Consolidation of SMU's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Initiatives for A.Y. 2024-2025
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Abstract
This report presents a comprehensive analysis of Saint Mary's University's (SMU) initiatives aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for Academic Year 2024–2025. Data were gathered from 34 Annual Reports sourced from the Institutional Development and Quality Assurance Office (IDQAO) DocuHub. A total of 824 SDG-aligned activities were documented across all 17 goals, reflecting the University's sustained integration of sustainability principles in instruction, research, community engagement, and governance. Results reveal that SDG 4: Quality Education recorded the highest number of initiatives, followed by SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals and SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, indicating the University's strong focus on educational advancement, collaboration, and community welfare. Unit-level analysis identified the College of Natural Sciences (CNS), the School of Health and Natural Sciences (SHANS), and the School of Accountancy and Business (SAB) as leading contributors to SDG implementation. Overall, the report underscores SMU's institutional commitment to fostering transformative education and sustainable community development through active engagement in the global SDG agenda.

INTRODUCTION

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), such as Saint Mary's University (SMU), play a key role in advancing the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through their commitment to promoting balanced economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability. Guided by their core mandates of instruction, research, and community engagement, HEIs integrate sustainability across disciplines, produce evidence-based innovations for sustainable transitions, and promote responsible governance and policy advocacy in partnership with their stakeholders.
SMU exemplifies this institutional commitment by embedding the SDGs into its academic and operational frameworks. As a higher education institution in Nueva Vizcaya with both local and international linkages, the University implements initiatives that address critical areas, such as poverty alleviation, quality education, health and well-being, gender equality, environmental protection, and social justice. By aligning its initiatives with the SDGs, SMU reaffirms its solidarity with the global community in addressing urgent developmental and ecological challenges. This commitment resonates with the University's adherence to the principles of integral ecology and environmental stewardship, as articulated in *Laudato Si'*.

This report consolidates SMU's SDG-aligned initiatives for Academic Year 2024–2025. The data were sourced from 34 Annual Reports published in the SMU Institutional Development and Quality Assurance Office (IDQAO) Docuhub. The report presents the scope and diversity of these initiatives, establishing a benchmark for institutional progress and a framework for continuous enhancement of the University's contribution to sustainable development.

METHODOLOGY

The data were gathered from the Annual Reports available on the SMU IDQAO DocuHub, which contains a total of 37 reports. However, only 34 of these were utilized as data sources, as three reports (PPPDMO, COL, SGS) were inaccessible during the data collection from Sept. 11, 2025 to Oct. 27, 2025.

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Furthermore, the consolidation of the SDGs was based on the identified SDG alignments indicated in the *Activity Narrative Report Form* (EOMS-QAO-FO-008, Rev.00) attached as evidence in the Annual Reports. The following parameters guided the data-gathering process:

1. **Source of data.** Information was obtained from the accomplished *Activity Narrative Report Form* (EOMS-QAO-FO-008, Rev.00) attached to the 34 Annual Reports.
2. **Multiple alignment.** Certain activities were mapped to more than one SDG, as indicated in the submitted Activity Reports.
3. **Exclusion criteria.** Activities with inaccessible narrative reports or evidence links were excluded from this consolidated report. Activities that did not specify any SDG—either because the SDG item was left blank or a different form without an SDG field was used—were also excluded from the consolidation.

Table 1 presents the list of Annual Reports that served as the primary data sources for consolidating SDG-aligned initiatives across various university units for AY 2024-2025.

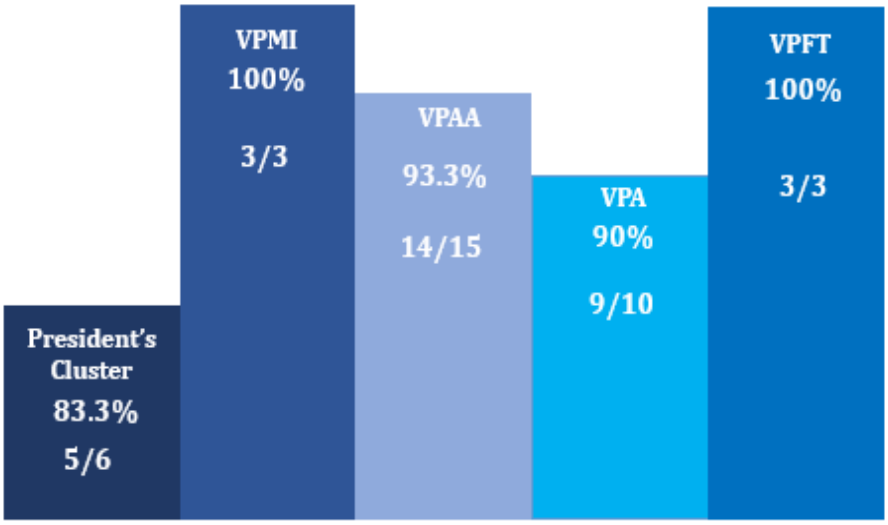
Table 1. Annual Report Sources of SDG Initiatives for AY 2024-2025

President's Cluster (5/6)
1. University Research Center (URC)
2. Promotions, External Relations, and Internationalization Office (PERIO)
3. Institutional Development and Quality Assurance Office (IDQAO)
4. Internal Audit Office (IAU)
5. University Research Ethics Office (UREO)
Vice President for Mission and Identity (VPMI)Cluster (3/3)
6. Community Engagement and Indigenous Peoples Study Center (CEIPSC)
7. Center for Christian Formation (CCF)
8. Scholarship
Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Cluster (14/15)
9. School of Accountancy and Business (SAB)
10. School of Engineering, Architecture, and Information Technology (SEAIT)
11. School of Health and Natural Sciences (SHANS)
12. School of Teacher Education and Humanities (STEH)
13. Grade School (GS)
14. Junior High School and Science High School (JHS)
15. Senior High School Department (SHS)
16. Office of the University Registrar (OUR)
17. University Learning Research Center (ULRC)
18. National Service Training Program (NSTP)
19. Technology Transfer and Business Development Office (TTBDO)
20. Equivalency and Technical Vocational Assessment Office (ETVAO)
21. Center for Natural Sciences (CNS)
22. School of Graduate Studies (SGS)
Vice President for Administration (VPA) Cluster (9/10)
23. Alumni Affairs Office (AAO)
24. Associate Deans of Student Affairs and Services Men and Women (ADSAS MW)

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25. Cultural Affairs Office (CCO)
26. Office of the Dean of Student Affairs and Services (ODSAS)
27. Human Resource Development Office (HRDO)
28. Safety and Pollution Control Office (SPCO)
29. Guidance and Testing Office (GTO)
30. Sports Development Program Office (SDPO)
31. University Health Services Office (UHSO)
Vice President for Finance and Treasurer (VPFT) Cluster (3/3)
32. Inventory Management Office (IMO)
33. Treasury and Accounting Office (TAO)
34. Publishing and Digital Printing Office (PDPO)
ARs not included (*Inaccessible or no SDG alignment*)
1. Physical Plant, Properties Development and Maintenance Office (PPPDMO) - President's Cluster
2. Center for Information and Technology (CICT) - VPA Cluster
3. College of Law (COL) - VPAA Cluster

Annual Report Sources of SDG Initiatives for AY 2024-2025



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RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Table 2 summarizes the total number and percentage distribution of activities implemented by SMU under each of the 17 SDGs.

Table 2. Implementation of Aligned Activities by SDG, AY 2024–2025

Sustainable Development Goals	Number of Activities Implemented	Percent
SDG 1: No Poverty	15	1.8%
SDG 2: Zero Hunger	13	1.6%
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being	56	6.8%
SDG 4: Quality Education	346	42%
SDG 5: Gender Equality	11	1.3%
SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	14	1.7%
SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	7	0.8%
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	40	4.8%
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	61	7%
SDG 10: Reduced Inequality	13	1.6%
SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	33	4%
SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production	22	2.7%
SDG 13: Climate Action	30	3.6%
SDG 14: Life Below Water	2	0.2%
SDG 15: Life on Land	31	3.8%
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	27	3.3%
SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals	103	13%
Total	824	100%

Table 2 presents the distribution of SMU's SDG-aligned activities for AY 2024–2025, documenting a total of **824 activities** implemented across the 17 SDGs. The data indicate that SMU carried out initiatives addressing all SDGs during the reporting period, demonstrating the University's comprehensive commitment to advancing sustainable development through education, research, and community engagement.

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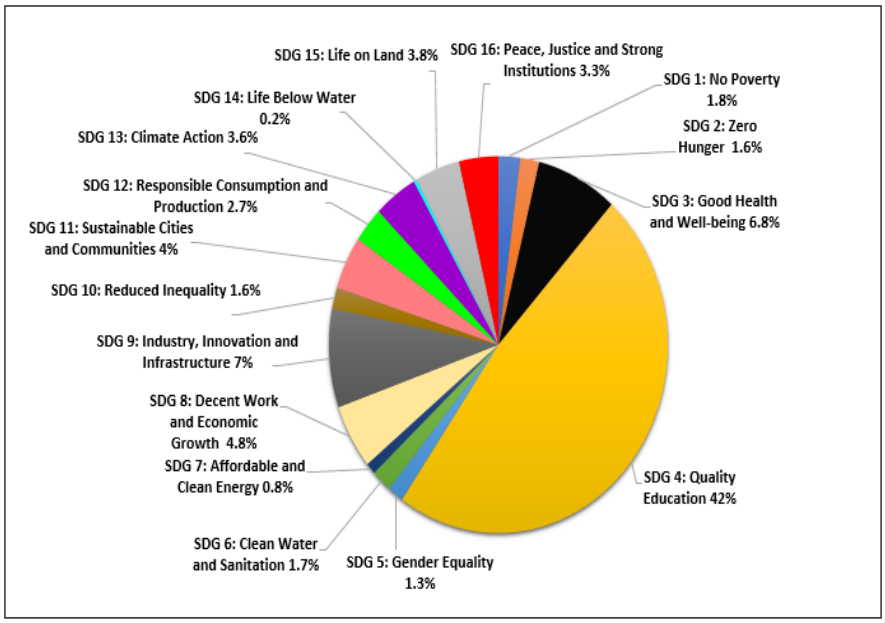


Table 3 ranks the SDGs based on the frequency of activities implemented, highlighting the most and least prioritized goals during the academic year.

