



Sustainability

Report

2024



Because
Upper Egypt
Matters..



Sphinx University ...

Paving the way for a sustainable future in New Assiut city.





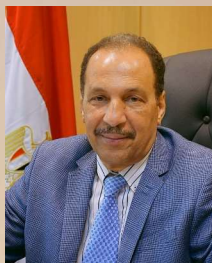
The establishment of Sphinx University in New Assiut City has significantly transformed the city's landscape. By attracting residents, enhancing the quality of life, and fostering collaboration between sectors, the university has become a cornerstone of the city's development. With the unwavering support of the Board of Trustees, the university is committed to drive comprehensive growth in Upper Egypt, create local employment opportunities, boost competitiveness, and improve overall well-being.

Designed with a focus on horizontal expansion, green spaces, and accessible facilities, Sphinx University offers a modern and inclusive learning environment. State-of-the-art training laboratories and equipment empower students to acquire practical skills and stay abreast of industry trends. By encouraging faculty and students to participate in scientific conferences and collaborate with industry partners and government agencies, we aim to identify developments in various disciplines..

We invite you to join us in shaping the future with being a part of our journey towards academic excellence, economic growth, and societal impact.

Eng. Osama Mohammed Rabie
Chairman of the Board of Trustees





Sphinx University, the first private university in New Assiut City, is committed to achieving excellence and global recognition. We blend tradition with contemporary approaches to provide a comprehensive educational experience that encompasses academic, scientific, and cultural dimensions.

Our university fosters strong partnerships with regional, Arab, and international institutions to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences, promoting mutual growth and development. We are dedicated to serving our community and addressing its challenges through active engagement and innovative solutions.

The university embraces the transformation towards intelligence, creativity and innovation across all sectors through a strategic plan which is aligned with the contemporary demands and through charting its future path towards local and regional leadership in education, scientific research, and community service.

Our dedicated faculty, staff, and students work tirelessly to provide a world-class education, empowering our graduates to become leaders in their respective fields. By fostering a supportive and stimulating learning environment, we equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to succeed in the modern world.

Prof. Mansour Kabash
University President





Sphinx University is committed to academic excellence and innovation, offering a rigorous curriculum to empower students to be competitive in the labor market. Our experienced faculty guide students through a diverse range of programs, fostering critical thinking, sustainable practices and problem-solving skills. By encouraging research and collaboration, we aim to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and address global challenges.

We prioritize a comprehensive approach to education, focusing on both academic and personal development. Our commitment to student success extends beyond the classroom, with a strong emphasis on extracurricular activities, community engagement, career development and sustainability. Through partnerships with industry and academia, we provide our students with valuable real-world experiences and opportunities to network with professionals.

Sphinx University is committed to academic excellence, sustainability, and community engagement. Our eco-friendly campus, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, provides an ideal environment for learning and research.

Prof. Mahmoud Sheha
University Vice President for
Education and Student Affairs



Sphinx University..

Educating new generations about sustainability





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We believe that every step towards sustainability brings us closer to a brighter future. By working together, we can create a more sustainable and resilient future for generations to come in a community that is both environmentally friendly and socially just

University Ranking Team



Our Journey Towards Sustainability

Sphinx University is a newly established organization that started in the late 2020. It is the first privately funded university in the region that is designed so as to fit different social levels.

The prestigious university is operating in one of the most under-developed communities in Upper Egypt. In these societies, different challenges are risen above the horizon. Sphinx university was not only able to face these encounters but actually it also paved the way for others to overcome these challenges. Among these challenges are the low economic standards, limited educational system, poor health facilities, and the lack of general services provided to the public in the area. Moreover, the university was able to encounter the local traditions that suggested gender inequality which was a hinder to the educational process. Nevertheless, Sphinx university has, since day one, exerted tremendous efforts to adhere effectively to the sustainable development goals (SDGs). This prominent university ceases no strength to keep this level and more, and at the same time be a role model for other similar organizations which eventually all falls in the interests of the community and its dwellings.

"Sphinx University strives for leadership, excellence, and to contribute to the production of knowledge in the fields of education, scientific research, and community engagement at the local, regional, and international levels to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals."



Vision

To cultivate a cohort of highly skilled graduates equipped to the contemporary workforce, in alignment with Sustainable Development Goals. Our educational programs will be guided by rigorous academic standards, fostering both intellectual and personal development. We are committed to advancing knowledge through scientific research and innovation. Moreover, we will actively engage with our community by implementing local and international quality standards.



Mission

The University's core values:

- Mutual respect, respect for rights and responsibilities.
- Commitment to high standards in work, research and teaching.
- Fostering academic freedom and scientific integrity
- Supporting innovation, leadership and teamwork
- Environmental responsibility for sustainability



Values

Working All Together ..

Members representing Sphinx University ranking team attended the Global Sustainable Development Congress 2024, hosted by Times Higher Education in Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand on 10– 13 June 2024.



The event connected more than 2000 participants 2152 universities - representing 125 countries.

The event featured a pre-launch reveal of the THE Impact Rankings to take a closer look at performance across popular SDGs and learn from best practice around the world. This was followed by the live reveal of the full ranking which featured participation of Sphinx University.



Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings 2024



Our SDGs Alignment..



Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings 2024



The Goals ..



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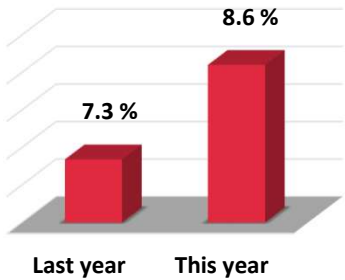
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Sphinx University Highlights 2023/2024 ..

% (Partial & Full) Scholarships

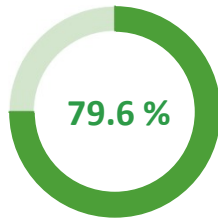
Compared to total UNV students number



1.7x

Increase

in of food outlets
Compared to last year



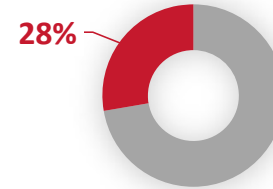
SDG3 related publications compared to total publications (2023)

11.1%
Increases in no. of publications
Compared to last year



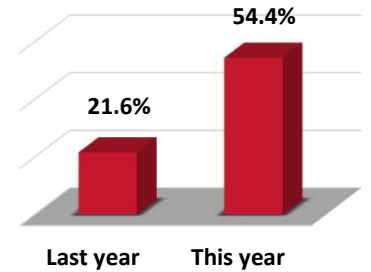
> 5000 patients received free medical care
Dental and Physical Therapy clinics

% Total First Generation Students*



* Compared to total university students

% First Generation Students



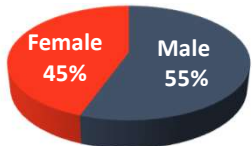
2x Increase
in Free Healthcare Services
Compared to last year

3x Increase
in Scholarships
Compared to last year

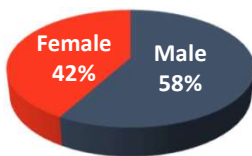


47%
Senior Female Academic Staff

Gender Distribution (among university students)



First-Generation Starting a program



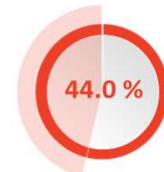
78%
Waste recycled across UNV



> 600
Trees and Palm Trees



Female Academic Staff

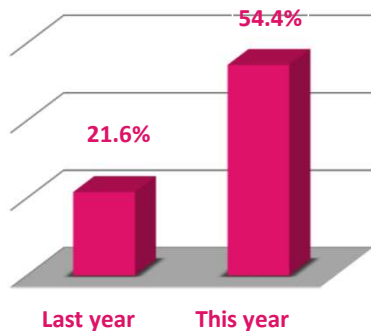
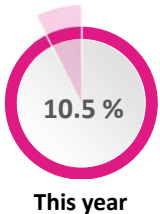


Female Workers

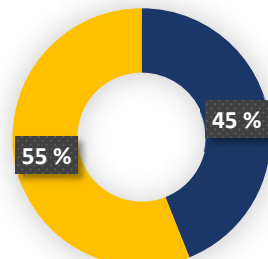
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Plastic Bottles Saved

22.8%
Increase in workforce compared to last year

% First Generation Students

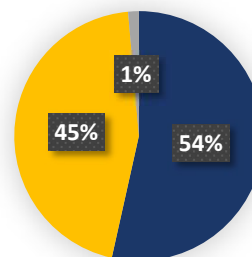


Scale of SDG-related research by publications (2021-2023)*



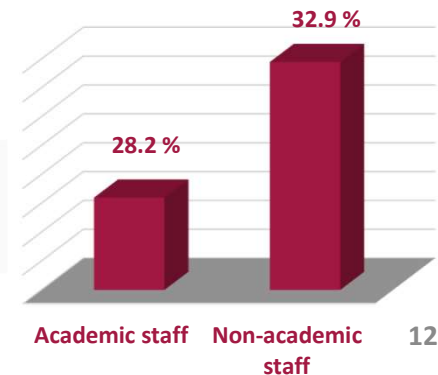
■ SDG related ■ Other publications

Geographic Collaborations (by Academic Publications 2021-2023)*



■ International
■ National
■ Single Authorship

% increase compared to last year





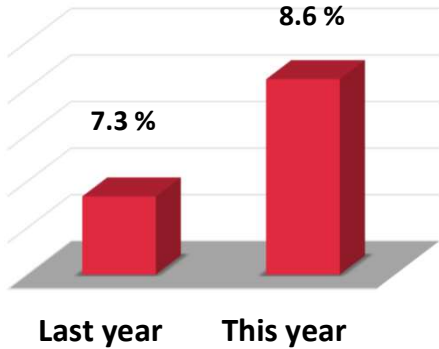
1 NO
POVERTY



END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE



% (Partial & Full) Scholarships Compared to total UNV students number



3x
Increase
in Scholarships
Compared to last year

2x
Increase
in Free
Healthcare
Services
Compared to last year

➤ Support And Financial Aid

Sphinx University continues to provide financial aid to applicants who come from financially disadvantaged backgrounds, as part of its anti-poverty policy. This support is offered and monitored through the university's admission tracking scheme. The University also ensures that all possible types of support (accommodation, transportation and medical) are accessible to aid them for completing their studies.

