SDG02

1. Introduction

As part of its commitment to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 2: Zero Hunger, which aims to end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla, through its Directorate of University Services (DOU) and its university residences, plays an important social role in providing accommodation and catering services for students.

These services represent an essential mechanism for ensuring food security, improving students' living conditions and promoting their health and well-being, particularly for students from low-income families and those coming from distant regions of Algeria.

2. Food Services Provided by University Residences

The university residences affiliated with Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla provide catering services through their university restaurants, with the main objective of ensuring regular access to food for resident students. These services include:

- Provision of daily meals: Providing breakfast, lunch and dinner to resident students in accordance with the university catering system.
- Subsidized food services: Offering meals at subsidized prices, thereby reducing students' financial burdens and helping ensure access to adequate food regardless of their socioeconomic background.
- Food variety and nutritional balance: Working towards providing diverse meals containing essential nutrients, including proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vegetables and fruits, to meet students' basic nutritional needs.
- Food safety and hygiene: Ensuring compliance with hygiene and food safety standards during food preparation, storage and distribution.
- Continuity of catering services: Maintaining regular food services throughout the academic year to ensure that resident students have consistent access to meals.

3. Contribution to Ending Hunger and Malnutrition

University residences contribute to achieving SDG 2 by ensuring that students have access to regular meals regardless of their social and economic circumstances.

The subsidized university catering system helps reduce food insecurity and the risk of malnutrition among students. It also promotes social justice and equal opportunities by ensuring that students from different economic backgrounds benefit from essential food services.

4. Social and Health Impact

The provision of university catering services has several positive effects on students' lives, including:

- Improving food security among resident students.
- Contributing to regular and balanced nutritional intake.
- Reducing students' daily food-related expenses.
- Supporting general health and helping prevent nutritional deficiencies.
- Providing suitable living conditions that support students' concentration, academic performance and educational success.

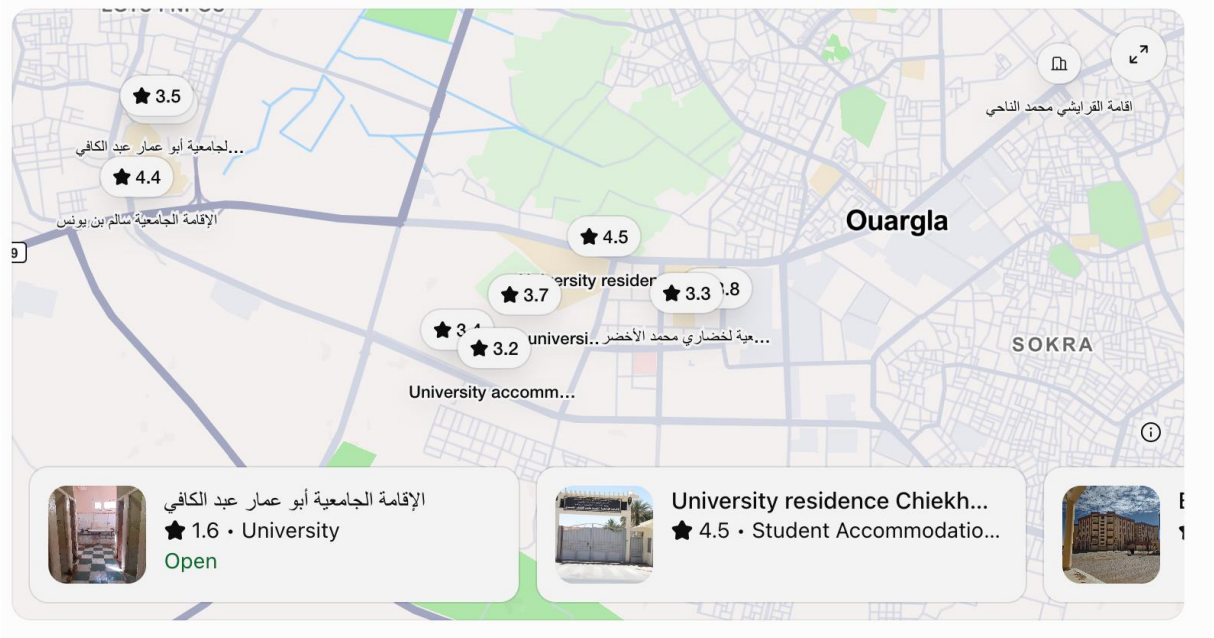
5. Prospects for Improvement and Development

To further strengthen the contribution of university residences to SDG 2, the following measures could be implemented:

- Improving meal quality and ensuring greater nutritional diversity and balance.
- Strengthening regular health inspections of university restaurants and food products.
- Organizing awareness campaigns on healthy and balanced nutrition.
- Promoting responsible food consumption and reducing food waste.
- Encouraging the use of locally produced and seasonal agricultural products.
- Conducting regular student satisfaction surveys to assess the quality of meals and catering services.

6. Map of University Residences in Ouargla

The following interactive map identifies the locations of university residences in Ouargla based on available geographical listings.



Officially listed university residences (11):

1. Lakhdari Mohamed Al Akhdar Residence.
2. Abou Ammar Abdel Kafi Residence.
3. Mohamed Tahar El Obeidi Residence.
4. Salem Ben Younes Residence.
5. Koraichi Mohamed Ennagi Residence.
6. Ben Moussa Mohamed Residence.

7. Ben Malek Mohamed Hassan Residence.
8. Ben Dahman Bachir Residence.
9. Hassani Mohamed Ben Brahim Residence.
10. Ben Cheikh Telli Residence.
11. Khalfaoui El Hadj Residence.