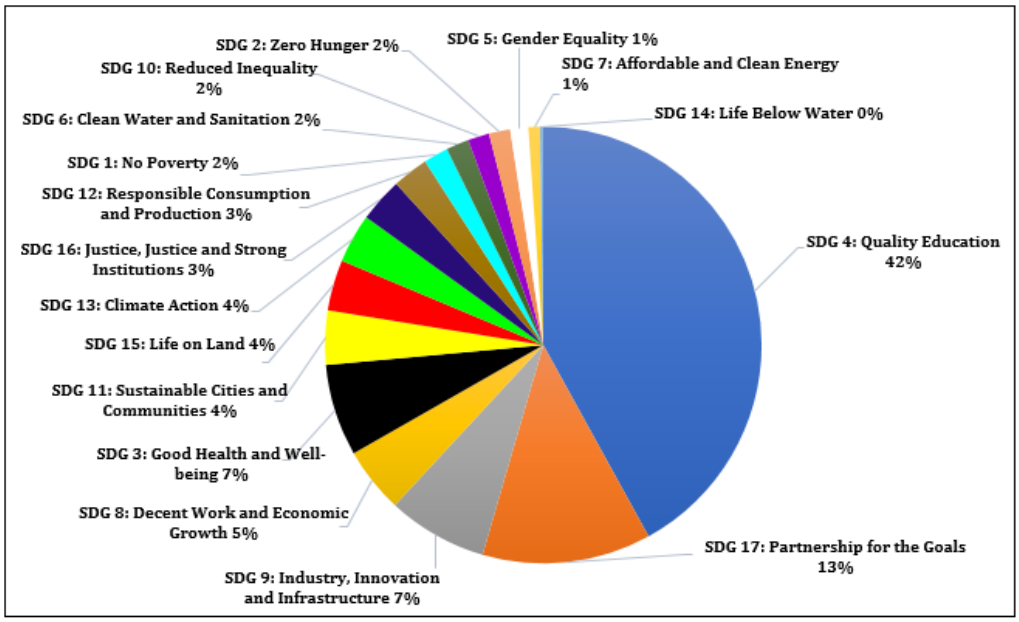
Table 3. Ranking of Implemented SDG-Aligned Activities, AY 2024–2025

Ranking	Sustainable Development Goals	No. Activities Implemented	Percentage
1st	SDG 4: Quality Education	346	42%
2nd	SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals	103	13%
3rd	SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	61	7%
4th	SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	40	4.8%
5th	SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being	56	6.8%
6th	SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	33	4%

7th	SDG 15: Life on Land	31	3.8%
8th	SDG 13: Climate Action	30	3.6%
9th	SDG 16: Justice, Justice and Strong Institutions	27	3.3%
10th	SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production	22	2.7%
11th	SDG 1: No Poverty	15	1.8%
12th	SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	14	1.7%
13th	SDG 10: Reduced Inequality	13	1.6%
14th	SDG 2: Zero Hunger	13	1.6%
15th	SDG 5: Gender Equality	11	1.3%
16th	SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	7	8%
17th	SDG 14: Life Below Water	2	0.2%
Total		824	100%

Based on Table 3, the majority of initiatives were concentrated under SDG 4: Quality Education (42%), reflecting the University's strong emphasis on its educational mission. This was followed by SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals (13%), highlighting SMU's active collaboration with local and international partners, and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (7%), emphasizing innovation-driven engagement.

Meanwhile, fewer activities were reported under SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy (0.8%) and SDG 14: Life Below Water (0.2%), suggesting areas where future initiatives may be strengthened. Overall, the distribution demonstrates SMU's commitment to advancing quality education and sustainable partnerships, while indicating opportunities to expand engagement in environmental and energy-related goals.



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Table 4 identifies the university units that recorded the highest number of SDG-related activities, recognizing their role as institutional champions in promoting sustainability initiatives.

Table 4: Top SDG Champions by Frequency and Percentage of Implemented Activities

Sustainable Goals	Rank	SDG Champions	Frequency	Percentage
SDG 1: No Poverty	1st	CEIPSC	7	0.8%
	2nd	ETVAO	5	0.6%
	3rd	SAB, HRDO, GTO	1	0.1%
SDG 2: Zero Hunger	1st	CEIPSC	5	0.6%
	2nd	JHS NSTP, SHS, SHANS, CNS, GTO	2 1	0.2% 0.1%
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being	1st	HRDO	12	1.4%
	2nd	CEIPSC	10	1.2%
		UREO	8	0.9%
SDG 4: Quality Education	1st	PERIO	59	7.1%
	2nd	IDQAO	52	6.3%
	3rd	CNS	38	4.6%
SDG 5: Gender Equality	1st	CNS, UREO, SHANS	2	0.2%
	2nd	SAB, PERIO, IDQAO, IMO, ADSAS, HRDO	1	0.1%
SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	1st	CEIPSC, CNS	3	0.4%
	2nd	SHANS	2	0.2%
	3rd	URC, IMO, ODSAS, HRDO, SPCO	1	0.1%
SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	1st	SHANS, CNS	3	0.4%
	2nd	IMO	1	0.1%
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	1st	SAB, SEAIT, ETVAO	6	0.7%
	2nd	IMO	5	0.6%
	3rd	UREO	4	0.5%
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	1st	SEAIT	16	1.9%
	2nd	CNS	13	1.6%
	3rd	SHANS	11	1.3%
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities	1st	SAB	3	0.4%
	2nd	URC	2	0.2%
	3rd	IMO, CNS, IDQAO, PERIO, SHANS	1	0.1%
SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	1st	SAB, SEAIT	6	0.7%
	2nd	CNS	5	0.6%
	3rd	SHANS	4	0.5%
	1st	SAB	8	1%

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SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production	2nd	CNS	6	0.7%
	3rd	SHANS	5	0.6%
SDG 13: Climate Action	1st	CNS	14	1.7%
	2nd	SHANS	9	1.1%
	3rd	SAB	2	0.2%
SDG 14: Life Below Water	1st	SAB, IMO	1	0.1%
SDG 15: Life on Land	1st	CNS	11	1.3%
	2nd	SHANS	8	1%
	3rd	CEIPSC	5	0.6%
SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions	1st	SAB	8	1%
	2nd	CNS	5	0.6%
	3rd	CEIPSC	4	0.4%
SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals	1st	CNS	25	3%
	2nd	SHANS	18	2.1%
	3rd	PERIO	15	1.8%

As shown in Table 4, CEIPSC, CNS, and SHANS emerged as the most consistent SDG champions, appearing prominently across multiple goals. In particular, CNS demonstrated significant involvement, ranking first in six SDGs, including SDG 13: Climate Action (14 activities, 1.7%) and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals (25 activities, 3%).

Quality Education (SDG 4) recorded the highest activity frequencies, led by PERIO with 59 activities (7.1%), followed by IDQAO (6.3%) and CNS (4.6%)—showing the university's strong alignment with its educational mission. Similarly, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure and SDG 13: Climate Action also had notable contributions from multiple units, indicating institutional efforts toward innovation and sustainability.

Table 5: Implementation of SDG-Aligned Programs and Activities by Category, AY 2024–2025

Description of Activities	Sample Programs / Activities Conducted
SDG 1: No Poverty (15 or 1.8%)	
 Aims to eradicate extreme poverty and reduce the proportion of people living below the national poverty line through access to basic resources, services, and social protection.	**Hunger Alleviation Program** Pamaskong Handog- Gift Giving ***(HRDO)*** **Poverty Alleviation Program (Entrepreneurial and Technical Skills Development)** Entrepreneurship and Economic Development ***(SAB)*** Financial Literacy ***(CEIPSC)*** ILAW Project ***(CEIPSC)*** Practical Solutions for Common Problems ***(CEIPSC)*** Empowering Financial Wellness ***(CEIPSC)*** TESDA Training Program ***(CEIPSC)***
SDG 2: Zero hunger (13 or 1.6%)	

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 Seeks to end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture to ensure that all people have sufficient and nutritious food.	**Hunger Alleviation Program** Feeding Program ***(JHS, SHS, CEIPSC, SHANS, ODSAS, NSTP)***
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being (56 or 6.8%)	
 Promotes healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages by reducing mortality rates, combating diseases, and improving healthcare systems.	**Sustainable Environment Program** Run for the Forest ***(SHANS)*** **Health and Wellbeing Program** Seminar on Gender Sensitivity ***(SAB)*** SIGLA 2025 ***(HRDO)*** Health Care Outreach ***(CEIPSC)*** District Meet ***(GSD, JHS)*** **Disaster Risk Reduction Program** Occupational First Aid and Basic Life ***(SPCO)*** Support-CPR/Automated External Defibrillation Course ***(SPCO)*** **Education for All Program** DOST Thesis Grant ***(SHANS)*** Mastering Genetics and Molecular Biology ***(SHANS)*** Animal Handling ***(SHANS)*** Labor Education and Personal Development ***(SHANS)*** Animal Handling ***(SHANS)*** 2024 DOST-PCHRD Undergraduate Thesis Grant in Natural Products ***(URC)*** Intensive Medical Technology International Mobility Program ***(IO)*** **Socio-Pastoral Ministry and Evangelization Program** Novena Mass ***(HRDO)*** Simbang Gabi***(HRDO)*** Mass of the Holy Spirit ***(HRDO)***
SDG 4: Quality Education (346 or 42%)	