In collaboration with the Egyptian Ministry of Social Solidarity, Sphinx University offers a number of either full or partial scholarships statement for low income student scholarships.

The university medical clinics also offer free annual medical examination to new entry students. Several walk-in general, dental and physiotherapy clinics provide free medical consultation and free medication as part of the university services provided to low income students. Training on student rights and free access to basic services is provided.

➤ Community Anti-poverty Programs

Sphinx university provides direct financial assistance to various local communities. In addition, the university offers free access of its medical clinics to the local community. Sphinx University Physical Therapy and Dental outpatient clinics, offer free comprehensive medical services to all members of the local community, including patients, people with disabilities in addition to staff members and students. This initiative aligns with the university's commitment to sustainable development.

The University Youth Welfare Department organized an awareness convoy to two schools in poor villages in Assiut Governorate (Sahel selim village and Rifah village). Additional awareness campaigns were organized at public hospitals (El-Eman public hospital) and local medical centers (Arab-Motair and El-Welidia medical centers). The campaigns included free dental diagnosis and treatment for more than 200 patients, as well as educational and social awareness information on oral and dental hygiene. Gifts and free toothpaste samples were distributed, along with some recreational games for children.

In collaboration with the presidential Decent Life Initiative "Haya-Karima", Sphinx university arranged many visits to low-income villages to introduce basic services, eliminate the level of poverty and recognize social equity.

The Faculty of Dentistry and Oral Medicine also organized several visits to support disadvantaged people in orphanages in Assiut city - Dar El-Hanan (2023).

In 2022, the University General Directorate of Youth Welfare with coordination from the vice deans of the faculties for community service and environmental development organized a series of charity exhibitions to provide free supplies, as well as clothing and other items. The exhibition journey was continued in 2023 with the aim of helping low-income families.



Sphinx university is keen to use its sources in every possible way to terminate the apparition of poverty entirely.

2 ZERO
HUNGER



**END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED
NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**



› Student Hunger Support

Sustainable, healthy and affordable food choices are available for all personnel on campus through several university food outlets. Food choices cover many dietary preferences including vegetarian, vegan and religious foods with continuously checking the sanitation and quality standardization. The cost of the meals provided is reasonable and shows a non-significant increase compared to previous years (average of \$2.5).

The university also uses established protocols to determine the number of food-insecure students, and allocates funding to food outlets accordingly. As one of the tracking protocols of intervention to alleviate malnutrition related diseases, the university provides periodical medical examination for all new entry students.



access to adequate food all year around

› Campus Food Waste

Food loss and waste occurs at all stages of the food supply chain, from production to consumption. Reducing and preventing food loss and waste is essential for building a sustainable and resilient food system.

Based on United Nation Food Waste methodology, Sphinx University has implemented a policy to dispose, track and measure the amount of food waste generated from food served within the university in a safe way that imposes limited harm to the community.



loss or waste of food

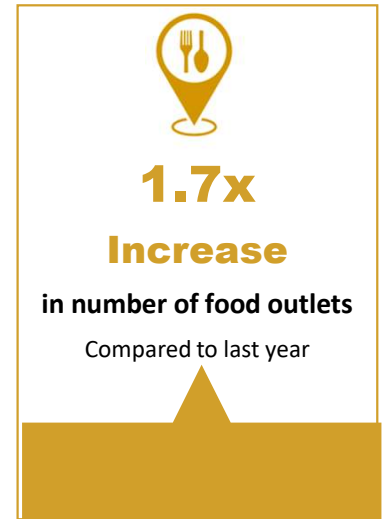
Sphinx University believes in the importance of fighting hunger in campus by assuring that all personnel have an access to healthy and sufficient food. Improving the standard of living is believed to be achieved primarily by controlling the malnutrition related diseases.

› National Hunger and Sustainable Food Sources

Sphinx University food outlets prioritize purchases of all ingredients from local sustainable sources, following the university's food quality control scheme. These outlets actively engage with local farmers and food producers, sharing knowledge and best practices regarding food sustainability measures, and quality standards.



food systems are sustainable



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING

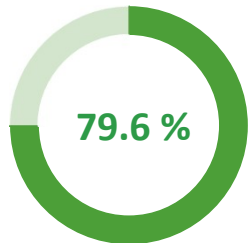


**ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE
WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES**

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



> 5000 patients received free medical care Dental and Physical Therapy clinics



SDG3 related publications compared to total publications (2023)

11.1% Increases in No. of Publications Compared to last year

› Research

Sphinx University's research action plan to improve health outcomes and tackle common health issues is commendable. The university's research efforts have already had a significant impact, with a 11.1 increase in the number of published research articles with more than 90 % research collaborations.

The university's biannual journal, Sphinx Journal of Pharmaceutical and Medical Sciences (SJPMS), is also playing a valuable role in disseminating new and innovative research in different fields of health sciences. By publishing its research freely, the university is making it accessible to a wider audience and helping to accelerate the pace of scientific progress.

› University Collaborations

Sphinx University is expanding its collaboration network to include not only local but also national and global health institutions with the goal of improving health and wellbeing outcomes. These collaborations offer numerous benefits as students gain valuable experience and training in real-world settings, faculty have opportunities to conduct research and collaborate with other institutions, and the community receives access to high-quality healthcare services.

Sphinx University offers certified medical training for undergraduate students through local collaborations with Assiut University Hospitals. This year, the university expanded these partnerships to include other healthcare facilities, including public (El-Eman hospital) and private hospitals (Rovan Hospital), providing students with valuable clinical experience across various specialties such as oncology, pediatrics, cardiology, geriatrics, and more."

Another significant collaboration protocol has been signed between Nerhado Pharmaceuticals International company and the Egyptian Pharmaceutical Students' Union (EPSF) to officially sponsor the blood donation and early diabetes detection campaigns organized by the Union.

› Smoking

Sphinx University declared the campus as a non-smoking zone and prohibits smoking completely all over the campus by enforcing the university "Smoke-Free" policy. By implementing a smoke-free policy, Sphinx University is helping to create a healthier environment for its students, staff, and visitors. The university also organized many awareness campaigns for students, staff member and the local community to raise awareness about hazards of smoking.



Sphinx University is committed to promoting the health and well-being of its students, staff, and the surrounding community. By partnering with national and global organizations, we aim to create a supportive environment that fosters academic success and personal growth.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

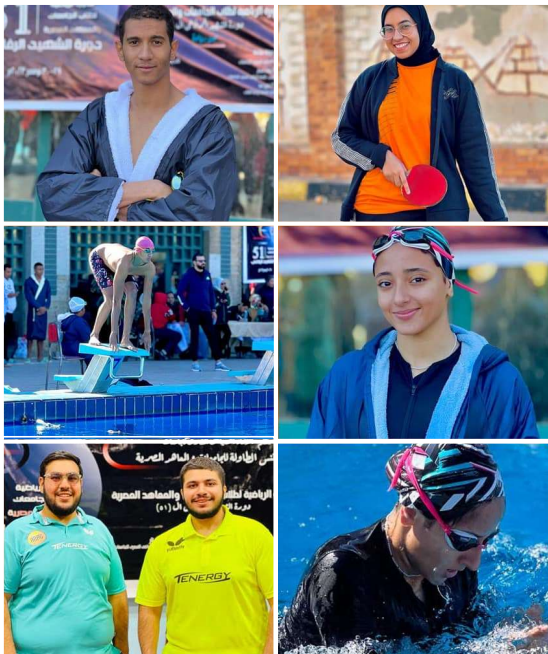


➤ Sports:

Sphinx university encourages students and staff members to participate in different sport events and competitions either on- or off-campus . To support this initiative, the university has constructed new sports facilities (handball and football pitches) that are open to the public.

