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Report on Health Services and Programs at Laghrour University

Aligning with broader sustainability goals, the university has instituted ethical and environmental policies related to waste management and resource conservation. In collaboration with the Hamma Municipality and the Technical Landfill Center in Baghai, the university has established effective waste management practices that include recycling and waste reduction efforts. These policies are not only instrumental in reducing the environmental impact but also serve as educational tools that involve students in sustainability practices. Daily and weekly measurements are conducted to monitor waste levels, revealing an average daily production of 57 kg of waste. Of this amount, approximately 30 kg is recycled, focusing particularly on plastic materials, while 27 kg is sent to the landfill. This proactive approach not only reduces waste but also fosters environmental consciousness within the university community.

In furthering these sustainability efforts, Abbas Laghrour University has taken concrete steps to reduce single-use items, collaborating with student scientific clubs and promoting environmentally friendly practices within various student activities, including sports. These collaborations with college clubs encourage students to take active roles in environmental conservation, building a sense of responsibility towards sustainable practices. The university has also established partnerships with private institutions to support student entrepreneurs, enabling them to develop and launch projects aligned with environmental and social sustainability goals.

The university's efforts extend beyond campus life, contributing to the broader community in various ways. It offers housing, meals, and transportation services to low-income students, enabling them to continue their studies without financial strain. The support services are extensive; for instance, the university provides housing to nearly 1,983 students within campus residences and transport services to over 10,639 students. These provisions underscore the university's dedication to facilitating education for all, including those from underprivileged backgrounds. Furthermore, Abbas Laghrour University has established scholarship programs for students from neighboring countries, other Arab nations, and friendly countries, thus fostering international collaboration and supporting students from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds.

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Abbas Laghrou University, located in Khenchela, Algeria, has integrated a broad and impactful approach to sustainability, social welfare, and community development. Central to its mission, the university has digitized the meal service across all dining facilities, including campus and central restaurants, effectively minimizing food waste and enhancing service efficiency. This initiative aligns with its vision to create an environmentally responsible campus where resources are utilized wisely and waste is minimized. A dedicated team actively monitors food waste levels, ensuring that the dining facilities operate efficiently and sustainably. This systematic approach has created a noticeable impact, significantly reducing food waste across campus.

Currently, the university provides accommodation for 8,596 students, including seven international students from Mali and Mauritania, who benefit from a diverse and inclusive campus environment. Recognizing that food security is essential to student well-being, Abbas Laghrou University has implemented a targeted program to address food insecurity. This initiative includes awareness campaigns, titled “Hunger-Free Campus,” designed to promote awareness about food security, foster responsible consumption, and ensure that no student experiences hunger on campus. University dining facilities are regularly inspected to uphold quality standards, promoting a safe and supportive environment for students.

In addition to addressing food security, the university ensures that meals provided on campus are balanced and sustainable. Each meal includes a selection of red meat, white meat, a variety of vegetables, and fruits to provide students with nutritionally rich options. These meals are offered at symbolic prices, making them accessible to all students, which contributes to an inclusive campus environment where dietary needs and health are prioritized. Moreover, the university’s commitment to inclusivity is reflected in its policy of offering free education to all students, irrespective of their social or financial background. This state-supported policy allows anyone with a high school diploma to access higher education, effectively eliminating financial barriers and providing equal opportunities for academic and professional development.

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Through these initiatives, the university has demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainable development and social equity. By offering free education and fostering an inclusive environment, it paves the way for students from different regions to access higher education without the constraints of financial barriers. In addition to academic support, the university organizes free workshops, study days, and field trips aimed at enhancing students' academic and professional skills.

These efforts are systematically documented in the university's sustainability report, published annually to highlight progress and identify areas for improvement. This report presents data on waste reduction, recycling rates, and other environmental initiatives, providing a transparent overview of the university's sustainability achievements. Abbas Laghrou University's dedication to sustainable development, social responsibility, and educational inclusivity makes it a model institution, fostering an environment where students can grow academically, socially, and ethically, empowered to contribute positively to society.

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