



PROSPEROUS LIFE POLICY STATEMENT

No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health, and Well-Being

1. Introduction

Prosperous Life cluster is an integration of the first three SDGs: No Poverty, No Hunger, and Good Health and Well-being. This policy aims to present the strategies and actions taken by AASTMT in order to contribute to eradicating poverty, hunger and maintaining good health and well-being. The policy is to provide the framework, performance indicators for all members to review and abide to all attached measures where the desired main goal is to successfully make healthy behavior and community service a habit or a second nature to all AASTMT members. The initiated performance indicators are tailored to satisfy the present needs of the cluster goals and act as building blocks for future development. The policy has been developed in accordance with 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

2. Policy Statement

We are determined to strengthen actions that aim to provide prosperous life for our internal and surrounding community, and setting an example on the national level. Income security and social protection, effective and affordable nutrition plans and accessible health services.

3. Scope

This policy statement applies to all students, staff members, and employees in all colleges, institutes, and centers in all campuses at AASTMT.

4. Strategies

4.1 Increasing the proportion of students receiving financial aid

Within the framework of social responsibility, AASTMT plays a supportive role for the parents who are struggling financially and are unable to fulfill the academic merits. This type of support encourages many Egyptian families to enroll their children in the Academy so that they are offered financial aid. Non-Egyptian students are provided with services related to obtaining legal residency in the country. The Student Support department contributes to solving students and parents' financial problems and submitting them to the AASTMT President with some recommendations in addition to forming grants and discounts committees at the beginning of each semester.

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4.2 Developing university anti-poverty Programs

The Agreements and International Cooperation Centre (AASTMT) are conducting protocols and Partnerships with Charities Institutions. Examples of these are:

- مؤسسة مصر الخير
- مؤسسة ساويرس للتنمية الاجتماعية
- شركة فاركو للأدوية
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4.3 Developing Community anti-poverty Programs

Centers for Adult and Continuing Education are directed to aid companies and business organizations in Egypt and the Arab World. Training is given to prepare trainees in various work fields and different managerial levels to enable them to develop adequate managerial and technical policies so that their organizations can become more competitive and adaptable to market changes. Both general education and career-oriented courses are provided to the public as well as to public and private organizations, companies and entities seeking human resource enrichment for their employees. The programs aim to contribute to the education and well-being of learners in Egypt and the Middle East. Opportunities are offered for people of all ages to join non-credit, non-degree professional training programs and a variety of professional development courses that aim to fulfill the needs of both local and expatriate learners. These centers seek to provide high quality programs, to encourage innovation, creativity and to practice sustainable development. Examples of training programs are Language Programs, International Programs, Professional Diplomas, IT programs, Accounting programs, Summer School programs and Teacher programs. Additionally, Community Services and Continuing Education Centers provide a variety of training programs; e.g., Supply Chain & Logistics, Business Administration, Media Planning & Advertising, Sales & Marketing, Engineering, Accounting & Finance, Programming, Law and Soft Skills. In addition to centers in Alexandria and Cairo campuses, there are Community Services Centers in both Port Said and Aswan campuses, which provide a variety of training and community services programs.

AASTMT has also been keen on playing a vital role in the area of Social Responsibility through a variety of academic and non-academic activities with the aim of affecting positive development in the social, economic and environmental areas not only in the region and the Arab World but that also bears fruit on the whole world. AASTMT has launched numerous campaigns that aim at counteracting different negative social phenomena, like addiction, smoking, etc, and for promoting and encouraging positive responsible behavior, like going green, charity, cleanliness, healthy eating, etc.

4.4 Actions Dealing with Student Hunger

Actions taken by AASTMT to deal with student hunger are as follows:

A. Programs to help food insecurity

AASTMT has a partnership with grocery stores to give low-cost food for students in need.

B. AASTMT take steps forward to provide food bank for students in need

C. Food provided on campus

The university provides healthy, affordable, and sustainable food options for all students, workers, and staff, including vegetarians, vegans, and pescatarians.

4.5 Actions Dealing with National Hunger

Actions taken by AASTMT to deal with national hunger are as follows:

A. Events provided for local farmers

Agriculture is the single largest employer in the world, providing livelihoods for 40 per cent of today's global population. It is the largest source of income and jobs for poor rural households. Women comprise on average of 20% of the agricultural labor force in Egypt. That is why AASTMT cares about local farmers (including women) and producers. One of the events that we assure to make is visiting the agricultural areas and giving farmers a better medium to start their journey into the big industry, give them support, safety, and a medium where they can excel.