In 2023, Sphinx University participated in the 50th edition of the "El-Shahid Rifai Sports Tournament", organized by the Egyptian University Sports Federation in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The participation included competitions in various sports as Karate, Swimming and Volleyball.

Also, The University proudly participated in the 7th edition of the University Girls' Olympics, held in Alexandria Governorate under the theme 'Youth of the New Republic's Universities.' Our talented female athletes showcased their skills and determination."



➤ Health outreach programs and services

As a part of Sphinx University community outreach programs, free health services are provided to the local community through the University's outpatient Physical Therapy and Dentistry Clinics on campus.

Faculty of Physical Therapy partnered with Assiut Health Directorate to host a diabetes awareness campaign on World Diabetes Day. The event included interactive sessions aimed at educating the community about diabetes prevention, early detection, and complication management.

Faculty of Dentistry arranged several visits to local orphanages (Dar El-Hanan orphanages), local schools (Rifah village public schools), public hospitals (El-Eman hospital) and local medical centers (Arab-Motair and El-Welidia medical centers) where it offered dental diagnosis and treatment for more than 200 patients, as well as educational and awareness information on oral and dental hygiene.



The university organized several blood donation campaigns both on campus and in nearby villages (Deir El-Genadleh-Village). The university also conducted awareness campaigns at local schools to promote blood donation among future generations.

A series of seminars and symposiums were hosted by the Faculty of Physical Therapy covering topics such as cardiovascular diseases prevention and proper antibiotic use.

Faculty of Dentistry and Oral Medicine conducted a two-day "In-lab CAD/CAM" training workshop. The workshop introduced automated systems for designing and fabricating dental prosthetics, equipping participants with advanced dental technologies to enhance the faculty's scientific and practical skills.

In recognition of the importance of mental and emotional health, Sphinx University offers free mental health services to all students and hosts events during Self-harm awareness month.



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION

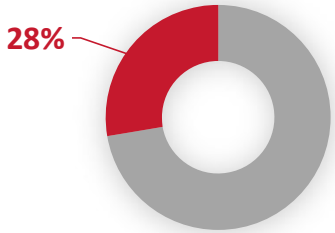


**ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND
PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

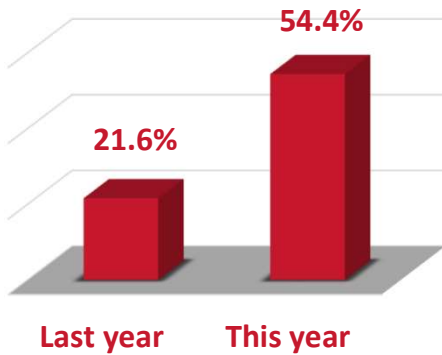


% Total First Generation Students*



* Compared to total university students

% First Generation Students



Sphinx university is committed to ensure quality education opportunities and lifelong learning options for all individuals regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, gender, immigration, or economic status

➤ Quality Education Opportunities

Since Sphinx university is operating in one of the most under-developed communities in Upper-Egypt, different challenges are risen above the horizon. Among these challenges are the low economic standards and limited educational resources. Despite these obstacles, the university has made a substantial impact on improving local education as evidenced by the high number of first-generation students pursuing degrees.

➤ On Campus Educational Events

Sphinx University's offers a diverse range of on-campus educational events, collaborating with both internal and external partners. These events provide valuable opportunities for students, staff, and the general public to learn and engage with the university community."

One notable partnership is with the Egyptian Knowledge Bank (EKB) which has enabled Sphinx University to provide a variety of educational programs and training events. These events cover a wide range of topics, including: professional development, technical skills and personal development.



Additionally, the Sphinx University Egyptian Pharmacy Students Federation (EPSF) also organized its own on-campus public lectures and events with the aim to achieve an effective scientific education and community contribution. These events covered a wide range of topics, including "Pharmacy and clinical pharmacy" Event, "cardiovascular diseases prevention" and "proper antibiotic use".

Sphinx University also hosted a variety of events to enhance student development and engagement. These events include student research days (the first dentistry scientific research day), international exchange program orientations (exchange opportunities between Egyptian and American universities and Student exchange program, SEP) and scouting festivals (Impact, Influence, and Make a Difference). The university has collaborated with external partners to provide opportunities for students to learn, research, and develop their skills in various fields.

Sphinx University's College of Physical Therapy has organized several events to enhance professional development and knowledge sharing. The scientific symposium on "Applying Learning Theories for Sustainable Development in Physical Therapy Colleges in Egypt." that aligned with Egypt's Vision 2030 and the university's goals, contributing to the advancement of teaching methods and mechanisms.





➤ Educational Outreach Activities

Sphinx University actively engages in educational outreach activities beyond the campus, extending its reach to local schools and communities. These initiatives often involve voluntary student-run schemes, underscoring the university's commitment to social responsibility and community development.

Sphinx university has organized awareness campaigns in nearby villages and schools to provide education on dental problems, preventive measures, and proper oral hygiene practices and promote blood donation among future generations.

A number of educational lectures and group sessions were organized by Sphinx university Ranking Team aiming to raise awareness about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and related THE Impact Ranking. The Team shared its successful experience in applying for the Times (THE - Impact Ranking) with its counterpart at Delta University. This is in the framework of developing ways of cooperation between the two universities in the field of scientific research and practical application.

To bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world experiences, the university facilitates student participation in a variety of conferences such as the Ismailia Dentistry Conference, Nursing Students' Scientific Conference, International Scientific Conference on Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, Scientific Conference for New Dental Graduates, Clinical Pharmacy Conference, The Second Undergraduate Physical Therapy Conference, Scientific Day for Dentistry faculties, and The Techne Summit 2023. This exposure equips students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the job market.

Through the collaboration with Assiut University, students participated in the Future Dentists conference and the Physio-expert conference. Additionally, the university has facilitated the participation of veterinary students in field trips to the Assiut University Veterinary Hospital. Sphinx University students have also actively participated in conferences.

➤ Free Educational Resources

Sphinx University is committed to promoting knowledge sharing and accessibility. The university provides free access to educational resources to both students and the broader community, e.g. computers, library, online courses, access to lectures.

Additionally, the university's open access journal, Sphinx Journal of Pharmaceutical and Medical Sciences, continued to provide valuable information to researchers and practitioners in the fields of medicine and pharmacy. With six volumes already available to the public, the university is helping to advance scientific knowledge and improve healthcare outcomes for everyone.

Sphinx University's collaboration with the national program "Literacy and Adult Education" is also noteworthy. The "Literacy and Adult Education Centre" within the university helps to provide basic education to illiterate individuals in the local community, giving them the opportunity to improve their lives and contribute to society.

The university's "Foreign Language Teaching Center" also provided certified language courses for both students and the general public. This is an important service, as language skills are essential for success in today's globalized world.



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



**ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND
EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS**



Sphinx University, located in one of Egypt's most underserved regions, is actively working to combat gender inequality. The university has successfully challenged local traditions that hinder women's education and has implemented programs specifically designed to empower female students.

➤ Student Access Measures

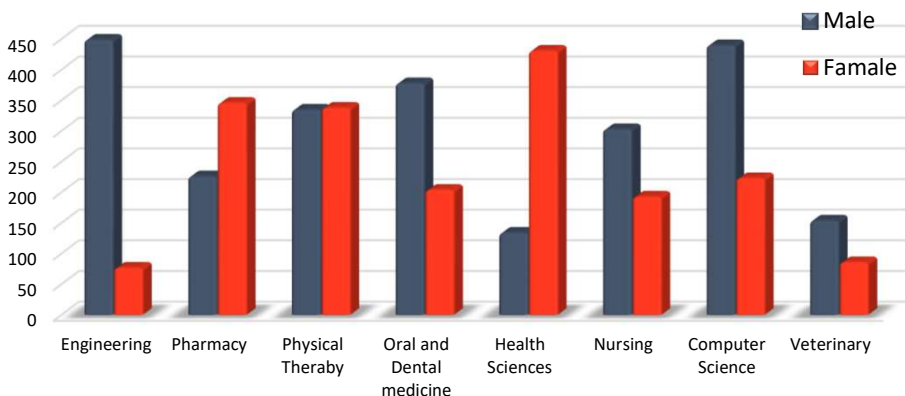
Sphinx University rigorously and systematically tracks women's application, acceptance and participation based on the university admission scheme using either electronic or printed application forms. By tracking women's engagement with the university, Sphinx University is able to identify and address any barriers that may be preventing women from applying to, attending, and succeeding in higher education. This information can then be used to develop targeted interventions to support women's participation in the university community.

To further promote gender equality, Sphinx University annually organizes multiple symposiums to raise awareness among female students about its various programs within the framework of the university's commitment to achieving SDG5.

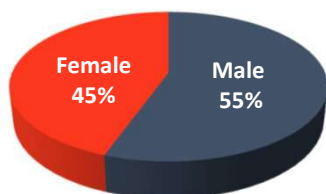
Sphinx University is also committed to promoting women's athletic abilities and personal development. The university participated in the "University Women's Olympics" held in Alexandria, where female students competed in various sports.