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 Ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all, emphasizing literacy, numeracy, and skills development.	**Education for All Program** 6th Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI)***(STEH)*** Academic Symposium and SEA Teacher project ***(STEH)*** International and Academic Recognitions (***SAB)*** Technical Vocational Summit (***SAB)*** International Conference on Business, Education, Science and Technology (***SAB)*** Financial & Sustainability Reporting Standards Industry Applications to Classroom Discussion ***(SAB)*** HackForGov 3 ***(SEAIT)*** Industry-Academe Congress on Technologies for Smart City(i-ACT4SmartCity) ***(SEAIT)*** Startup Challenge ***(SEAIT)*** Hack4Resilience ***(SEAIT)*** Agri-Tech Innovate ***(SEAIT)*** HCU Conference ***(SHANS)*** International Conference on Research, Innovation, and Investment (ICRII) ***(SHANS)*** International Conference on Business, Education, Science and Technology ***(SHANS)*** 1st Interdisciplinary Research Conference on Sustainable Goals 2024 ***(SHANS)*** MARIANALIKSIK 2025***(SHANS)*** Aralinks Quest-showcACE and Contest ***(GSD)*** Leadership Training ***(GSD)*** Seminar-workshop on Facilitating PAASCU Report Writing ***(JHS)*** Bato-Balani Investigatory Project Contest ***(JHS)*** Internal Quality Audit ***(IDQAO)*** Philippine Quality Award ***(IDQAO)*** P2A Virtual Hackathon ***(PERIO)*** Hybrid Mobility ***(PERIO)*** Global Ranking ***(IDQAO)*** AppliedHE Ranking ***(IDQAO)*** Google Site training ***(HRDO)***
SDG 5: Gender Equality (11 or 1.3%)	
 Aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls by eliminating discrimination, violence, and harmful practices.	**Health and Wellness Program** Seminar About Gender Sensitivity ***(SAB)*** Women's Month Celebration 2025 ***(SHANS, HRDO)*** GAD Seminar ***(IMO)*** UPLB Helm Program ***(IDQAO)*** Pagkilala at Pagpugay sa kababaihan: Taglay ang Pananampalataya, Lakas at Dangal ***(ADSAS)*** **Sustainable Environment Program** Run for the Forest ***(SHANS)***

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SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation (14 or 1.7%)	
 Seeks to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all through improved water quality and efficient resource use.	**Health and Wellness Program** Anti-Dengue Misting Drive 2025 ***(SAB)*** Ocular Inspection for Construction of Water Reservoir ***(CEIPSC)*** Water Host Donation to Pawak ***(CEIPSC)*** Project Punhog: Delivery of Water Tank ***(CEIPSC)*** **Sustainable Environment Program** Run for the Forest ***(SHANS)*** **Education for All Program** International Conference on Research, Innovation, and Investment ***(SHANS)*** A Webinar in Celebration of Earth Day 2025 ***(IMO)*** Vernacular Economic Education ***(URC)***
SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy (7 or 0.8%)	
 Promotes access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all while increasing the share of renewable energy in the global mix.	**Education for All Program** Basic Research Ethics Training and DOST_SEI Nuclear Science Camp ***(SHANS)*** Webinar in Celebration of Earth Day ***(IMO)***
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth (40 or 4.8%)	
 Encourages sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.	**Education for All Program** Alumni Workshop on Rethinking Roadmap ***(SAB)*** Stay and Learn Program ***(SAB)*** Innovate and Solve; Mentoring and Coaching ***(SAB)*** Seminars for HTM students ***(SAB)*** Coffee Convention and Coffee Exposition ***(SAB)*** SAB Bazaar ***(SAB)*** Startup Challenge ***(SEAIT)*** Introduction to Photoshop ***(SEAIT)*** Regional Data Festival ***(SEAIT)*** 7th Annual TCON***(SEAIT)*** IECEP Regional Convention ***(SEAIT)*** Labor Education and Personal Development Seminar for graduating Students; Gawad Maria ***(SHANS)*** CMCI Academic Symposium ***(STEH, IDQAO)*** International Conference in Business and Information ***(URC)*** First National Education Support Personnel Day ***(IMO)*** Google Site workshop ***(IMO, NSTP, HRDO)*** Seminar on Serving with Purpose ***(IMO)*** Smartsheet Management and Analysis ***(IMO, HRDO)*** NSTP Training of Trainers ***(NSTP)***

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	Orientation of New Employees ***(HRDO)*** STELLAR: Sustaining Teaching Excellence and Love for Learning Towards Academic Resilience ***(HRDO)*** Gawad Maria ***(HRDO)*** **Disaster Risk Reduction Program** Basic Occupational Safety and Health ***(SPCO)***
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure (61 or 7%)	
 Focuses on building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and fostering innovation.	**Education for All Program** ICEBEST 2024 ***(SAB)*** 16th Central India Management Conclave 2024 ***(SAB)*** Alumni Workshop ***(SAB)*** Orientation on Research Ethics ***(SAB)*** Innovate and Solve: Mentoring and Coaching ***(SAB)*** Coffee Convention and Exposition ***(SAB)*** North Luzon, Innovation and Innovation Transfer Summit (NLITTS) ***(SEAIT)*** Regional Startup Challenge (***SEAIT)*** Hack4Resilience (***SEAIT)*** International Conference on Business and Information Technology (ICT Track) ***(SEAIT)*** CHED Zonal Creativity Summit 2024 ***(SEAIT)*** DOST-NAST ***(SEAIT)*** Regional Data Festival of the North Luzon Cluster ***(SEAIT)*** Industry-Academe Congress on Technologies for Smart Cities ***(SEAIT)*** 7th Annual TCON ***(SEAIT)*** Project Desire ***(SEAIT)*** ECE Assembly ***(SEAIT)*** P2A Hybrid Mobility ***(SEAIT, IO)*** DOST PCHRD Thesis Grant 2025 ***(SHANS)*** Mastering Genetics and Molecular Biology ***(SHANS)*** 11th HCU Conference ***(SHANS)*** ICRII ***(SHANS)*** DOST_SEI Nuclear Science Camp ***(SHANS)*** Mastering Chemistry ***(SHANS)*** Basic Research Ethics Training (BRET) ***(SHANS)*** Laboratory Techniques Training Workshop ***(SHANS)*** Investiture Ceremony ***(SHANS)*** Research ranking ***(SHANS)*** SMU and USTMOA for BS Biology OJT ***(SHANS)*** Final format Discussion on Automated Alumni Directory System ***(AAO)*** Unleash Hacks Training and IDEATECH Challenge 2024 ***(IO)*** Industry-Academe Congress on Technologies for Smart Cities ***(IO)*** Virtual CommTECH Explorations 2025: ITS Students'

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	Talent Exploration ***(IO)*** Wuri Awarding Ceremony ***(URC)*** Approved Faculty Research Production Grant ***(URC)*** International Paper Presentation ***(URC)*** Professional Achievement Awards by Faculty Researchers ***(URC)*** Project proposal for CHED GIA Program ***(URC)*** WURI pre-writeshop and writeshop Activities ***(URC)*** **Sustainable Environment Program** Adopt a Tourist Site ***(SAB)***
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities (13 or 1.6%)	
 Aims to reduce inequality within and among countries by promoting social, economic, and political inclusion of all individuals	**Education for All Program** Alumni Workshop, HTM Research Forum ***(SAB)*** Project STIR - Specialized Training on Indigenous Research ***(SHANS)*** Project proposal for CHED GIA Program ***(SHANS)*** UPLB HELM Program ***(IDQAO)*** **Health and Wellness Program** GAD Seminar ***(IMO)*** Project STIR ***(CEIPSC)*** International Students Day: Global Intercultural Exchange Event ***(IO)***
SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities (33 or 4%)	
 Seeks to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable through improved urban planning and management.	**Disaster Risk Reduction Program** Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake and Fire Drill ***(SPCO)*** Project Ligtas ***(CEIPSC)*** Hack4Resilience: AI and Big Data for Disaster Risk Reduction ***(SEAIT)*** **Health and Wellness Program** 16th Grand Ammungan festival ***(CAO)*** Provincial Traffic Decongestion Summit 2025; Road Clearing Operations; Linggo ng Lingkod at Likha ***(ADSAS)*** **Education for All Program** UI GreenMetric Ranking 2024; 6th CMCI Academic Symposium-National Level ***(IDQAO)*** Industry-Academe Congress on Technologies for Smart City; International Academic Conference ***(IO)*** 6th CMCI Academic Symposium ***(STEH)*** 11th HCU Conference ***(SHANS)*** ICRII ***(SHANS)*** HackforGov 3 ***(SEAIT)*** i-ACT4 Smart City ***(SEAIT)*** CHED Zonal Creativity Summit ***(SEAIT)*** 17th Civil Engineering Regional Conference ***(SEAIT)*** 2025 IECEP technical Seminar ***(SEAIT)*** Virtual CommTECH Nusantara ***(SAB)***

