



SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals

Equator University of Science and Technology

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17.4.3 Education for SDGs in the wider community

EQUaT actively extends learning beyond the classroom by engaging communities through outreach, mentorship, and partnership initiatives. These activities demonstrate how education can drive social responsibility, innovation, and sustainable development within and beyond the university. Some key community-focused initiatives from 2024 are highlighted below:

Collaboration with Sudan International University

EQUaT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sudan International University to support displaced students and academic staff affected by the Sudan civil conflict. The partnership promotes cross-border education, knowledge exchange, and research, reinforcing international cooperation towards SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-signs-mou-with-sudan-international-university-to-support-students-affected-by-civil-war>

Mr & Miss EQUaT Charity Drive

Mr. & Miss EQUaT 2024 mobilized students and well-wishers to collect food, clothing, and household items for the residents of Kigamba Village, addressing the community's immediate needs. The initiative showcased student leadership in action, demonstrating how young people can play a transformative role in uplifting their communities. It also strengthened trust between the university and the village while directly supporting vulnerable households. At the same time, it reflected EQUaT's commitment to Education for the SDGs by showing how learning fosters socially responsible leaders who apply their knowledge beyond the classroom. By engaging students in community service, the initiative further promoted the values of SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/mr-and-miss-equat-2024-lead-charity-drive-in-kigamba-village>

Dental Camp

From 25th September to 4th October 2024, EQUaT collaborated with dental experts from Uganda and Pakistan to organize a free Dental Camp in the Greater Masaka Region. The event



addressed urgent oral health needs while raising health awareness among local residents. It also provided students with hands-on training and community engagement experience, demonstrating how EQUaT extends education beyond the classroom to promote healthier and more informed communities.

Evidence:

<https://equat.ac.ug/news/equat-hosts-free-dental-camp-with-experts-from-pakistan-and-uganda>

Well-Wishers Donate Dental Equipment

A well-wisher donated dental equipment to EQUaT, which was immediately used to provide free treatment for residents of the Kigamba community. This contribution expanded access to healthcare services and strengthened the university's capacity to combine practical learning with community impact. The initiative reflected EQUaT's commitment to using education as a tool for social responsibility and sustainable community development.

Evidence:

<https://equat.ac.ug/news/parent-donates-dental-equipment-to-equat>

Youth Empowerment Program

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT), in collaboration with Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD), hosted the Youth Empowerment Program to equip young people with practical life, financial, and mental health skills. The initiative promoted student volunteering, lifelong learning, and community well-being through expert-led sessions on financial literacy, social connectivity, and mental wellness. Participants gained valuable knowledge for personal and professional growth, while the establishment of student and staff SACCOs (Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations) following the training reflected the program's lasting impact and EQUaT's commitment to sustainable youth development.

Evidence:

<https://equat.ac.ug/news/equat-hosts-youth-empowerment-conference-in-partnership-with-hhrd>

2nd Youth Empowerment Forum

EQUaT hosted the 2nd Youth Empowerment Forum to develop innovation, leadership, and future-ready skills among youth. The program integrated sustainability and technology themes, empowering participants to apply creative solutions to societal challenges advancing SDG 4, SDG 8, and SDG 9 through experiential learning and community engagement.

Evidence:



<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/eqsat-hosts-innovation-and-capacity-building-conference>

Campus Tour

EQUaT welcomed pupils from Miles Junior School for a campus tour and interactive learning session, highlighting its commitment to meaningful and inclusive education. The visit introduced young learners to the role of education in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and inspired them to pursue higher education, leadership, and community impact. The activity reflected the spirit of SDG 17 while reinforcing EQUaT's dedication to empowering future generations through practical learning experiences.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/miles-junior-school-pupils-tour-eqsat-campus-1>