Sphinx University is committed to fostering a safe and inclusive campus environment for all students, with a particular focus on promoting gender equality and women's rights. The EPSF student organization shares this commitment and has taken the initiative to raise awareness about gender-based violence. They hosted an event with the theme "Everyone has the responsibility to prevent & end the violence against women". This event underscores the importance of addressing this critical issue and creating a supportive community for all students.

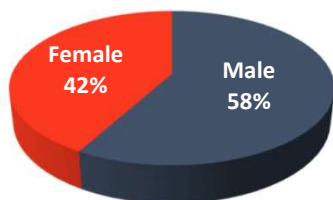
All Students Starting a Program



Gender Distribution (among university students)



First-Generation Starting a program



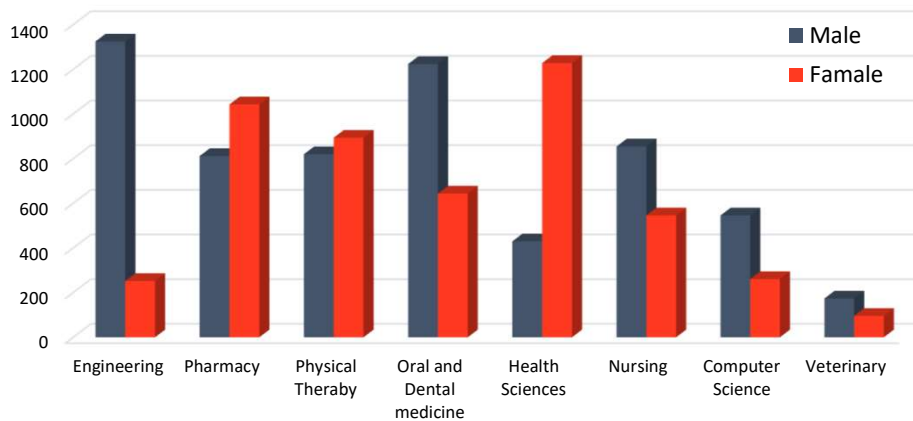
Empowerment of women and gender equality is fundamental for any nation's social development. To help achieving this goal, Sphinx university provides a university environment suited to women where all female students/staff enjoy equal learning/working opportunities and full access to all facilities.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



To encourage more female students to pursue careers in STEM fields, Sphinx University hosted a “women’s orientation day” at the Faculty of Engineering. This event aimed to inspire female students and highlight the opportunities available in engineering and other underrepresented fields. The percentage of female students in various university educational programs has consistently increased, reaching an average of 40%. This represents a significant improvement compared to previous years, demonstrating the university’s commitment to gender equality and inclusivity in STEM education.

Total University Students



Women’s Progress Measures

The university implemented a number of educational policies and procedures that aim to provide equal educational opportunities and work rights to both genders, to nurture the culture of tolerance and acceptance and to support women’s active participation. This is guaranteed through the implemented University Women Work Bylaw and the University Women Anti-discrimination Policy.

The university also offers a number of extracurricular mentoring schemes such as “Bridging Chemistry Course” for new entry students. Female participation in these schemes was reported to be with an average of 40%.

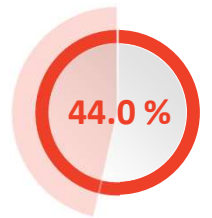
Research

Female researchers at Sphinx University are producing high-quality research that is having a major impact on their respective fields.

Around 39 % of our Scopus indexed published research papers over all fields in highly impacted journals are authored and co-authored by academic female researchers.



47 %
Senior Female Academic Staff



Female Workers



Female Academic Staff



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



**ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL**

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Water Consumption Per Person

Sphinx University is committed to managing its water resources in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner. The university's partnership with the Egyptian Holding Company for Water and Wastewater and the implementation of water conservation and efficiency measures help to ensure that the University has a reliable and sustainable water supply. By tracking and measuring our total water consumption, we can identify areas for improvement, reduce our water footprint, and implement effective conservation strategies.

Sphinx university aims to guarantee the availability of clean drinking water and adequate sewage disposal.

We seek to ensure easy and affordable access to clean drinking water while also promoting water conservation.



Water Usage and Care

Sphinx University is committed to providing safe and affordable drinking water for all members of our community. To meet the growing demand due to the increasing number of population on campus, numerous drinking water dispensers have been installed throughout the campus, which are regularly maintained and tested for water quality and proper functioning. We encourage the use of reusable water bottles to reduce plastic waste.

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond drinking water. We have implemented procedures to treat wastewater effectively, preventing pollution and ensuring clean water supplies for all. These practices align with the University's "Water Conservation and Reuse Policy".

The university actively promotes conscious water usage on campus. Strict building standards are applied to minimize water usage as seen in laboratory, bathroom, and kitchen specifications. In addition, any leaks in water pipes or faucets are repaired promptly. Additionally, we prioritize sanitation and hygiene by ensuring clean and well-maintained restrooms, providing free soap and paper towels, and promoting good hygiene practices among our community. Our facilities are designed to be inclusive, accommodating the needs of all individuals, including those with disabilities.

Our campus landscaping reflects our commitment to water conservation. We utilize water-conscious plants, such as drought-tolerant palm trees, that provide shade and reduce the need for air conditioning. We also employ drip irrigation systems to deliver water directly to plant roots, minimizing water loss.

Water In the Community

The university educates students, staff, and visitors about the importance of staying hydrated and conserving water. Sphinx university also provides frequent lectures for the local community to raise awareness about university's water conservation efforts, the benefits of responsible water usage and good hygiene practices. The university's "Water Conservation and Reuse Policy" is widely accessible to campus personnel, and all are advised to comply with it.

Research:

The university is currently collaborating with the Egyptian Holding Company for Water and Wastewater as well as the Ministry of Health in an ongoing research project that studies water quality standards in New Assiut City. The sustainable goal concerning clean water and sanitation has been integrated into the university research plan and the number of related publications has increased yearly.

A publication named, "Facile fabrication of boron and nitrogen co-doped carbon dots for "ON-OFF-ON" fluorescence sensing of Al^{3+} and F^{-} ions in water samples," presents a novel approach for simultaneous detection of Al^{3+} and F^{-} ions, two critical contaminants in water. The study highlights the innovative use of carbon dots, their sensitivity and selectivity, and the potential for real-world applications in water quality monitoring.



7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



**ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE,
SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL**

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Sphinx University recognizes the importance of clean, affordable, reliable and sustainable energy sources. Sphinx university adheres to the Arab strategy for sustainable energy 2030 to upgrade existing buildings to higher energy efficiency. The strategy was adopted by the Council of Arab Ministers of Energy in 2019.

► University measures towards affordable and clean energy

The university has an energy efficiency plan to reduce overall energy consumption. From the very start, we were committed to build energy efficient buildings. The university air conditioning cooling system is operated through energy saving water-based system. In addition, the university ensures that all renovations and new buildings follow energy efficiency standards. Energy reviews are regularly performed to identify areas where energy waste is the highest, upon contract with Egyptian Holding Company of Electricity and Renewable Energy. To save energy, all staff are required according to the university policy to turn off any devices manually when not in use including PCs, AC, light, fans and laboratory machines.

The university has implemented a comprehensive policy for carbon management and reducing carbon dioxide emissions. By tracking and measuring emissions, the university can identify areas for improvement and implement targeted strategies to reduce pollution. For example, the university provides free public transportation to employees and subsidized transportation to students, encouraging a shift away from personal vehicles

Additionally, the university has adopted a policy on divesting investments from carbon intensive energy industries such as coal and oil. This divestment strategy aims to reduce financial support for these industries and incentivize their transition to cleaner energy sources.