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	Alumni Workshop, Stay and Learn Program ***(SAB)*** Coffee Convention and Exposition ***(SAB)*** HTM Research Forum ***(SAB)*** SAB Bazaar ***(SAB)*** **Sustainable Environment Program** Imugan-Enviro-Culture Encounter ***(SHANS)***
SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production (22 or 2.7%)	
 Promotes sustainable consumption and production patterns by encouraging resource efficiency and reducing waste generation.	**Education for All Program** Alumni Workshop ***(SAB)*** Inaugural ASEAN University Network for Agriculture and Food Security ***(SAB)*** Stay and Learn Program ***(SAB)*** Secure Transaction ***(SAB)*** SAB Bazaar ***(SAB)*** HTM Bread and Pastry Exhibit ***(SAB)*** Culinary Class Wars***(SAB)*** DOSt PCHRD Thesis Grant ***(SHANS)*** Animal Handling ***(SHANS)*** 29th Natural Products Society of the Philippines Convention Green Chemistry and Chemistry Education ***(SHANS)*** UI GreenMetric Ranking 2024 ***(IDQAO)*** ***Disaster Risk Reduction Program*** Safer Tomorrow ***(SAB)*** **Sustainable Environment Program** Run for the Forest ***(SHANS)*** Webinar Celebration of Earth Day 2025 ***(IMO)***
SDG 13: Climate Action (30 or 3.6%)	
 Urges immediate action to combat climate change and its impacts through mitigation, adaptation, and awareness-raising initiatives.	**Sustainable Environment Program** Run for the Forest ***(ODSAS, SHANS)*** Webinar in Celebration of Earth Day ***(IMO)*** Adopt a Tourist Site ***(SAB)*** ***Education for All Program*** Industry-Academe Congress on Technologies for Smart City ***(PERIO)*** ICIIR (***SHANS)*** Green Chemistry and Chemistry Education (***SHANS)*** Special Lecture in Taxonomy and Systematics (***SHANS)*** Imugan Enviro-Culture Encounter (***SHANS)*** Provincial Environmental Awareness Month (***SHANS)*** 2025 Annual PLGU Investment (***SHANS)*** Fourth International Conference on Cultural Studies (FICCS) (***SHANS)*** Site Clearing ***(SHANS)*** i-ACt4SmartCity ***(SEAIT)*** Alumni Workshop ***(SAB)***

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SDG 14: Life Below Water (2 or 0.2%)	
 Aims to conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development	***Education for All Program*** Alumni Workshop ***(SAB)*** **Sustainable Environment Program** Webinar in Celebration of Earth Day ***(IMO)***
SDG 15: Life on Land (31 or 3.8%)	
 Focuses on protecting, restoring, and promoting the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, managing forests, and halting biodiversity loss	**Sustainable Environment Program** SMU Brigada ***(CEIPSC)*** Masoc Site Clearing ***(CEIPSC, SHANS)*** Tree Planting ***(CEIPSC)*** MedTech Go Green ***(CEIPSC)*** Riverbank Clean-up Drive ***(CEIPSC)*** Run for the Forest ***(SHANS)*** Imugan Enviro-Culture Encounter ***(SHANS)*** Provincial Environmental Awareness Month ***(SHANS)*** Annual PLGU Investment ***(SHANS)*** **Education for All Program** Animal Handling ***(SHANS)*** Special Lecture on Taxonomy and Systematics ***(SHANS)*** Alumni Workshop ***(SAB)***
SDG 16: Peace, justice and Strong Institutions (27 or 3.3%)	
 Seeks to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable institutions at all levels	**Education for All Program** International Recognition of SMU-HTM ***(SAB)*** Virtual CommTECH Nusantara ***(SAB)*** Alumni Workshop ***(SAB)*** Orientation on Research Ethics ***(SAB)*** Secure Transactions ***(SAB)*** Safer Tomorrow: Empower Digital Payments with Cyber Hygiene ***(SAB)*** Research Forum ***(SAB)*** Orientation on Research Ethics ***(SAB)*** DOST-NAST ***(SAB)*** IECEP Regional Convention 2024 ***(SAB)*** HCU Conference ***(SHANS)*** Marian Leadership Convergence ***(SHANS)*** 6th CMCI Academic Symposium ***(STEH, IDQAO)*** Jail Visitation ***(CEIPSC)*** Gender and Development Seminar ***(CEIPSC)*** Takbokasyon ***(CEIPSC)*** Interfaith Service and Literacy ***(CEIPSC)***

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SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals (103 or 13%)	
 Strengthens the means of implementation and revitalizes global partnerships for sustainable development through cooperation, resource sharing, and capacity building.	**Health and Wellness Program** Anti-Dengue Misting Drive ***(SPCO)*** Honoring Generosity and Legacy ***(AAO)*** Marian Generosity in Action ***(AAO)*** Tribute to Generosity and Mission ***(AAO)*** Philippine ROTC Games ***(NSTP)*** **Education for All Programs** Enhanced OVRS ***(OUR)*** 6th CMCI Academic Symposium-National Level (***IDQAO)*** 16th Central India Management Conference (***IDQAO)*** Pre-Orientations on ISO ***(IDQAO)*** Philippine-British Columbia Partnership Series ***(PERIO)*** Internationalizing Higher Education ***(PERIO)*** SMU Champions Internationalization at Bridge Workshop ***(PERIO)*** Industry Academe Congress on Technologies for Smart City ***(PERIO)*** Building Resilience and Innovation in Developing Global Engagement ***(PERIO)*** Subject Matter Expert on Global Mobility ***(PERIO)*** 9th Evaluation Meeting ***(PERIO)*** Cross Border Immersion for Internationalization (IZN) Focals ***(PERIO)*** 11th International Academic Conference ***(PERIO)*** 30th Conference and General Assembly in Australia ***(PERIO)*** CommTECH Camp Insight 2025 ***(PERIO)*** Service Trip from Howest University ***(PERIO)*** Cross-Border Immersion for Internationalization (IZN) ***(PERIO)*** MOA Signing ***(PERIO)*** Internship of Psychology Students from Howest ***(PERIO)*** Faculty Research Production Grant ***(URC)*** International Paper Presentation ***(URC)*** First International Conference in Business and Information ***(URC)*** WURI Pre-Writeshop and Writeshop Activities ***(URC)*** Invitation as Advisor of the DTI Shared Service Facility-Local Advisory and Monitoring (SSF-LAMP) ***(SoGS)*** SOGS Faculty Member as PAASCU Accreditor ***(SoGS)*** 29th Natural Products Society of the Philippine Convention Project STIR ***(SHANS)*** Hands-on Training Workshop ***(SHANS)*** Research Ranking ***(SHANS)*** SMU and UST MOA for BS Biology OJT ***(SHANS)***

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	Provincial Environmental Awareness Month ***(SHANS)*** Threshold: Into the light of Practice; UAPGA Area Assembly ***(SEAIT)*** Regional Philippine Startup Challenge ***(SEAIT)*** Hack4Resilience ***(SEAIT)*** ICT Track ***(SEAIT)*** CHED Zonal Creativity Summit ***(SEAIT)*** Regional Data Festival of North Luzon Cluster ***(SEAIT)*** i-ACT4SmartCity ***(SEAIT)*** 7th Annual TCON ***(SEAIT)*** IECEP Technical Seminar; Project DESIRE ***(SEAIT)*** Inaugural ASEAN University Network for Agriculture and Food Security (***SAB)*** Seminar Workshop on Heritage Interpretation ***(SAB)*** Baking the Bakels Way ***(SAB)*** Wine Familiarization and Service ***(SAB)*** Stay and Learn Program ***(SAB)*** SAB Bazaar ***(SAB)*** Faculty Immersion in Thailand ***(SAB)*** Youth Mission Camp ***(SAB)*** SMU-HTM Donation Drive ***(SAB)*** ***Sustainable Environment Program*** Imugan Enviro-Culture Encounter ***(SHANS)***

Table 5 consolidates the major programs, projects, and activities implemented under the SDG framework, organized by thematic categories and alignment areas. Each SDG entry includes its thematic focus, the number and percentage of activities implemented, and sample programs or initiatives conducted by various university units. The table highlights how SMU integrates sustainability principles into its academic, research, community engagement, and operational activities, contributing to global and local development priorities.

The data indicate that SMU's initiatives are strongly concentrated on SDG 4: Quality Education, which accounts for 42% (346 activities) of all SDG-aligned programs. This reflects the university's core mission of promoting accessible, high-quality, and transformative education. Other highly represented goals include SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals (13%), underscoring the importance of collaboration and global engagement, and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure (7%), demonstrating the institution's commitment to fostering innovation and technological advancement. While SDG 4 dominates, SMU's programs also encompass all 17 goals—ranging from poverty reduction (SDG 1) and good health and well-being (SDG 3) to climate action (SDG 13) and life on land (SDG 15)—indicating a holistic approach to sustainability. Overall, the table shows that SMU strategically aligns its academic and community engagements with the UN 2030 Agenda, positioning education as a catalyst for sustainable development across multiple sectors.