B. Helping local farmers gaining access to knowledge and skills

Our mission is to connect with the local farmers (including women), understand the hardship they are facing and the health issues that are straining them from having a healthy life. Our insight is to understand the constraints they may face while working in agriculture. The problems that they face are our goals to solve. We ask them to elaborate more on the issues they have. We consult experts as a nutritionist, gynecologist, and an official expert in agriculture to discuss the complaints of the farmers and suitable solutions are elaborated. We also give them food security knowledge, skills, and technology.

C. Providing local farmers an access to our facilities

We started to take a crucial step into creating links between the agricultural areas and AASTMT. On campus, we grow the Moringa which is a fast-growing, drought-resistant tree. Such plant has a really high demand from the pharmaceutical companies because of its amazing usages and benefits. It has the ability to increase the protein in milk by 30%. We want to help our local community. We couldn't find a better way to support them so we supply them with a sufficient amount of the moringa on a frequent basis. We explain to them how to plant, harvest, and take care of the plant itself. We also give them our past experience with planting the moringa. Adding to that we offer them organic plant pots that the team of Enactus in Port said produced on campus. This plant pot is organic, and only uses the agriculture waste so it can also be used as a fertilizer for the soil. Moreover, we offer them the suitable facilities that they will need so they can get all the resources from campus.

D. Prioritizing purchase of our products from local farmers

We have an agreement where we buy our food on campus from the local farm that we have a partnership with. We buy rice from them and we signed an agreement to buy other organic vegetables on the long run.

4.6 Health Programs

AASTMT Clinic includes a selection of the best doctors and nurses working around the clock in various medical specialties whether mental or physical; 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is assisted by a set of skilled visiting professors in certain specializations, and also stands in partnership with the best hospitals and anatomy laboratories as well as reliable radiation centers, which are known for their efficiency at the level of the Republic. This achieves excellence in service and performance, and creates competitive advantages to provide better service to the beneficiaries, including employees and students, of therapeutic health care. The academy also features a gym and health club at the highest level, which helps to implement all the difference for visiting training programmes. Among health care services provided by AASTMT:

A. Pandemics

AASTMT adopts rigorous and exhaustive safety precautions to limit the spread of any infection:

- Safety measures start hundreds of kilometers away from the campus as the body temperature for everyone is checked on the academy buses and rechecked before entering the facility.
- Pandemic vaccination is available on campus clinic for everyone including employees or students.

Regulations within the campus:

- Social distancing is highly emphasized among the students and staff members
- Alcohol antiseptics are freely available and widely distributed all over the campus even within the bathrooms.
- Bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized regularly during the day.

Regulations within the laboratories:

- The labs are cleaned and sanitized twice per day, between the practical sessions where no students inside. In addition, the capacity is reduced to half, to prevent cramming inside the sections.
- Students are seated 1 - 1.5 meters away from each other at all times even during the practical work.

Attendance:

- Students of different academic years are scheduled to attend in separate days during the week, to further reduce the campus capacity.

In case of suspected case:

- If one of the students showed or complained from any symptoms, he would immediately be guided to the campus clinic where he would get the required professional care, including being separated from other students.
- Students are only allowed to pursue their on-campus study after providing accredited lab results that confirm their health status.

B. Smoking:

Appropriate measures are incorporated into the building design to reduce exposure to tobacco smoke.

Regulations within the campus:

- Smoking is prohibited in the building including 25 m smoke free zones around all entrances, outdoor air intakes and operable windows.
- Security staff are trained for smoking control within and outside buildings.
- Signage that lists the negative health impacts of smoking and details assistance for those aiming to stop.
- Strict penal measures are applied for any breaching member.

C. Dealing with Hazardous Chemical Substances:

- Correct labelling of containers and pipework, using warning placards and outer warning placards and displaying of safety signs.
- Identifying risk of physical or chemical reaction of hazardous chemicals and ensuring the stability of hazardous chemicals.
- Ensuring that exposure standards are not exceeded.
- Providing health monitoring to workers.
- Providing spill containment system for hazardous chemicals.
- Obtaining the current safety data sheet (SDS) from the manufacturer, importer or supplier of the chemical and making the SDS readily available to workers.
- Providing fire protection, firefighting equipment, emergency equipment and safety equipment.

5. Internal Monitoring and Auditing

Regular internal monitoring and auditing is conducted by the end of each academic semester to ensure that required policies that aim to fulfill the objectives of “Prosperous Life” Cluster is conducted.

6. A Review Program

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