Prioritising Public Transportation To Reduce Carbon Emissions



Committing To Turn Appliances Off When Not In Use



► Energy and the community

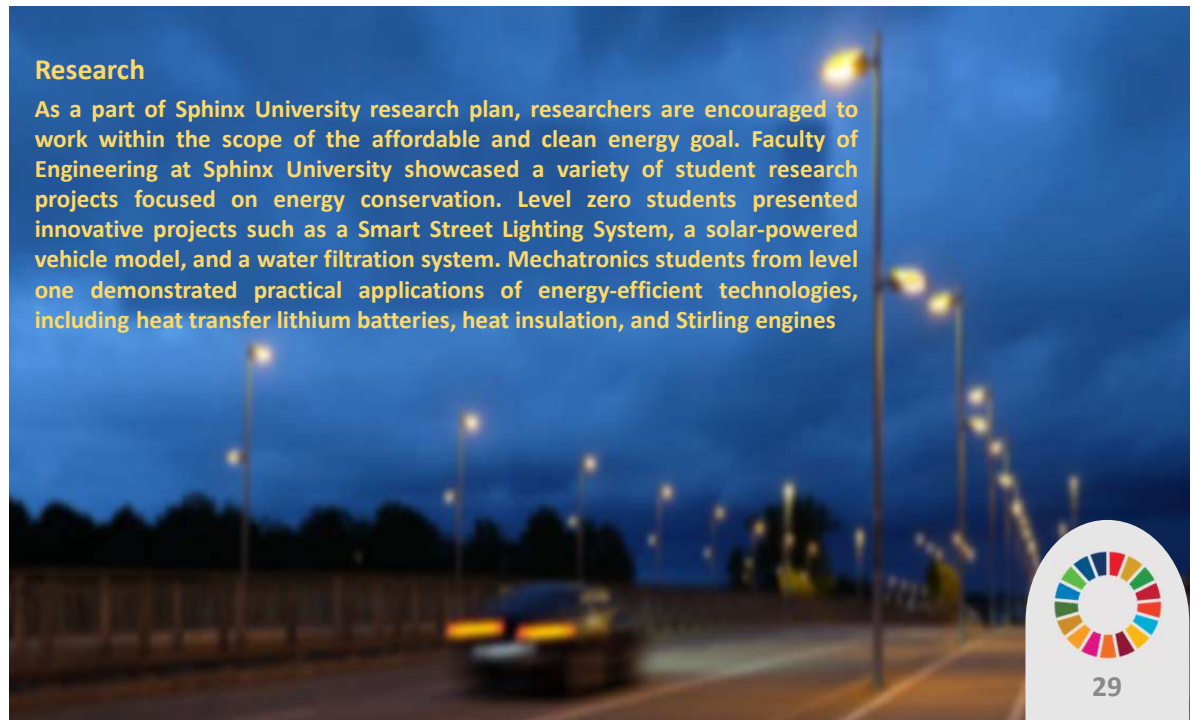
Sphinx university promotes public knowledge on the importance of renewable energy through hosting meetings, discussions, and events for students, staff and also for the local community. Our university students arranged and supervised a series of field visits with the local community schools to the Egyptian Electricity Holding Company where students learnt about the different sources of electricity and the latest technologies in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

In addition to educational benefits, these visits also provide students with an opportunity to interact with professionals in the energy industry which helps to develop career interests and to develop a sense of responsibility for conserving energy and protecting the environment.

Sphinx University offers free consulting services and educational programs to local businesses to help them improve their energy efficiency and adopt clean energy. Experienced engineers at the university can help businesses identify energy-saving opportunities, develop implementation plans, and select and integrate clean energy technologies, such as solar and wind power. Businesses in the Sphinx University area can schedule a free energy consulting service by contacting the university “Sustainability, City Development and Renewable Energy Team”.

Research

As a part of Sphinx University research plan, researchers are encouraged to work within the scope of the affordable and clean energy goal. Faculty of Engineering at Sphinx University showcased a variety of student research projects focused on energy conservation. Level zero students presented innovative projects such as a Smart Street Lighting System, a solar-powered vehicle model, and a water filtration system. Mechatronics students from level one demonstrated practical applications of energy-efficient technologies, including heat transfer lithium batteries, heat insulation, and Stirling engines



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH

A hand holding a coin with a small green tree growing from it. In the background, there are stacks of coins and more trees, with a glowing line graph showing an upward trend. The scene is set on a reflective white surface.

**PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE
ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT
AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL**



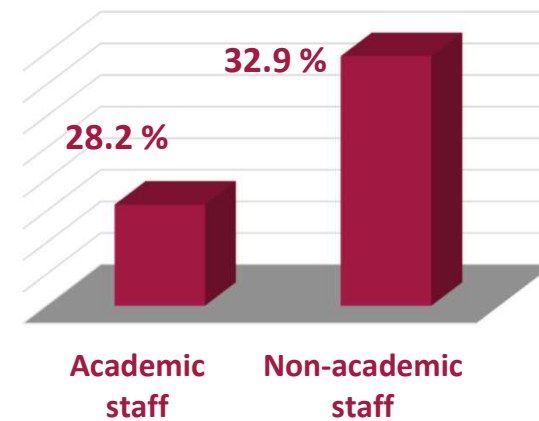
► Employment Practice

Sphinx University is committed to fair compensation for all employees. The university pays all staff and faculty at least the living wage, according to the Labor Law regulations defined by the Egyptian government, demonstrating its dedication to employee well-being and contributing to reducing poverty and inequality.

Sphinx University is committed to creating a respectful and inclusive workplace for all employees. The university strictly adheres to its anti-discrimination policy regarding religion, gender, and age, and prioritizes pay scale equity and eliminating gender pay gaps. Regular pay audits are conducted to identify and address any disparities. Additionally, Sphinx University continuously monitors and evaluates its policies to ensure a fair and equitable work environment for all.

Sphinx University collaborates with several labor syndicates (such as Syndicate of Pharmacists) to recognize and protect workers' rights and improve the quality of life for its staff. By working with syndicates, the university demonstrates its commitment to employee well-being and ensures that its employees are treated fairly and have a voice in the workplace. This collaboration allows the university to identify and address specific employee needs and develop solutions that enhance their working lives.

% increase compared to last year



22.8 %
Increase
in workforce
compared to last year

► Sphinx University's Commitment to Employment

The establishment of a Sphinx University campus in New Assiut has been a significant development. By investing in this growing region, the university created new job opportunities and stimulated economic growth. The university's commitment to fair wages and decent work conditions is evident in its various initiatives, including workshops offered by the center of quality assurance and accreditation. These workshops cover a range of topics, such as academic advising, communication skills, teaching and learning strategies, academic ethics, and faculty development.

To foster professional growth and well-being, the university also encouraged its employees to participate in off-campus workshops. Examples of these workshops included "Do it with passion", "self-harm awareness", and "marketing" workshops.

Sphinx University is driving economic growth in New Assiut by creating jobs and fostering a skilled workforce. The university prioritizes fair labor practices, offering competitive wages, safe working conditions, and professional development opportunities. By equipping students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in a sustainable and inclusive economy, The University makes a significant contribution to the region's development.



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE
INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION**

9 INDUSTRIES, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Sphinx University aims to contribute significantly to SDG 9 through encouraging researchers to develop new technologies and processes that help conserve resources, and to improve the efficiency of infrastructure and transportation systems.

Research

The Mohamed Rabie Innovation and Scientific Research Prize presented by the chairman of the university's board of trustees, continues to be presented annually (2022-2023) to Egyptian scientists who have made significant contributions in various fields. The award covers medical, agricultural, and applied engineering sciences as a mean to support education, research, and development initiatives in the community. The sustainable goal concerning industry, innovation and infrastructure is widely tackled by Sphinx university researchers within the scope of the university research plan.

Significant publications include:

Investigating the Potential of High-Density Polyethylene and Nano Clay Asphalt-Modified Binders to Enhance the Rutting Resistance of Asphalt Mixture.

Analysing Witczak 1-37A, Witczak 1-40D and Modified Hirsch Models for asphalt dynamic modulus prediction using global sensitivity analysis.

Educational and Training Programs

The Faculty of Engineering at Sphinx University has been a leader in promoting practical learning. Students have showcased their skills through different projects including CNC milling machines, solar vehicles, water filtration systems and bridge models. Additionally, civil engineering students have presented multiple-structure models of railway and road bridges, while mechatronics students have demonstrated projects related to heat transfer, lithium batteries, and Stirling engines. The Departments of Electronics and Mechatronics have also organized a field trip to the Technology Innovation Center at the Silicon Oasis in the Smart Village, New Assiut City .

Sphinx University students have also participated in the Techne Summit 2023 that focused on the latest technological advancements and provided support for entrepreneurship among youth. In addition, students participated in the Egypt Defense Expo (EDEX 2023). The exhibition offered various demonstrations of advanced technologies to participants from around the world, providing opportunities for knowledge exchange, idea sharing, and productive collaboration.

The university has also organized field trips to Arab al-Awamer Industrial Zone, and the industrial area in Assiut, two prominent industrial zones in Upper and Middle Egypt. These trips aimed to provide students with valuable exposure to real-world applications, promote sustainable development and raise awareness of national projects impacting the governorate.



Resilient infrastructures

Building resilient infrastructures, promoting sustainable industries, and fostering innovation are key players in economic development of any nation. Therefore, Sphinx university continues to benefit the surrounding community infrastructure through providing newly well-established roads, green spaces, and effective traffic control.

Sphinx University's investment in infrastructure also has a number of indirect benefits. It helped to attract new businesses and residents to the community, which can further boost economic activity in addition to improving the quality of life in the community.