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Table 6. Ranking of University Units by Number of SDG Contributions

Rank	Unit	Number of SDG Activities Implemented	Percentage
1st	CNS	132	16%
2nd	SHANS	110	13%
3rd	SAB	95	12%
4th	PERIO	84	10%
5th	SEAIT	73	9%
6th	IDQAO	64	8%
7th	CEIPSC	52	6%
8th	URC	26	3%
9th	UREO	26	3%
10th	IMO	20	2%
11th	AAO	19	2%
12th	HRDO	18	2%
13th	ETVAO	18	2%
14th	SPCO	11	1%
15th	OUR	10	1%
16th	ADSAS	8	1%
17th	GSD	7	1%
18th	NSTP	6	1%
19th	STEH	6	1%
20th	UHSU	6	1%
21st	0DSAS	5	1%
22nd	JHS	5	1%
23rd	SoGS	5	1%
24th	GTO	5	1%
25th	TAO	4	0.5%
26th	SHS	1	0.1%
27th	ULRC	1	0.1%
28th	IAO	1	0.1%
29th	CAO	1	0.1%
30th	TTBDO	1	0.1%
31st	PDPO	1	0.1%
32nd	CCF	1	0.1%
33rd	SPDO	1	0.1%
34th	SCHOLARSHIP	1	0.1%
	TOTAL	824	100%

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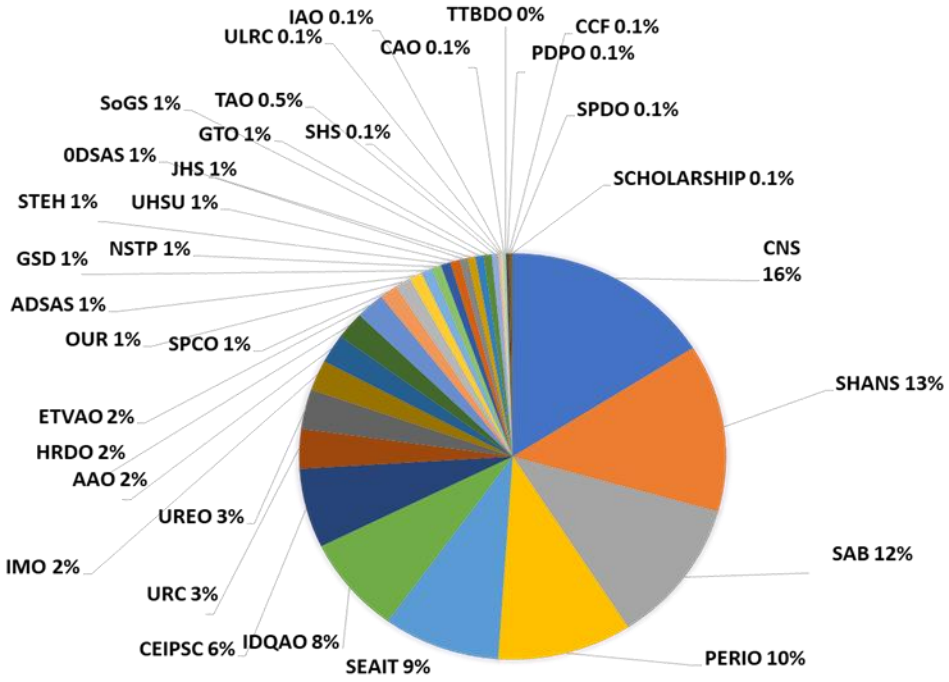


Table 6 presents the distribution of SDG-aligned activities implemented by the different units of SMU for AY 2024–2025. CNS recorded the highest number of SDG activities with 132 implementations (16%), followed by SHANS with 110 activities (13%), and SAB with 95 activities (12%). These three units collectively accounted for 41% of the total initiatives, indicating their leading roles in advancing SMU's SDG agenda. Meanwhile, several offices, such as SHS, ULRC, IAO, CAO, TTBDO, PDPO, CCF, SPDO, and the Scholarship Office, each contributed one activity (0.1%), showing that while participation varied, all units contributed to the university's overall SDG efforts.

Table 7: Top 3 SDG Initiatives per Unit

Unit	Percentage	Rank	SDG	No. of Activities	Percentage	Sample Activities Conducted
CNS	16%	1st	SDG 4	38	28.7%	SDG 4: International Conference on STEM Education 2024 SDG 17: UI Green Metric World Ranking for Sustainability 2024 SDG 13: South Intensive Program
		2nd	SDG 17	25	19%	
		3rd	SDG 13	14	10.6%	
SHANS	13%	1st	SDG 4	33	30%	SDG 4: International Conference on Research, Innovation, and Investment (ICRII) SDG 17: Passage to ASEAN (P2A) Hybrid Mobility Program in Health Sciences SDG 9: DOST_SEI Nuclear Science Camp
		2nd	SDG 17	18	16.3%	
		3rd	SDG 9	11	10%	
SAB	12%	1st	SDG 4	36	37.8%	SDG 4: International Recognition of SMU-HTM, Head, Faculty Member and Staff SDG 17: Faculty Immersion in Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University, Thailand
		2nd	SDG 17	12	12.6%	
		3rd	SDG 9	8	8.4%	

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						SDG 9: International Conference on Business, Education, Science and Technology (ICBEST) 2024
PERIO	10%	1st	SDG 4	60	71.4%	SDG 4: International Conference on Business, Education, Science and Technology (ICBEST) 2024 SDG 17: Cross-Border Immersion for Internationalization (IZN) Focals SDG 9: P2A HYBRID MOBILITY By Disciplines 2025, AI-SEAN | Harnessing Artificial Intelligence to Accelerate Youth Future
		2nd	SDG 17	15	17.85%	
		3rd	SDG 9	4	4.7%	
SEAIT	9%	1st	SDG 4	30	41%	SDG 4: Industry-Academe Congress on Technologies for Smart City (i-ACT4SmartCity) SDG 9: North Luzon Innovation and Technology Transfer Summit (NLITTS) SDG 17: CHED Zonal Creativity Summit 2024
		2nd	SDG 9	16	21.9%	
		3rd	SDG 17	12	16.4%	
IDQAO	8%	1st	SDG 4	52	82,2%	SDG 4: AppliedHE Ranking SDG 9: 6th CMCI Academic Symposium – National Level SDG 17: Pre-orientation on ISO 21001:2018 Document and Records Control
		2nd	SDG 17	3	4.6%	
		3rd	SDG 9& 4	2	3.2%	
CEIPSC	6%	1st	SDG 4	16	30.7%	SDG 4: Project BUKLAT: Books to Uplift Knowledge, Literacy and Training SDG 3: Pawak Community Outreach: Dental Kit Donation SDG 1: TESDA Training Program
		2nd	SDG 3	10	19.2%	
		3rd	SDG 1	7	13.4%	
URC	3%	1st	SDG 4	9	34.6%	SDG 4: June 2024 WURI Awarding Ceremonies SDG 9: International Paper Presentation SDG 17: 2024 Approved Faculty Research Production Grant
		2nd	SDG 9	6	23%	
		3rd	SDG 17	5	19.2%	
UREO	3%	1st	SDG 3	8	30.7%	SDG 3: SIGLA: Sports and Cultural Events SDG 4: SMART Spreadsheet Management and Analysis for Reliable Trends Training-Workshop SDG 8: Serving with Purpose: Aligning Our Work with the CICM Mission and Values
		2nd	SDG 4	6	23%	
		3rd	SDG 8	4	15.3%	
IMO	2%	1st	SDG 4	5	25%	SDG 4: First National Education Support Personnel Day SDG 3: GAD Seminar 2025 SDG 6: A Webinar in Celebration of Earth Day 2025
		2nd	SDG 3	3	15%	
		3rd	DG 5,6,7,10 12,13,14	1	5%	
AAO	2%	1st	SDG 4	8	42.1%	SDG 4: Nurse Leader Advocates for Salary Reform at National Level SDG 17: Honoring Generosity and Legacy: Order of the Golden Rose Awardees Recognized at SMU Alumni Homecoming SDG 15: Resume Writing Seminar for Graduating Students
		2nd	SDG 17	6	31.5%	
		3rd	SDG 15	4	21%	

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HRDO	2%	1st	SDG 3	12	66.6%	SDG 3: Executive Management Training Session on CICM Charism and Mariology: Marian Values & Virtues SDG 1: Pamaskong Handog
		2nd	SDG , 5,6,8	1	5.5%	
ETVAO	2%	1st	SDG 4	7	38.8%	SDG 4: Training Induction Program SDG 8: National TVET Rollout on Micro-Credentials – Luzon Cluster SDG 1: National TVET Rollout on Micro-Credentials – Luzon Cluster
		2nd	SDG 8	6	33.3%	
		3rd	SDG 1	5	27.7%	
SPCO	1%	1st	SDG 3	3	27.2%	SDG 3: Occupational First Aid and Basic Life Support CPR/Automated External Defibrillation Course SDG 4: Basic Occupational Safety and Health (BOSH) Training Course for Safety Officer 2 (SO2) SDG 6: Anti-Dengue Misting Drive 2025
		2nd	SDG 4,8,11	2	18.1%	
		3rd	SDG 6 & 17	1	9%	
OUR	1%	1st	SDG 4	9	90%	SDG 4: 2nd Party Audit SDG 17: Enhanced OVRS
		2nd	SDG 17	1	10%	
ADSAS	1%	1st	SDG 11	3	37.5%	SDG 11: Provincial Traffic Decongestion Summit 2025 "Working Together for Effective Solution to Traffic Challenges SDG 3: Alagang Reyna: Isang Araw ng Pag-aalaga at pagpapahalaga SDG 5: Pagkilala at Pagpugay sa kababaihan: Taglay ang Pananampalataya, Lakas at Dangal
		2nd	SDG 3& 4	2	25%	
		3rd	SDG 5	1	12.5%	
GSD	1%	1st	SDG 4	6	85.71%	SDG 4: 7th Phoenix Aralinks Quest - ShowcACE Presentation SDG 3: District Meet 2024
		2nd	SDG 3	1	14.28%	
NSTP	1%	1st	SDG 4 & 8	2	33.3%	SDG 4: NSTP TRAINER'S TRAINING OF TRAINERS SDG 2: Pamaskong Handog
		2nd	SDG 2 & 17	1	16.6%	
STEH	1%	1st	SDG 4	2	33.3%	SDG 4: 6th Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) Academic Symposium
		2nd	SDG 8,11, 16,17	1	16.6%	
UHSO	1%	1st	SDG 4	3	50%	SDG 4: ISO 21001:2018 Training on Document and Records Control SDG 3: Occupational First Aid and Basic Life Support-CPR/Automated External Defibrillation Course SDG 8: EOMS Workshop
		2nd	SDG 3	2	33.3%	
		3rd	SDG 8	1	16.6%	
0DSAS	1%	1st	SDG 4	2	40%	SDG 4: AFS Exchange Students Despedida Program SDG 2: Run for the Forest 2024
		2nd	SDG 2,6,13	1	20%	
JHS	1%	1st	SDG 4	2	40 %	SDG 4: Seminar-Workshop on Facilitating PAASCU Report Writing SDG 3: District Meet 2024
		2nd	SDG 3	1	20%	
SoGS	1%	1st	SDG 4	3	60%	SDG 4: To empower student leaders and enhance organizational effectiveness
		2nd	SDG 17	2	40%	

