

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2022



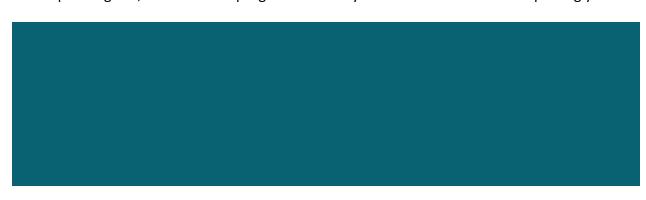
#### **Foreward**

New Vision University is a non-profit higher education institution, aimed at promoting social responsibility. NVU's mission is to expand human vision through promotion of education, research and innovation. The University inspires individuals to advance and share knowledge, skills and values to contribute to the well-being of society. The University aspires to be a leader in fostering equal opportunities and contribute to the creation of multicultural, collaborative environment.

The motto of the university is "Inspire to Care". The University's mission, vision and values, activities in teaching, research and services are based on the societal needs and aim at having a positive impact on local and international community, contribute to solving global problems.

New Vision University, based on its individual characteristics and mission, has been attending to societal well-being from the days of its establishment. University, fully acknowledging its role and responsibility in promoting UN sustainable development goals, plans and carries out activities aimed at fostering their achievement.

The report illustrates university's activities and projects of 2022, aimed at promoting sustainable development goals, as well as the progress university has achieved within the reporting year.



New Vision University is committed to promoting equal access to education to students from around the world, thus, promoting social mobility of individuals.



40%
OF STUDENTS
FROM
DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES

MORE THAN
20% OF
STUDENTS
RECEIVING
FINANCIAL AID

EST. 300 FIRSTGENERATION
STUDENTS

#### **Blood Bank**

New Vision University has founded the first **non-commercial blood bank in Georgia**, with the aim to promote the charitable donation in Georgia and maintain a supply of all blood groups rhesus components.

- Detect diseases and prevent further complications;
- Maintain a supply of all blood groups and rhesus components – resulting in more lives being saved

#### 130 donations were carried out in 2022



#### Women's' personalized healthcare program

New Vision University is implementing the Personalized Women's healthcare program. The goal of the program is to increase accessibility to and affordability of medical care for women's preventive services and to foster a culture of regular check-ups, ensuring early diagnostics and treatment.

The programme is financially subsidized by university and the price for the services is 5 times less of the market value. The programme is planned for 5 years.

Within the framework of the program, **1000** teachers will benefit from the fully funded healthcare program.





New Vision University contributes to the good health and wellbeing of the global community through education of skilled medical workers, research in medicine, social projects and initiatives, as well as provision of medical services. University owns non-commercial, multifunctional hospital and a healthhub, which unites dental, rehabilitation, dermatology clinics.

#### **Sports medicine training**

Sports medicine trainings – New Vision University, implements a training series in partnership with Georgian Sports Medicine Association and Georgian Rugby union. The project aims to further train professionals and foster an interest in sports medicine in the younger generation.



**Clinical Skills Laboratory and Training Center** 

The main goal of New Vision University Clinical Skills Laboratory and Training Center is an improvement of the practical skills of medical and non-medical staff for preservation of human life and health.

The Center implements the following international and national certification programs:

- Basic Life Support Algorithm (BLS);
- Pediatric Basic Life Support (PBLS);
- First Aid.



Fostering health and well-being of university staff and students - Medical services, psychological services and available sports facilities to promote healthy lifestyle.



Educating skilled medical workers through higher education and training. More than 50% of research output in the field of medicine.



Community outreach aimed at increasing access to medical services of vulnerable groups.



Promoting healthy lifestyle in children and supporting sports development. Children's football academy - 400 students and two football clubs.



#### **Fostering sports development**

University founded Inter Academy Georgia, children's football academy that started operating on March 1, 2022. New Vision University aims to popularize healthy lifestyle and sports in children and implement age and development - appropriate, world standards in training young children.

Football pitches are located at NVU campus.

University also owns the regional football club and a futsal club.

#### Certification course for football clubs' medical personnel

As an exclusive partner of the Football Clubs Medical Personnel Education Programme, New Vision University organized the course for the third time in 2022. The course is accredited by the Regulation Agency of the above-mentioned ministry.

As a result of the course, 48 medical personnel (doctors, physiotherapists, massage therapists) of the Georgia national football team and national leagues were trained. The success rate of participants of this training is 78.9%, which is significantly higher than the results from previous years. New Vision University awarded successful with participants certificates accredited the bv Ministry of Internally **Displaced Persons** from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages





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#### Supporting schools and wider community

University systematically hosts public lectures, conferences and other activities aimed at sharing knowledge to wide society.

In 2022, university hosted public events of visiting or university staff, including: intensive courses of lectures on state solvency, public lecture on cell cultivation, sports medicine, etc.

University also supports schools and school students by engaging them in the different activities, aimed at increasing



their knowledge, skills and general competencies. School Olympiad was held in 2022 for high school students from different regions of Georgia and aimed at stimulating educational process and increase motivation among school students. University carries out the training courses for school students on legal issues, hosted summer school for school students and "Black Sea Summer University" open for students from different universities. In 2022, the outreach of secondary school students was approximately 500.



#### Access to higher education for the displaced students

To support Ukrainian students, as well as International students studying at Ukrainian universities, New Vision University developed a mobility program, that ensured access to higher education for students and prevention of the large outflow of students from Ukrainian universities.