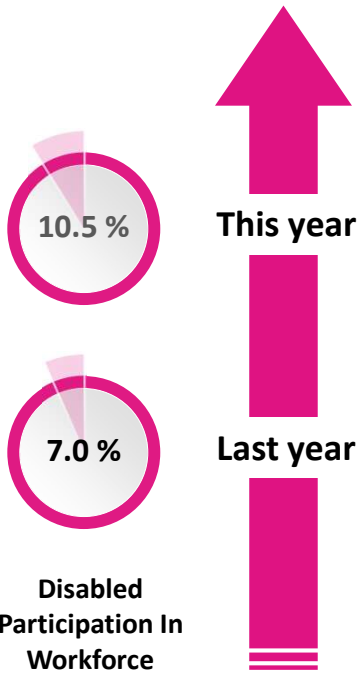




10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Support Services

Sphinx University provides academic guidance and counseling programs to support students, staff, and faculty members in need. This is an important step in creating a supportive and inclusive environment for everyone at the university. Academic guidance and counseling programs can be especially beneficial for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, who may face additional challenges in succeeding in higher education. These programs can help students to overcome these challenges and achieve their academic goals.

Sphinx university provides support services for students and staff with special needs. Buildings are designed to be accessible across campus. Equipped toilet facilities for handicapped are also available. In addition, we have an accommodation service for people with disabilities that includes adequate funding.

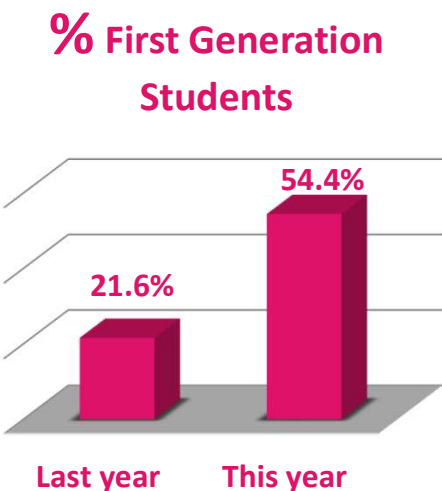
Faculty of Physical Therapy participated in the third international conference entitled “Greening the Road to Rehabilitation”. The conference included a discussion of the various cases faced by physical therapists and how to deal with them, including cases of elderly people of all ages, ways to protect them from the risks of falls and fractures, and the basics of first aid necessary to avoid reaching critical levels.

In 2023, the university celebrate the “World Day of People with Disabilities” by hosting several families with children with disabilities who presented various artistic and cultural performances . In addition, a charity exhibition was held featuring a variety of products, including clothing, textiles, and handicrafts. This was done to activate the university's community role and support the capabilities of its members. This is one of the most important educational and humanitarian messages that the university seeks to instill in its students, in addition to linking the academic aspect to practical application and dealing with different cases, especially in the field of physical therapy, which is considered the foundation of the therapeutic stages for people with disabilities.

Measures Against Discrimination

Sphinx University plays a significant role in addressing inequality in the community through advocating for policies and programs that promote social, economic and political inclusion for all. Sphinx University supports an environment of tolerance that prohibits any forms of discrimination on basis of gender, race, region, religion, financial state, or disabilities within the agenda of the Egyptian government, to achieve social justice and integration.

Sphinx University is operating in one of the most underdeveloped communities in Upper Egypt and is working to address the issue of inequality which is closely influenced by traditional and cultural backgrounds.





11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



**MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE**

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



➤ Sustainable Practices



Car-Free Campus

Sphinx University is committed to creating sustainable and eco-friendly campuses. By implementing a car-free campus policy, the university has significantly improved air quality, reduced noise pollution, and enhanced safety for all campus members. To ensure sustainable transportation, the university promotes sustainable options like walking, cycling, carpooling, and shuttle bus services for students and employees.

To further reduce its environmental impact, Sphinx University has adopted remote working and distance e-learning strategies. By utilizing online learning platforms, the university has minimized the need for physical commuting and reduced carbon emissions. Additionally, the university offers affordable housing for employees and students, improving their quality of life and reducing transportation needs.

Sphinx University's commitment to sustainability extends beyond the campus. Through the "Sphinx University Engineering Consulting Office" the university provides expert advice to local and regional government on sustainable urban planning and development, ensuring that local residents have access to affordable housing and other essential services.



78%
Waste recycled
across UNV

Sphinx University has been instrumental in the development of New Assiut city, a previously overlooked urban area. The university has attracted new investments, improved infrastructure, and stimulated economic growth. These developments have created new jobs and opportunities for local residents, enhancing their overall well-being.



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Research

Sphinx University continued to implement its research plan, aiming to inform policymakers and practitioners on creating more livable cities. The university has published a number of research articles within the scope of SDG 11, which have the potential to drive development of new technologies and solutions for sustainable and resilient cities.

Residual Neural Networks for Origin–Destination Trip Matrix Estimation from Traffic Sensor Information

Analysing Witczak 1-37A, Witczak 1-40D and Modified Hirsch Models for asphalt dynamic modulus prediction using global sensitivity analysis.

Investigating the Potential of High-Density Polyethylene and Nano Clay Asphalt-Modified Binders to Enhance the Rutting Resistance of Asphalt Mixture.

Arts and Heritage

Sphinx University is committed to fostering a vibrant arts and cultural scene. The university provides access to libraries, art galleries, and exhibitions, offering students and the public a chance to engage with diverse cultural expressions.

To encourage creativity and artistic talent, Sphinx University organized a photography and mandala art competition. The university also plays a role in preserving intangible cultural heritage and supporting public performances of university choirs, theatre groups and local folklore shows aiming to perpetuate traditions, and language.

To inspire future generations, Sphinx University organized a student visit to the 54th Cairo International Book Fair and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. This cultural excursion aimed to introduce students to Egypt's rich literary and historical heritage. Building on this experience, the university plans to launch its first cultural gathering, providing a platform for students to showcase their literary works and develop their creative potential.

Sphinx University's commitment to academic excellence is evident in its achievements at the national level. In 2023, the university secured second place in research papers at the national conference "Egypt Can Through Its Students," held at Assiut University. This recognition highlights the university's dedication to fostering innovation and addressing societal challenges.



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



**ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
PATTERNS**

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



Operational Measures

Sphinx university implements safe and sustainable waste disposal practices as directed through the university policy for waste disposal and recycling . Hazardous, chemical and biological waste materials are stored in sealed containers and signs are put up for university students working in laboratories to guide them on effective disposal techniques. We also are committed to the minimization of plastic use and minimization of disposable items.

The university policy for waste disposal extends to outsourced suppliers and supply chain as equipment, stationary, building contracts. In this context, waste material was recycled in the manufacture of interlocking tiles in order to help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and conserve traditionally used natural resources, such as sand and gravel.

Sphinx university is committed to ethical sourcing of food and supplies. Our Sustainable Food Framework ensures that products sourced are obtained in a responsible and sustainable way. The framework also emphasizes that workers involved are safe and treated fairly. It also highlights the environmental and social impacts taken into consideration during the sourcing process.

Sphinx university prioritizes sustainable consumption and production patterns. This SDG is promoted through development of sustainable infrastructure, provision of energy, access to basic services, in addition to maintaining a good employment rate and fair wages, all leading to improved quality of life.

University projects supporting responsible consumption, production and recycling

Sphinx University's innovative projects have significantly influenced the university community and beyond by promoting sustainable practices. By spearheading recycling initiatives and encouraging responsible consumption, these projects have fostered a culture of environmental consciousness.

First-year students at Sphinx University presented a variety of thermodynamics projects, as part of the evaluation requirements for the Mechatronics Program. Projects presented included lithium batteries, heat insulation, and a Stirling engine.



Students also demonstrated an Aluminum cans recycling project, utilizing sand casting techniques to produce useful items such as adjustable arms for head pod instruments and flanges and covers for firefighting tube systems.



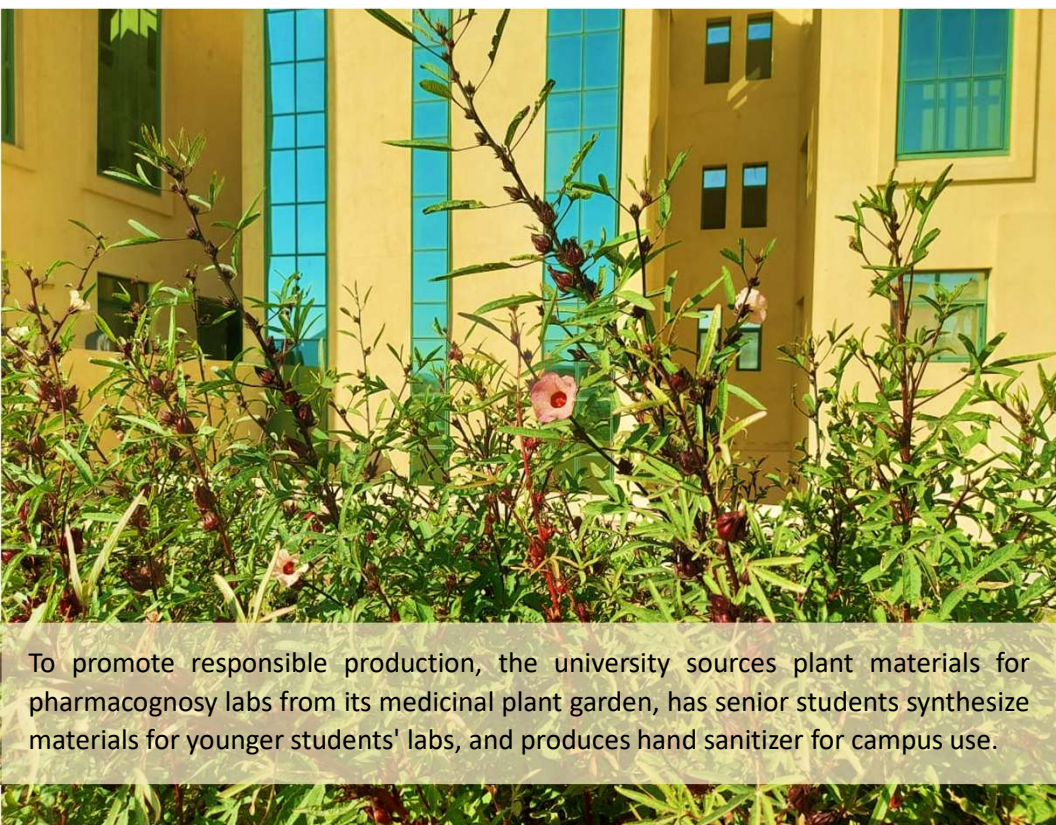
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