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						within the university. SDG 17: Invitation as Advisor of the DTI Shared Service Facility- Local Advisory and Mentoring (SSF-LAMP)
GTO	1%	1st	SDG 4	3	60%	SDG 4: MPCO Orientation SDG 1: Seminar on Work-Life Balance for Graduate Students
		2nd	SDG 1 &2	1	20%	
TAO	0.5%	1st	SDG 4	1	100%	SDG 4: Conducting review of financial records and assisting in the preparation of Financial Statements of the Diocese of Bayombong
SHS	0.1%	1st	SDG 2	1	100%	SDG 2: Busog-Lusog: Feeding the Future
ULRC	0.1%	1st	SDG 4	1	100%	SDG 4: Enhancing Indigenous Knowledge Management: Cataloging Practices in Different Practices in Different Languages in KOHA
IAO	0.1%	1st	SDG 4	1	100%	SDG 4: Surveillance Audit 1 for ISO 9001:2015
CAO	0.1%	1st	SDG 11	1	100%	SDG 11: SMU joins 16th Grand Ammungan Festival
TTBDO	0.1%	1st	SDG 4	1	100%	SDG 4: Surveillance Audit 1 for ISO 9001:2015
PDPO	0.1%	1st	SDG 4	1	100%	SDG 4: Surveillance Audit 1 for ISO 9001:2015
CCF	0.1%	1st	SDG 4	1	100%	SDG 4: Surveillance Audit 1 for ISO 9001:2015
SPDO	0.1%	1st	SDG 4	1	100%	SDG 4: Surveillance Audit 1 for ISO 9001:2015
SCHOLARSHIP	0.1%	1st	SDG 4	1	100%	SDG 4: Surveillance Audit 1 for ISO 9001:2015
TOTAL	100%					

Note: Some activities were repeatedly recorded due to units indicating numerous (more than 3) SDGs for a single activity conducted.

This table presents the distribution of SDG-aligned activities implemented by various units of Saint Mary's University (SMU) for AY 2024–2025. Each unit's percentage contribution to the total number of SDG-related activities is shown, along with the top three SDGs they most frequently supported. The ranking per SDG indicates the areas where each unit demonstrated the highest alignment and engagement.

The data reveal that all SMU units contributed to advancing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, with varying degrees of engagement. The Center of Natural Sciences (CNS) emerged as the top contributor, accounting for 16% of total SDG activities, followed by SHANS (13%), and SAB (12%).

Across all units, SDG 4: Quality Education consistently ranked first, demonstrating SMU's strong institutional focus on educational advancement and learning initiatives. Other frequently aligned goals include SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, indicating collaborative and innovation-driven initiatives.

Overall, the distribution underscores SMU's university-wide commitment to sustainable development, with education serving as the central pillar of its contributions.

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CONCLUSION

The findings of this report affirm Saint Mary's University's steadfast commitment to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its academic, research, and community engagement initiatives. For A.Y. 2024–2025, the University successfully implemented a diverse range of SDG-aligned activities across all 17 goals, demonstrating a holistic and institution-wide approach to sustainable development.

Among the goals, SDG 4: Quality Education emerged as the most actively pursued, reflecting SMU's enduring mission to promote accessible, inclusive, and transformative education. Other goals, such as SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals and SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, also ranked prominently, underscoring the University's emphasis on collaboration, health promotion, and community welfare. The analysis also highlights the significant contributions of both academic and administrative units, with several offices consistently serving as champions of sustainability-driven programs.

Collectively, these efforts underscore SMU's growing role as a **catalyst for social transformation**, integrating sustainability principles into its institutional culture and operational practices. By aligning its initiatives with the global SDG framework, SMU continues to nurture responsible citizens, empower communities, and strengthen its identity as a Marian institution committed to faith, excellence, and service. Moving forward, the University is poised to build on these accomplishments by deepening inter-unit collaboration, enhancing impact assessment mechanisms, and broadening partnerships that advance the shared pursuit of a sustainable and equitable future for all.

Limitations of the Report

This consolidated report on SMU's SDG initiatives is subject to several methodological and structural limitations that may have affected the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the data. These limitations include:

1. **Exclusion of Certain Activities.** Some activities were excluded because they lacked identified SDG alignments. Various formats of Activity Narrative Reports were used, and several reports either lacked SDG alignment entries or left them blank.
2. **Inaccessible Report Links.** Certain narrative report links embedded in the Annual Reports could not be accessed due to technical restrictions or errors, preventing data verification or inclusion.
3. **Reliance on Self-Reported SDG Alignment.** The SDG alignment of each activity was self-declared by the implementing unit, which introduces the possibility of subjective interpretation or over-alignment. This may have inflated the reported figures for certain goals.
4. **Risk of Activity Duplication or Inflation.** The methodology permitted multiple SDG alignments per activity, which may have resulted in duplication when activities were recorded under more than three SDGs. Consequently, the total counts for frequently cited goals—such as SDG 4 and SDG 17—may have been inflated, making it difficult to determine the primary focus of some activities.
5. **Scope Limited to Activity Count, Not Impact.** This report consolidates the number and types of SDG-aligned activities (outputs), as described in the methodology, with a focus on scope and diversity. It does not assess the actual outcomes or long-term impacts of these activities on communities or the environment (e.g., reporting that a feeding program occurred without measuring its sustained effect on student nutrition).

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Recommendations

To enhance the accuracy, consistency, and analytical value of future SDG initiative reports, the following measures are recommended:

1. **Standardize the Activity Narrative Report Template.** Adopt a uniform template—preferably **EOMS-QAO-FO-008**—and ensure that all fields are completely filled out, especially those related to SDG alignment and identified beneficiaries.
2. **Revise the Activity Narrative Report Form.** Limit the number of SDG alignments per activity to a maximum of **three goals**. This revision will help prevent data inflation for commonly aligned goals (e.g., SDG 4 and SDG 17) and promote more accurate identification of each activity's primary alignment.
3. **Ensure Proper SDG Alignment.** Review SDG indicators regularly to guide proper activity alignment. Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools may be utilized to assist in determining appropriate SDG matches for reported activities.
4. **Properly Link Evidence in Annual Reports.** Verify that all narrative report links are functional and accessible to facilitate transparent documentation and data validation.
5. **Assign an SDG Champion per Unit.** Designate unit-level SDG champions responsible for monitoring and coordinating initiatives based on each unit's thrusts and priorities, promoting accountability and focused engagement.
6. **Integrate Standardized Impact Metrics.** Develop and adopt a standardized matrix for reporting quantifiable outcome indicators (e.g., number of beneficiaries, dissemination plans, or measurable impacts). This will allow the university to move beyond activity counts toward evidence-based impact assessment.

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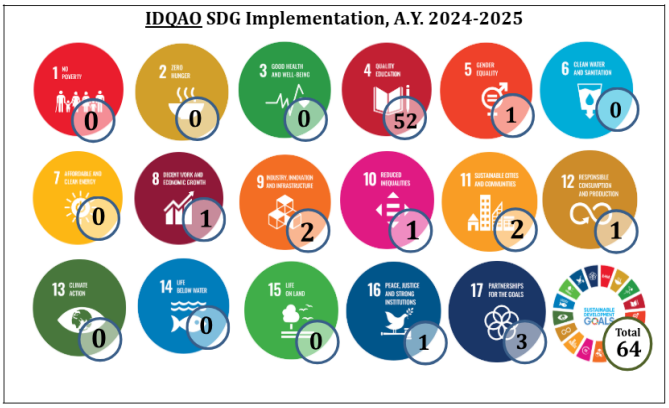
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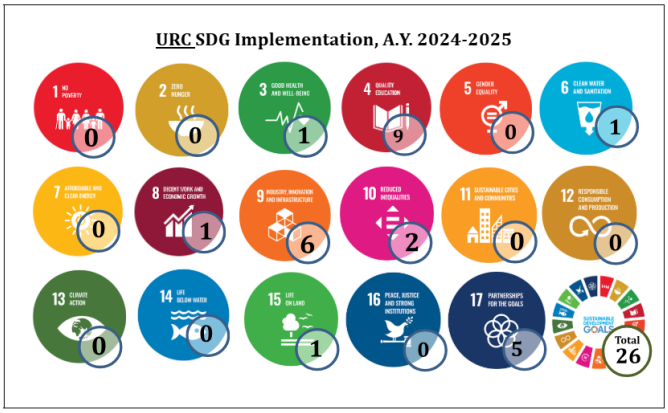


