



New Vision University 2021 Report on Sustainable Development

New Vision University Sustainable Development Report consolidates activities and projects carried out by university in 2021, that contribute to the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The aim of the report is to systemize information, evaluate effectiveness of the activities carried out and inform stakeholders.

The report is developed by the Strategic Development and Internationalization committee in 2022, with the wide involvement and support of the university community.



Introduction – Who we are

New Vision University is a non-profit higher education institution, which is oriented towards fostering the culture of social responsibility and civil society.

The University'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.

One of the main priorities of the University is to care for the well-being of society and implement CSR projects. The University is guided with the values of equal opportunities and equity, ensures teaching and learning based on students' individual needs, contributes to the sustainability of environment, fosters economic development and well-being.

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

Fighting Covid-19

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The New Vision University Hospital played an important role in combating Covid-19 pandemic. During the first year of the pandemic, the University invested 2 million Georgian Lari, to ensure that the hospital was fully equipped for provision of care to the Covid-patients. The hospital provided treatment for up to 5 000 patients in 2 years.

The University also implemented social campaign to support people fighting against Covid-19, and with the help of the special platform, fostered development of the social responsibility culture. Partner hospitals and companies gifted medicine and medical equipment to the medical staff fighting Covid-19.

Practical component of students during pandemic also served not only Medical Doctor's program objectives, but contributed to the fight against the virus. Apart from the program practical component, school of Medicine students worked as the volunteers in NVU university hospital and other clinics.

For the contribution of NVU Hospital in fight against COVID-19, the hospital was awarded with the special prize by the minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.

Community-driven research

New Vision University scientific and clinical team carries out community-driven research, aimed at increasing well-being of the society, preliminary and final results are being published publicly.

In 2021, more than 50% of the University's publications were in the field of medicine, out of which, 40% addressed treatment and/or rehabilitation of the Covid-19 patients.

The University also fosters involvement of young scientists in the community-driven research – PhD students' seminars, as well as a great part of MA theses addressed Covid-pandemic.

In 2021 spring semester, PhD students of NVU Medicine program worked on the research with the common topic "Covid-19 Challenges and Solutions"; "Post Pandemic Rehabilitation" was the topic for the fall semester.

PhD students of the Law school dedicated their work to the topic of fostering vaccination process. Seminar of the PhD students in Law aimed at analyzing the legal mechanisms for fostering vaccination and positive attitude towards vaccination in society.





Supporting persons with rare diseases

On the World Rare Disease Day in 2021, the University hosted persons with rare diseases in “Life Quality Enhancement Center” and provided free-of-charge consultations and medical examinations. The new project also started in 2021, which envisages the creation of a unified database. Having a database will help patients and their families receiving timely medical and social services. Project will be implemented on the basis of the University Rare Disease Research Center.

The research center, together with the Georgian Association of Rare Diseases, will assist and facilitate international scientific and clinical research. This involvement in surveys will be available in a registered database for individuals and their supporting medical staff, which in turn will allow patients to be treated with the latest methods.

Blood Bank

New Vision University carries out charitable blood donation program.

The University’s blood bank promotes the notion of charitable donation in Georgia, also aims to detect diseases and prevent further complications, and to maintain a supply of all blood groups and rhesus components.

NVU students are actively involved in the Blood Bank’s activities, they are the blood donors, as well as carry out practical component of teaching.



Women’s Personalized Health Program



New Vision University started implementation of women’s personalized health program. The program was developed with the idea of social responsibility and one of its main aims is to increase access to the regular preventive check-ups. The program will host its first beneficiaries in 2022.

The program aims at establishing culture of preventive check-ups in women and supportive treatment. Program includes diagnostic check-up in following areas: endocrinology, gynecology, mammalogy, dentistry, dermatology, psychotherapeutic, laboratory-instrumental analyses, including preventive analyses for post-covid period.

The program is financially supported by the University. In total, the cost of the program for beneficiaries is five times less than the market price for the same services.

Supporting sports and regional development



New Vision University became the owner of the regional football club, Torpedo Kutaisi. The purchase of Torpedo Kutaisi aims to promote football as well as support regional development through university's investments. Joining efforts of the University and Torpedo Kutaisi community serves an idea of promoting social responsibility.

University has already implemented a number of projects to promote sports in Georgia. It has developed its own club, football base and other essential infrastructure to promote other fields of sports.



Popularizing Sports Among Children and Supporting Para-Sport Development

With the partnership of NVU, first "Inter Milano" children's international football academy started functioning in Georgia.

Through this partnership and collaboration, NVU aims to establish positive and healthy environment, with the help of which, new generation will share all the important values of the football world.

New Vision University also supports Georgian para-sports children. Together with the Paralympic Committee, the University established Children's Parasport Association and continuously promotes the development of parasports in Georgia, supporting access and participation of children with disabilities in sports.