➤ Responsible Consumption and Production Patterns

Sphinx university works in a number of ways to promote responsible consumption and production patterns including promoting awareness and education, supporting sustainable businesses, reducing waste, promoting energy efficiency, supporting sustainable transportation, etc.

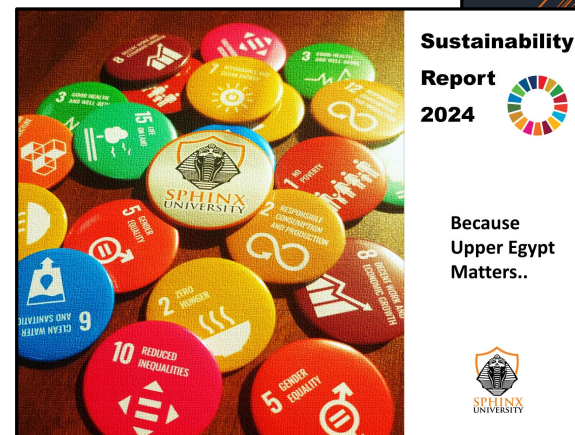
Responsible consumption patterns are established through our water-conscious building design, a water-efficient irrigation system and free provision of drinking water with minimization of plastic waste. Also, the university's energy efficiency policy compels staff members to turn off electronic devices when not in use to save energy and reduce the university's carbon footprint.



To promote responsible production, the university sources plant materials for pharmacognosy labs from its medicinal plant garden, has senior students synthesize materials for younger students' labs, and produces hand sanitizer for campus use.

➤ Sustainability Report

Sphinx University annually publishes a comprehensive Sustainability Progress Report, outlining its progress and impact towards each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



COP27
Egypt

COP28
Dubai

**TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE
AND ITS IMPACTS**



Climate change is a global problem that requires a global solution, and universities have a vital role to play in research, education, and innovation towards climate actions. Sphinx university understands the threat of climate change and vows to help solve this crisis in various ways.

➤ Sustainable Practices

Sphinx University promotes sustainable practices on campus concerning climate action, energy efficiency, waste reduction, and water conservation. Our campus is designed with sustainability in mind. We have preserved green spaces and planted trees to reduce heat stress and improve air quality. Additionally, we utilize wooden shelters and drip irrigation systems to optimize water usage and to reduce heat stress and humidity, which can improve air quality..

In accordance with Egypt's vision 2030 to address climate changes, Sphinx University is striving to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases and carbon dioxide footprint. We have implemented a variety of measures that include adopting the Egyptian Green Building Council's standards for new buildings, using water cooling instead of Freon-based air conditioning, turning off electrical appliances when not in use, using energy-efficient bulbs and developing a clean energy production plan based on solar cells and solar heaters.



➤ Local Environmental Educational Measures

Within the scope of local education programs on climate, Sphinx University actively participates in national and international climate change initiatives. University Students participated in the activities of "Climate is My Responsibility" initiative in preparation for the international Climate Change Conference - COP27- 2022 . A university delegation also participated in the launch of the second edition of the Environment Month Forum, themed "COP28-Assiut- 2023, to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices. These events aim to foster collaboration among academic institutions and drive solutions to climate challenges, particularly aligning with SDG 13

➤ Research

Sphinx University supports research on climate change and its impact on Egypt, the Arab world, and beyond. Our researchers in the field of physics have published a study on carbon dioxide reduction , a crucial step towards mitigating climate change. This research, aligned with SDG13, provides valuable insights to policymakers and businesses for developing effective climate action plans.

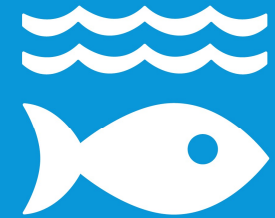


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Trees and Palm Trees



14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



**CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEA AND
MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**



► Water Sensitive Waste Disposal

Sphinx University has implemented water sensitive waste disposal practices in collaboration with the Egyptian Holding Company for Water and Waste Water. The university adheres to strict water quality standards and guidelines for water discharges. Additionally, Sphinx University has an action plan in place to reduce plastic waste on campus and minimize potential impacts on aquatic ecosystems.

► Supporting Aquatic Ecosystems Through Education

Sphinx University's one-day educational campaign was a commendable initiative to raise awareness about sustainable aquaculture practices within the local community. By focusing on regulating fishing and promoting sustainable water resource management, the university has taken a significant step towards ensuring the long-term health of aquatic ecosystems and the livelihoods of those who depend on them.

► Supporting Aquatic Ecosystems Through Research

Sphinx University directs its scientific research towards investigating marine biodiversity and assessing the effects of climate change and pollution on Egypt's marine ecosystems. The ultimate goal is to formulate robust strategies for the conservation of these precious natural assets. Our researchers constructed a complementary research protocol to complete as a junction to the previously reported study on the secondary metabolome of selected Egyptian Red Sea soft corals as a valuable contribution to our understanding of these ecosystems. This could help to develop new ways to protect and manage soft coral populations, and to discover new secondary metabolites with beneficial properties.

The Nile River, Mediterranean and Red Sea coasts as well as lakes are among Egypt's most precious resources, and it is essential to protect and conserve them. Sphinx University provides direct support in maintaining ecosystems in these water bodies through research and education.





PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS



Sphinx University's location in New Assiut city in Upper Egypt, a desert area, presents a unique opportunity to demonstrate the importance of life on land and environmental protection. The construction of the university in such area allowed for its revival and presented a great chance for desert greening and reclamation. By planting numerous trees and palm trees, the university is helping to create a more sustainable ecosystem and improve the quality of life for the local community.

In addition to the environmental benefits, desert greening also has a positive impact on the economy. Trees can help to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality. They can also provide food and shelter for wildlife, which can attract tourists and boost the local economy.

► Supporting Land Ecosystems Through Education

Sphinx university continuously educates students on sustainable land use and protection, including forests and wild land. Several visits to El-Rayan Valley Reserve were organized aiming at promoting conservation and sustainable utilization of the land.

Students also underwent a one-day trip to Assiut Valley Reserve from where plant samples were gathered to replant in the university garden for medicinal plants as a sustainable source for medicinal plants used in the Pharmacognosy laboratories for the curricular educational activities for pharmacy students.

► Land Sensitive Waste Disposal

Sphinx university practices safe disposal of plastic, physical, chemical and biological wastes with the aim to prevent potential harm to humans, animals, or the environment. In collaboration with the Egyptian Holding company for water and wastewater, the university adheres to strict water discharges guidelines in order to protect ecosystems, wildlife, and human health and welfare.

Sphinx University also has a policy on reducing plastic waste on campus and a process on waste disposal covering hazardous materials. These measures aim to manage forests and reverse land degradation.

Sphinx University, situated in a desert environment, is committed to sustainable development. By establishing a campus in this challenging terrain, the University has contributed to environmental conservation through tree-planting initiatives and has positively impacted the local community. These efforts not only help to create a more sustainable ecosystem but also contribute to economic growth by improving the overall environment.



16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



› University Governance Measures

Sphinx University calls for responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels. The University Council is composed of elected representatives from faculty, staff, and student bodies, as well as representatives from syndicates of various professions, in addition to the Supreme Council for private universities. This helps to build trust and cooperation between the different stakeholders in the university community and to create a democratic and just institution.

The university also continues to support the engagement with local syndicates of various professions. Representative members from local stakeholders (e.g. representing the Ministry of Health, Syndicate of Physicians and Syndicate of Pharmacists) are active members in the different Faculty Councils.

Sphinx University played a significant progress in supporting youth unions. The university has supported the creation of a number of unions, including eight student unions and several related sports and cultural unions. These unions provide opportunities for young people to get involved in their communities and to develop leadership skills.