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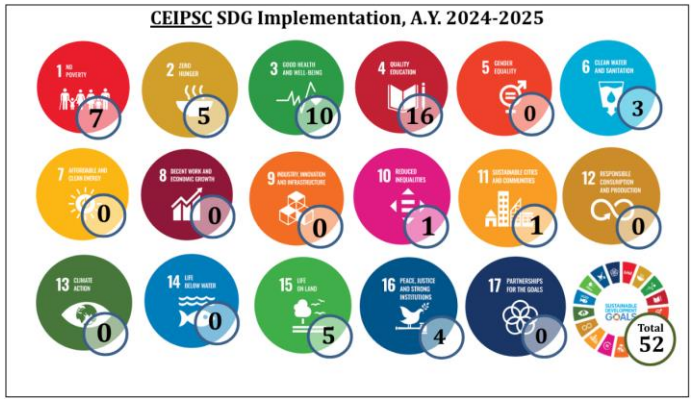
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SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

University Governance Measures

16.2.1 Elected representation on the University's Highest Governing Body

The SCC and Local Council Officers held elections on May 20–21, 2025 (pp. 1–4), proclaiming winners for contested positions on May 21, 2025 (pp. 5–8). The SCC evaluated specific issues during a General Assembly on January 22, 2025 (pp. 9–14) and directly shaped university decisions during an August 12, 2024, administration meeting (pp. 15–16). Academic engagement included a Graduate Studies seminar-workshop on MSME growth and business planning on November 22, 2025 (p. 17). University faculty and office staff maintain unified representation through the SMU Employees' Union (p. 18). Officers hold quarterly meetings to manage proceedings (pp. 19–20) and advance employee interests. The Union drives decision-making through the Labor-Management Committee (p. 21), resolves critical institutional issues (p. 22), and enters collective bargaining negotiations (p. 23).

16.2.2 Recognition of an Independent Student's Union

The Students' Central Council (SCC) serves as Saint Mary's University's recognized independent student union. Its core mission and vision, as well as its official leadership lineup, are outlined in institutional documents (pp. 1–2). The SCC contributes directly to university governance by enacting key legislation, including the Resolution on Donation dated February 20, 2025 (pp. 3–4), and a resolution establishing a Student Organization Center (p. 5). To develop student leadership, the union spearheads structured training and development events like the Marian Leadership Convergence (pp. 6–7), the ResurGenz initiative (pp. 8–9), and the Marian Leaders Capacitation Training Workshop (pp. 10–11). Furthermore, the SCC actively drives community engagement, social welfare, and civic awareness through the Sitio Masina Outreach (p. 12), the Sirip-Sirib Film Festival (p. 13), the Pamaskong Handog initiative (pp. 14–15), and the Marian Election Forum (pp. 16–17).

16.2.3 Written Policies and Procedures to identify local stakeholders external to the university and engage with them

SMU utilizes structured institutional policies and localized initiatives to drive impactful stakeholder and community engagement. Core institutional frameworks include the CEIPSC Standard Operating Procedures on Collaborative Partnerships, approved on December 8, 2024 (pp. 1–2), as well as specialized work instructions for selecting partner communities through Background Augmenting (p. 3). Active community and civic initiatives showcase these policies in action. The SEAIT conducted an ocular inspection for a water reservoir on February 19, 2025 (p. 4) and later executed Project Punhog on April 23, 2025 (p. 6). Concurrently, community outreach was expanded through Project BUKLAT *(Bukas na Ugnayan para sa Karunungan, Lakas at Talino)* (p. 5). For external civic collaboration, the Student Central Council (SCC) officially endorsed student leaders to the Provincial Local Youth Development Council (p. 7) and directly participated in its upcoming proceedings (pp. 8–9).

Policy Created

To ensure continuous improvement, operational effectiveness, and alignment with the principles of SDG 16, the university created a dedicated stakeholder engagement policy framework in 2022 (pp. 1, 10, 13, 17, 20, 23). This framework is continually evaluated to promote ongoing refinement and responsiveness in community collaboration (p. 1). When opportunities for improvement are identified, the university formally documents and implements necessary updates. This process is systematically captured in the official revision histories of the university's Work Instructions and Standard Operating Procedures, which underwent extensive review, formulation, and revision throughout late 2022 (pp. 10, 13, 17, 20, 23). These institutional measures preserve transparency, quality, and strict alignment across all external partnerships and community adoptions (pp. 2, 11, 16, 19, 22, 27).

Policy Reviewed

SMU maintains structured written policies and procedures to systematically identify and engage local external stakeholders (p. 1). The CEIPSC Standard Operating Procedures on Collaborative Partnerships outline the end-to-end process from initial stakeholder identification to continual improvement (pp. 1–2). This framework is reinforced by rigorous Work Instructions on Background Augmenting, which establish clear directives for community adoption, needs assessments, and project proposal formulation (pp. 3, 10, 13, 20, 23). To optimize

compliance and stakeholder synergy, the university implemented a comprehensive Interested Parties Matrix during the 2024–2025 academic year (pp. 29–32). Prepared on May 13, 2025, this compliance matrix maps out the explicit mandates of key regulatory and community sectors and pairs them directly with institutional processes, such as community extension and outreach services, to ensure ethical and legally sound collaboration (pp. 29–31).

16.2.4 Ensuring that Local Stakeholders in the University, including local residents, local government, and civil society representatives (which may include groups such as refugee resettlement agencies), have meaningful mechanisms for participating in university decision-making

Saint Mary's University gives local residents, local government, and civil society a real voice in its decisions. The AEMAP tasks the Board of Trustees with relating the University to the community, requires consultation with students, parents, and other stakeholders before fees are raised, and directs the LMCDAC and PERIO to partner with LGUs and NGOs (pp. 1-9). On June 20, 2024, residents of four partner communities met with SMU and helped set its 2024 community action plan (pp. 10-13). On January 28, 2025, SMU joined the Provincial Traffic Decongestion Summit called by the Governor (pp. 14-16). The Law Student Council gave its written position on the proposed tuition increase on February 24, 2025 (pp. 17-22), part of the AY 2024-2025 tuition consultation (pp. 23-24). With the LTO, SMU held a traffic and safety forum on April 24, 2025 (pp. 25-28). By May 2025, SMU had 15 LGU and community partners, as well as a tripartite agreement with LGU Solano (pp. 29-32).

16.2.5 Publication of the University's principles and Commitments on organized crime and corruption & Bribery

Saint Mary's University condemns corruption, bribery and dishonesty, and binds all personnel to its Code of Proper Conduct. The AEMAP punishes taking money or favors for any act or decision, hiding illicit deals, conflict of interest, unauthorized collection of money, and grade-fixing. It also requires independent CPA audits and an Internal Auditor who checks for fraud (pp. 1-16). New employees were oriented on SMU policies in August 2024 and February 2025 (pp. 17-18). The Internal Audit Office revised its manual in September 2024, audited every voucher, receipt, liquidation and purchase document from January to May 2025, made spot checks on cashiers, and scheduled the February 2025 financial statement audit (pp. 19-24). The IDQAO held risk management training in October 2024, issued the EOMS policy in December 2024, and ran an internal quality audit with outside auditors from February to April 2025 (pp. 25-28).

16.2.6 Policy on supporting academic freedom (freedom to choose areas of research and to speak and teach publicly about the area of their research

Saint Mary's University protects academic freedom. The AEMAP gives every faculty member, senior or junior, the freedom to research and to publish and teach the results without interference, consistent with Art. XIV, Sec. 5(2) of the 1987 Constitution (pp. 1-2). Its IP Rights Policy bars rules that impede academic freedom or open publication (pp. 3-4). In AY 2024-2025, CNS faculty pursued their own research (pp. 5-8) and the URC funded faculty research projects (pp. 9-12). SAB faculty presented their work at international and local conferences (pp. 13-18), including ICBEST in November 2024 (pp. 19-22). Teachers stated whether they will teach the next school year through the HRDO Intent to Teach form (p. 23). Faculty published in a Scopus-indexed journal in January 2025 (pp. 24-25), and SEAIT held a research forum in April 2025 (pp. 26-29). By May 2025, 76 of 162 full-time faculty had published in the Passion for Mission Journal (pp. 30-34).

Policy Created

In 2023, Saint Mary's University officially adopted its comprehensive policy on Academic Freedom by publishing the Administrative and Employment Manual for Academic Personnel (AEMAP), 2023 Edition (p. 1). This foundational institutional framework formally aligned the university's legal and professional operations with the constitutional mandates of Section 8 (2), Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution (p. 1). Under this newly established policy, all academic faculty members were granted the explicit structural freedom to investigate complex scientific problems within their respective disciplines (pp. 1–2). Furthermore, the 2023 manual legally protected their right to express and disseminate their professional research findings through student instruction or external scholarly publications, free from administrative interference or authority constraints (pp. 1–2).

Policy Reviewed

Saint Mary's University actively upholds the institutional exercise of academic freedom in strict accordance with the 1987 Philippine Constitution (p. 1). Enacted through the Administrative and Employment Manual for Academic Personnel (AEMAP) 2023 Edition, this formal policy was in active force for Academic Year 2024–2025 (p. 1). The provision explicitly guarantees all academic personnel the freedom to investigate scientific problems and to openly express their conclusions through instruction or scholarly publication without interference from university authorities (pp. 1–2). This baseline protection of scholastic inquiry is deliberately balanced with institutional missions, ensuring that the exercise of academic freedom does not impede open, timely publications or university sovereignty, while also maintaining the faculty's shared obligation to uphold the core creeds and principles of SMU as a Catholic institution (pp. 2, 4).