Fostering Sustainable Practices

New Vision University established company 'New Vision Leasing', to help small and medium-

size companies and entrepreneurs. The company's priority is purchasing medical equipment, which will be used for research and technological innovations. Moreover, New Vision Leasing's one of the main priorities it to fund solar energy panels, therefore, fostering usage of the renewable energy and sustainability.

New Vision University, while implementing its infrastructural projects, cares for development of the green and sustainable economy.



Solar energy panels are being implemented on the New Vision University Hospital's roof, of 1100 square meters. Energy provided by the solar panels will reduce CO2 emissions by 64 tones, which is equal to planting 90 trees.

Under the framework of the New Vision Insurance project “white taxis”, taxi drivers in Georgia were reimbursed the fare of technical inspection and licensing, which in several months solved the problem of unlicensed taxis. Moreover, the main goal was reached – inexistence of technically unsound taxis, which is the illustration of protecting population's health as it fosters decreasing the air pollution and number of car accidents.



Sustainable Campus

New Vision University's campus territory's 80% is green, natural area, where students, staff and local community can spend their time for leisure and enjoy a walk in nature. There are 5 sports fields on campus, part of which are also open for society, on the basis of reservations, free of charge. To foster healthy lifestyle among students and staff, the university hosts sports activities on campus every week, where staff and students participate in different sports activities.

Boxes for collecting recycling material – paper, plastic and glass are located at the campus, as well as water fountains and dispensers, to reduce plastic waste and ensure the availability of water on campus.



The campus infrastructure is fully adapted to the special needs and persons with disabilities are able to get the services fully. Solar energy heating system is used for heating water in university campus.

Free of Charge Legal Services



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

- Free legal consulting (oral or written) in private law;
- Preparation of an application, complaint /counterclaim or other type of legal documents;
- Free representation of the interested person in administrative bodies and courts on administrative and civil cases.

Any person living in Georgia and legal entities having right to carry out entrepreneurial activities in Georgia, can get legal services at the Clinic.



In 2021 the Center provided services to 124 beneficiaries, out of which, 20 were provided with the representation in the In the review of the case; 72 applicants were provided with consultations; 12 applications, 17 complaints, 22 lawsuits were prepared, 83 contracts were drawn up and examined.



Collaboration for improving Labor Law

In 2021, NVU became a partner institution of International Labor Organization (ILO). 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 Labour Law in Georgia, transparency of decisions and accessibility of the current Law to society.

Fostering the development of legal ethics

In 2021, Legal Ethics Department of New Vision University published a guide to legal ethics that covers the professional responsibilities of lawyers, judges, and prosecutors, relevant regulations, and precedents. Local and foreign experts in the field of legal ethics worked on the manual. The Legal Ethics Handbook is designed for students, faculty, practicing lawyers, and other stakeholders.



The Legal Ethics textbook was created with support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) within the framework of East-West Management Institute's (EWMI) project Promoting Rule of Law in Georgia (PROLoG).

The handbook will help current and future members of the legal profession to better understand the notion of ethics, master professional standard and act according to the responsibilities for the society and their profession.

Annual legal ethics conference was held in the framework of the project as well. NVU also implemented practical course for Law students in Legal Ethics.

Supporting local farmers through agricultural insurance

Companies established by New Vision University share the values and social responsibility of NVU. The establishment of New Vision Insurance aimed at promoting the culture of insurance in Georgia through developing products supporting societal needs. New Vision Insurance, from the first days of its establishment, became the leader in developing community-driven insurance products. New Vision Insurance held **27% of agricultural insurance market in 2021**, and was actively involved in the program, aimed at developing agriculture in the country and supporting local farmers.



2021 happened to be a year with great losses for local farmers, due to the excessive rain and hail. New Vision Insurance demonstrate corporate social responsibility and to support local farmers compensated **5 408 959 GEL** even though there were grounds for not reimbursing specific insurance policies. The total number of beneficiaries of agricultural insurance in 2021 amounted to **2213**, loss was reimbursed to **912** beneficiaries.

Collaboration with Gia Khancheli Tbilisi Youth Orchestra



In 2019, with the support of Tbilisi city hall, G. Khancheli Tbilisi youth orchestra was established. The orchestra plays distinguished role in the lives of young orchestrates and prepares them for professional orchestra.

Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the orchestra and NVU in 2021. The collaboration was based on many factors, including collaborative plans in music, as well as the idea of developing different

areas with the help of popularizing music.

The university took the responsibility to support the orchestra in terms of young orchestrates' salary reimbursement, as well as bearing the costs of travel to the young musicians residing outside of the country.

The collaboration was most important during the pandemic, when additional barriers were formed for the young performers due to the constraints and regulations regarding performances.

Partnership with the orchestra and with the creative team of unique mission gives opportunity to the University to support young musicians, provide platform for international recognition of their work.

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