The mobility program envisaged development of bilateral agreements with Ukrainian universities, and the recognition of education received at NVU. The framework for cooperation and support for students from Ukraine and Ukrainian universities was shared by different universities. **480 students benefited from the mobility program.** 



45%

Overall representation of female students

42%

Of graduates are female

ACADEMIC STAFF

47%

Of university's academic staff is female

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

70%

Of administrative staff is female



5 OUT OF 10

Management bodies' members is female



**8 OUT OF 10** 

Of administrative units are headed by females

#### **Institutional Policies and Practices**

- Gender equality plan defines concrete actions for fostering and promoting gender equality within university.
- Collection and analysis of gendersegregated data.
- Ensuring pay-scale equity.
- Anti-discrimination policies covering gender-based discrimination and appeal procedures.





Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls







# RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION





#### **ECO CAMPUS**



#### Green Area

80% of NVU's campus is green, natural area.

#### Recycling

Plastic, glass and paper waste is collected separately and transported for recycling.



#### **Institutional Policies and Practices**

Waste hierarchy management system in procurement and waste management.

Committed to net zero on Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions – 2030.

Sustainable investment and procurement. Promoting sustainability through public outreach.

Promoting electronic cars and sustainable transports for commuting.

Sustainable food practices at campus – promoting locally sourced and sustainable food.



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#### Sports fields

5 Fields, where students, staff and local community (upon request) can enjoy sporting activities.

#### Clean Water

Water fountains and dispensers are located on the campus, to ensure access to the drinking water and also decrease plastic waste.



#### No stigmatization

Campus is fully adapted to the special needs of individuals and is free og stigmatization.

#### YEARLY IMPACT IN 2022 -REDUCED CO2 EMISSIOS 156 TONES

#### NEW VISION UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Area - 1100 Square Meters Power - 110 Kw Reduced CO2 Emissions -64 Tones Equivalent of planting 90 trees





#### **INVESTMENT 1**

Investment - 165 752 GEL Reduced CO2 yearly - 44 Tones Equivalent of planting 60 trees

#### **INVESTMENT 2**

Investment - 45 700 USD Reduced CO2 yearly - 48 Tones Equivalent of planting 60 trees









New Vision University contributes to SDG7 through promoting usage of renewable energy sources, increasing the generation and consumption of renewable energy at University and increasing awareness on the topic.

New Vision Leasing, established by the university, supports small and medium enterprises through funding of solar panel systems.



#### **Institutional Action**

University has developed energy efficiency policy and sustainability policy, that guides NVU community's efforts towards reducing its carbon footprint. NVU also sets targets and reports on reducing CO2 emissions and is committed to carbon neutrality.

New Vision University contributes to the economic growth and the growth of job market in Georgia through establishing or acquiring companies in different sectors, and investments in the development of the fields. By 2022, NVU incorporates 10 subsidiary companies, that, though have different profiles and aims, share NVU's mission and contribute to its attainment, thus, to the well-being of society.

























NVU subsidiaries and investments, together with the contribution to the economic growth, impact the attainment of SDG11. The acquisition of regional football club, Torpedo Kutaisi aimed at supporting the development of regions, one of the strategic goals of the university. NVU also financially supports Georgian youth orchestra and was a producer of the Film by Georgian film maker and the insurance of intellectual-property related risks by New Vision Insurance ensured its international screening.

#### Commentary for the labor code of Georgia

After becoming ILO's partner organization, NVU Within the framework of the project, based on the memorandum of understanding, NVU started working on the comments on Georgia's Labor Law. University professors, professional lawyers and ILO experts are involved in the project. The project aims at establishing international legal practices of Labor Law in Georgia, transparency of decisions and accessibility of the current Law to society.

The project also fosters social dialogue, as together with professors and legal practitioners, the representatives of employers' association and labor unions are involved in the process.



# 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



New Vision University contributes to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies, provision of access to justice to all and building effective, inclusive and strong institutions. Through teaching, research, provision of free of charge legal services, partnership with governmental and non-governmental organizations, promotion of legal ethics and enhancing legal skills and knowledge in school students, New Vision University promotes attainment of the SDG16.

#### Promoting Justice for All

Legal aid clinic has been functioning at NVU since 2014, and provides following legal support to the beneficiaries free of charge, numbers for 2022:

Beneficiaries - 226 representation in the In the review of the case-23

Consultations - 194
Complaints – 24
Lawsuits prepared – 69
Contracts drawn up and examined -294

#### **Promoting Legal Skills Development**

With the support of the USAID Rule of Law Program, to promote the teaching and development of practical skills in law schools, the University established a Practical Skills Center in 2022.



The university also conducts a clinic of **practical law** and legal skills, within the framework of which graduate students of the law school inform high school students about the important and current issues of the field of law, which are essential for every citizen and the study of which ensures the formation of a highly conscious society.













#### **Children's Parasport Development**

New Vision University is the co-founder of the Children's Parasport Development Association, together with the Georgian Paralympic Committee, and continuously promotes the development of parasports in Georgia, supporting access and participation of children with disabilities in sports.



## PROGRAM TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY, AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND BEHAVIOURAL DISORDERS

A program was implemented in collaboration with the Georgian Children's Parasport Association and the German Economic Development Association (Deutsche Wirtschaftsvereinigung - DWV). The goal of the program is to share experiences to help improve the quality of life of children. Within the framework of the project, the German expert conducted treatment and rehabilitation sessions for children with special needs for three weeks.

### 7 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



#### **Promotion of Legal Ethics**

Legal ethics chair project has been implemented at New Vision University since 2017, with te support of USAID. The project aims to enhance knowledge and understanding of the legal ethics and raise legal ethics awareness of legal professionals and general public.

The activities of the Legal Ethics Chair in 2022 included:

- ·First mock disciplinary hearing in arbitration in Georgia, with the involvement of students from different universities in Georgia;
- ·Practical course in legal ethics, open to law students from different universities;
- ·Public lectures;
- ·Crash course in legal ethics for regional university in Georgia.

# Share vision Inspire to care