Sphinx University empowers both senior and junior academics to pursue their research interests and to freely express their scholarly views, both within and outside the university. The Sphinx University Labor Law Regulations, which are based on Egyptian Labor Law, provide a framework for the employment relationship between the University and its employees, incorporating additional provisions tailored to the specific needs of the institution.

› Neutral Platform To Discuss Issues

Sphinx University provides a neutral platform and a 'safe' space for everyone on campus to come together to frankly discuss challenges. The University "Quality Assurance and Accreditation Unit" has implemented a machinery to receive and process any complaints by personnel, staff, or students, in addition to an online Survey System provided to both students and workers on a regular basis. This demonstrates the university's commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment where everyone feels comfortable speaking up about their concerns.

Recently, a student delegation from Sphinx University recently participated in a training course at the National Academy for Combating Corruption, the training arm of the Administrative Control Authority. This was in line with the objectives of the third version of the National Strategy for Combating Corruption, which seeks to achieve societal awareness of the risks of corruption and how to confront it, and the impact of applying the concepts of integrity, transparency, and meticulous work in developing different sectors of work, and promoting this among members of society, especially university students.

› Working With Government

Sphinx University is actively contributing to the development of a more sustainable and livable community. Sphinx University Engineering Consulting Office provides expert advice to both the New Assiut City Council (local government) as well as Assiut Governorate City Council (regional government) in areas related to urban design, infrastructure, and construction. The office also offers specialized training courses, and general education to enhance the skills and knowledge of local professionals.

Also, our "Sustainability, City Development and Renewable Energy Team" provides outreach and capacity building on climate change, renewable energy, and sustainability through collaborative work with Assiut City Council.

Sphinx University's influence extends beyond the local level. A distinguished member of the University Council serves as an advisor to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, highlighting the university's significant impact on national policies.



Regular Staff & Students' Surveys



SDG16 targets the promotion of peaceful, just, and inclusive societies regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity or any other status. Peace and justice are also essential factors in building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Sphinx University initiated several partnerships with international, national, and governmental organizations. This comes from the wide recognition of the need to support sustainable development nationally and globally.

➤ Research

Sphinx University is actively engaged in research that directly contributes to several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Around 45% of our research output by publications is directly oriented around the SDGs according to SciVal. The university's focus on SDG3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), SDG11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG13 (Climate Action) is consistent with its mission to provide exceptional education, scientific research, and community development.

Collaborating with international researchers is a valuable strategy for Sphinx University to expand its knowledge base, access diverse perspectives, and enhance its research capabilities. According to SciVal, over 54% of the university's academic publications were co-authored by international researchers. Such collaborations fostered innovative solutions and a broader impact on addressing global challenges.

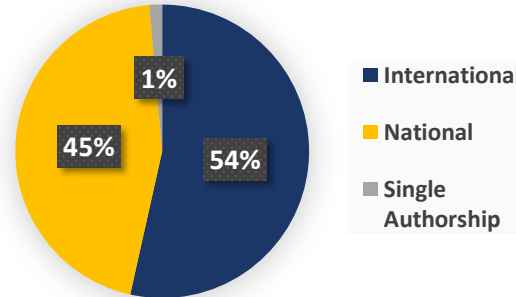
➤ Education for the SDGs

We aim to integrate the SDGs and the principles of education for sustainable development goals into all courses including undergraduate teaching, professional training, e-learning, and student associations. Sphinx University has dedicated courses that address sustainability and the SDGs aiming to teach the next generation how to adopt sustainability in their lives.

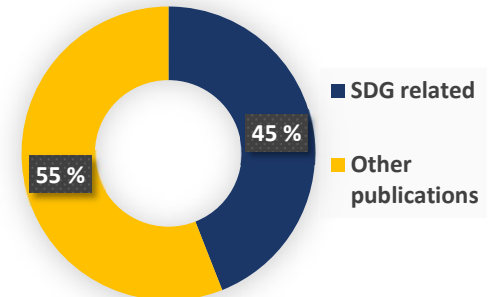
We also present many outreach educational activities for the local community residents. These educational activities are directly related to sustainability development goals. For example, faculty of dentistry arranged several visits to local orphanages (Dar El-Hanan orphanages), local schools (Rifah village public schools), public hospitals (El-Eman hospital) and local medical centers (Arab-Motair and El-Welidia medical centers) where it offered dental diagnosis and treatment for more than 200 patients, as well as educational and awareness information on oral and dental hygiene.

* Performance indicators based on SciVal

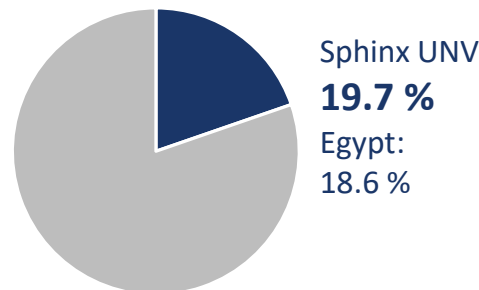
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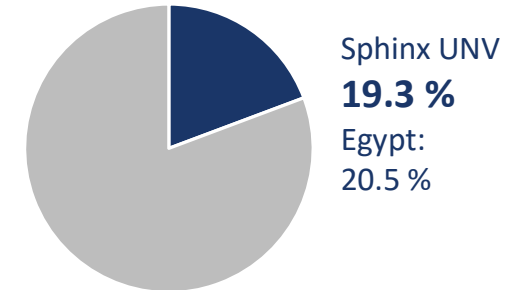
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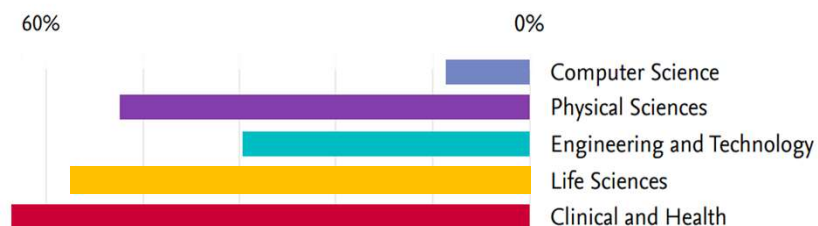
Outputs in top 10% Citation Percentiles*



Publications in Top 10% Journal Percentiles*



Relative publication share per subject area*





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Dedicated Courses
addressing
sustainability



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17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



➤ Relationships To Support The Goals

Sphinx University is directly involved in various SDG policy development organizations, including national government or regional nongovernment organizations. Sphinx University actively contributes to shaping the future of higher education in Egypt. As a member of the Supreme Council for private universities, the university has a direct involvement in the Higher Education Ministry's strategy based on Egypt Vision 2030 for sustainability.

➤ National Collaboration for SDG Best Practice

Sphinx University has further strengthened its commitment to sustainable development by forging partnerships with syndicates of various professions that work closely with developing and implementing SDG policies and strategies including the Syndicates of Pharmacists, Physicians, and Engineers.

Additional National collaborations with Sphinx university:

- **For supporting SDG 1** Collaboration with Presidential Decent Life Initiative "Hayakarima" for arranging many visits to introduce services to local community.
- **For supporting SDG 3** Collaboration with Assiut University Hospital, South Egypt Cancer Institute, Ministry of Health and Population, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Addiction Treatment and Substance Abuse Fund, Egyptian Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (EPSF).
- **For supporting SDG 4** Collaboration with Assiut University, Al-Azhar University, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Egyptian Knowledge Bank EKB and Egyptian Accreditation Council.
- **For supporting SDG 6** Collaboration with Ministry of Health and Population and the governmental Egyptian Holding company for water and wastewater.
- **For supporting SDG 7** Collaboration with Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy and the Egyptian Holding Company of Electricity and Renewable Energy.
- **For supporting SDG 11** Collaboration with Assiut Governorate and New Assiut City Council.
- **For supporting SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and strong institutions):** Collaboration with Assiut Governorate, New Assiut City Council and syndicates of various professions.

➤ International Collaboration for SDG Best Practice

Sphinx University has signed many international agreements and collaborations with a number of organizations aiming to develop international best practices tackling different SDGs. International collaborations include:

- University College Cork in Ireland (UCC) and Belgorod State University in Russia, Robert Gordon University in UK, Tishk International University in Iraq, Istanbul Aydin University in Turkey, Open University Malaysia in Malaysia (**for supporting SDG 4, SDG 3, SDG 9, SDG 11**).
- Operation Smile (**for supporting SDG 1, SDG 3**).
- Enactus, Google Developers and hp life program (**for supporting SDG 4, SDG 9, SDG 11**).



Key Message.. Sustainability Future

We will continuously be working on supporting and promoting sustainable development goals within our developing community in New Assiut City. We will focus on encouraging research that provides solutions to sustainable development challenges and providing educational opportunity for our students to acquire the required knowledge and skills. Also, more effort will be considered to ensure our campus and programs are environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive. In addition, sustainability-tailored activities will be highly encouraged amongst the academic and local community.





Get in touch with our sustainability team for any questions and feedback about this report, and any other sustainability related enquiries.

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