16.2.7 Publication of University Financial Data

SMU ensures financial transparency and accountability through regular independent auditing and regulatory reporting. Its financial data are accessible for public viewing at the University Accounting Office and are regularly audited by P&A Grant Thornton, an independent external firm that objectively assesses statement accuracy and compliance with accounting principles and government regulations (pp. 1–40). Furthermore, the university submits its financial reports to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) under the Department of Finance for tax obligation compliance examinations (p. 5). SMU also submits its financial reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for regulatory review and corporate reporting alignment (p. 6). Together, these rigorous disclosure practices demonstrate the institution's commitment to strict financial transparency, accountability, and regulatory compliance.

16.3 Working with Government

16.3.1 Provision of specific advice to local, regional or national government (e.g., through guidance, participation in committees, provision of evidence)

SMU contributes professional expertise and research-based insights to public governance through faculty engagement and policy-informing research. Faculty members serve as officers in organizations like the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) to support the judicial system, improve the administration of justice, and fulfill public responsibilities (p. 1). Additionally, the Engineering faculty conduct evidence-based research to guide government regulations. A key example is their study, "Geotechnical Investigation of Quarry Sites Along the Magat River: Towards Evidence-Based Regulations and Guidelines Compliant with Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Standards" (p. 2). This research directly informs quarrying guidelines to meet the standards of the DPWH, the agency responsible for safe public infrastructure (p. 2). These efforts demonstrate SMU's commitment to supporting informed policymaking and regulatory compliance.

16.3.2 Provision of outreach, general education, upskilling and capacity-building to policy- and law-makers on relevant topics e.g., economic, law, technology, migration and displacement, and climate change

The University supports capacity building for policymakers and lawmakers through expert engagement and community outreach. On August 27, 2024, the Provincial Local Government of Nueva Vizcaya invited Dr. Clara Gonzales as a subject matter expert on Global Mobility and Atty. Epifanio Delbert Galima on the Fundamental Principles of Parliamentary Procedure during the 2nd Nueva Vizcaya Youth Parliament at the Provincial Capitol Convention Center in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya (p. 1). On March 17, 2025, MAT Social Studies students, led by Dr. Kenneth L. Maslang, in partnership with the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy and supported by the Barangay Imugan Council, elders, and the IPMR, conducted Baddang 4.0: Giving of School Supplies and Cultural Tongtongan in Imugan, Santa Fe. The activity provided school supplies to pupils and facilitated cultural dialogue with five elders, promoting heritage awareness and collaboration among community members and local leaders (p. 2).

16.3.3 Undertaking policy-focused research in collaboration with government departments

SMU actively drives sustainable regional development and evidence-based decision-making by conducting policy-relevant research and engaging in cross-sector collaborations with key government agencies. Through these partnerships, SMU submitted a strategic project proposal to the Commission on Higher Education, Region II, under the DOST's Grant-in-Aid Program for Research, Extension, and Innovation to build a unified STEM platform (pp. 1–2). Advancing environmental sustainability, the university partnered with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office of Nueva Vizcaya, securing a ₱500,000 grant for the Vernacular Ecological Station to power localized conservation initiatives (pp. 3–6). Furthermore, SMU's Technology Transfer and Business Development Office collaborated with the Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Cooperative and

Enterprise Development Office to implement Project DESIRE, successfully strengthening knowledge transfer and local enterprise development (pp. 7–10).

16.3.4 Provision of a neutral platform and "safe" space for different political stakeholders to come together to frankly discuss challenges

SMU provides inclusive, respectful platforms that enable diverse stakeholders to voice perspectives, address societal challenges, and promote informed decision-making. During Women's Month, SMU conducted a dedicated Seminar-Forum focused on raising awareness of women's rights and fostering a safe, mutually supportive campus environment (pp. 1–3). Advancing cultural inclusion, the university organized a Community-Based Forum on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, offering constructive spaces to discuss their distinct struggles, aspirations, and rights while strengthening regional dialogue and cooperation (pp. 4–8). Furthermore, the Student Central Council initiated the Marian Election Forum, where local political candidates openly presented their platforms and responded to direct inquiries from student voters to foster institutional transparency, civic accountability, and informed electoral participation (pp. 10–11).16.4 Proportion of graduates in law and civil enforcement.

16.4.1 Number of Graduates

896

16.4.2 Number of total graduates from law and enforcement-related courses

89

NARRATIVE REPORT

SDG: 4, 12, 16

Title of Activity: Secure Transactions, Safer Tomorrow: Empower Digital Payments with Cyber Hygiene

Date/Time: September 27, 2024

Venue: Sacred Heart Center, SMU

Organizers: ULRC and SAB in partnership with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

Objectives: The objective of the seminar is to discuss financial literacy through digital transaction awareness and consumer rights awareness.

Beneficiaries (if any):

Participants: SAB Faculty members and students and ULRC staff

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A. Highlights of the Activity:

The University Learning Center and the School of Accountancy and Business in partnership with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas organized a financial literacy seminar and customer rights awareness in observance of the Consumer Awareness Month. One of the mandates of BSP is financial education initiatives which give consumers the knowledge, skills, and confidence to understand and evaluate the information they receive and empower them to make informed financial decisions. The seminar was facilitated by Ms. Maria Elena A. Madriaga, Bank Officer IV from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Baguio branch. Topics discussed included digital literacy for products offered electronically, proper handling of banknotes, illegal possession and use of counterfeit money and how to spot fake money.

The seminar was an enriching experience. It provided the participants with essential knowledge about handling and evaluating money, protecting them from counterfeit bills, and understanding their rights as a consumer. These lessons are particularly relevant to them as future business owners/practitioner. Additionally, knowing how to detect fake money and handle bills correctly will help them to avoid legal troubles and also ensure smooth business operations. Lastly, the speaker reiterated the importance of vigilance in our everyday transactions.

B. Summary of the Activity Evaluation

C. Appendices

1. **Attendance Sheet (scanned)**
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DTI R2 Nueva Vizcaya's Post

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December 13, 2024 ·

SMU's Research Paper shines on the National Stage, Bags 2nd spot in the 6th CMCI Academic Symposium

The Province of Nueva Vizcaya clinched another feat on the national stage as our representative, Saint Mary's University, bagged the 2nd top spot with their research paper entitled "Driving Local Government Units' Competitiveness in Nueva Vizcaya through Academe-Industry Collaboration: A CMCI Analysis for Nurturing Creative Ecosystems" under the group category in this year's 6th Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) Academic Symposium held at the Asian Institute of Management, Makati City on 11 December 2024.

The research paper, which was presented by Dr. Melanie Gurat, and co-authored by University President Dr. John Octavious S. Palina and Dr. Harrison Villanueva, focused on enhancing the competitiveness of local government units through effective collaboration between higher educational institutions and stakeholders in the creative industry, utilizing the CMCI as a framework.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through its Competitiveness Bureau (CB), implements the annual CMCI Academic Symposium, which was initiated in 2018 as part of the CMCI Program.

The symposium is a research conference that highlights scholarly research based on CMCI data. Its objective is to analyze and make use of the wealth of data collected from various local government units (LGUs) based on indicators that reflect their competitiveness levels.

This event transforms the CMCI data into useful information, insightful conclusions, and policy recommendations for regional competitiveness committees (RCCs), local chief executives, and decision-makers.

Out of all the entries from across the country, only four papers participated in the final round for the group category.

This achievement underscores Nueva Vizcaya's dedication to fostering innovation and collaboration among its institutions, further cementing its position as a hub for excellence and creativity.

From Provincial Director Atty. Michael B. Paggabao and Team DTI R2 Nueva Vizcaya, congratulations to Saint Mary's University for this significant milestone, showcasing how academic research can drive local competitiveness and inspire transformative growth across the nation.

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NARRATIVE REPORT

SDG: 9 & 16

Title of Activity: Future Science Leaders' Forum

Date/Time: November 13-14, 2024

Venue: Muntinlupa City

Organizers: DOST-NAST

Objectives: To empower young Filipino Leaders

Participants: Engr. Jefrie T. Alindayu & Mr. John Lindy Soriano

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A. Highlights of the Activity:

Engr. Jefrie T. Alindayu (Department Head, Civil Engineering and Architecture) and Mr. John Lindy Soriano (Department Head, Accountancy) were selected as Participants of the 2024 ***Future Science Leaders' Forum*** (***FSLF***) ***organized by the National Academy of Science and Technology***, ***Philippines*** (***NAST PHL***) last ***November*** 13-14 in Muntinlupa City.

The FSLF aims to empower young Filipino science leaders to maximize their leadership potential in their respective fields and to provide a venue for a leadership network of peers, possible mentors, and advisors. The activity was designed for individuals having a strong aptitude for leadership in their chosen disciplines, and have a track record of exceptional success in those fields. The candidates have demonstrated leadership potential, enthusiastic, with outstanding communication skills, and have the ability, desire, and personality to represent Saint Mary's University.

The event was attended by Filipino Young Scientists from different colleges, universities and government agencies in the country. Day 1 of the program discussed the following topics: Building a culture for research, building institutions, and science & society. Day 2 focused on collaboration and linkages, building a culture for innovation, mentoring and building a culture for research. Academicians from NAST were the invited speakers.

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B. Appendices

Photo Documentation



