccreditations.html
- **Student Academic Guide:** www.auhd.edu.ye/majors/ssguide.html
- **New Student Admission Guide:** www.auhd.edu.ye/majors/newssreacap.html
- **Student Housing & Logistics:** www.auhd.edu.ye/majors/housing.html
- **Faculty Programs Index:** www.auhd.edu.ye/en/about/1
- **Official Media Coverage (Yemen Academic News - Report 1):** yemenacademic.net/archives/137501
- **Official Media Coverage (Yemen Academic News - Report 2):** yemenacademic.net/archives/101022

Notice to THE Evaluators:

Additional photographic evidence, detailed statistical reports, and signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for the partnerships listed in Section 11 are maintained by the AUHD Quality Assurance Department and are provided via the direct URL links submitted in the data collection portal.