4 QUALITY EDUCATION

Sustainable Development Goal 4

Progress Report 2025

Afrasiab University

(formerly the Institute of Social and Political Sciences, ISFI)

Non-state higher education institution, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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This report presents the progress of Afrasiab University towards SDG 4 during 2025. In 2025 the institution operated under its former name, the Institute of Social and Political Sciences (ISFI); activities and evidence from that period therefore show the former name.

1. Introduction

Afrasiab University (formerly the Institute of Social and Political Sciences, ISFI) is a non-state higher education institution in Tashkent, licensed in December 2022. The university is committed to inclusive and equitable quality education and to lifelong learning opportunities for all, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

This report summarises how the university contributed to SDG 4 between January and December 2025. It covers four areas: free educational resources and courses for people who do not study at the university, public events hosted on campus, educational outreach beyond campus, and the policy that guarantees equal access to all of these activities. It also presents key data on students and graduates and the university's priorities for further development.

2. Highlights of 2025

Area	What the university did in 2025
Free courses for the public	Free programming and computer literacy courses open to people not studying at the university, with a certificate on completion (launched October 2025)
Public events on campus	Free health education seminars open to the general public with the Ibn Sino Public Foundation (1 December 2025)
Short skills training	Free seminar-training "The Importance of Speech in Public Speaking", open to young people from outside the university (21 November 2025)
Outreach beyond campus	Career guidance meetings for pupils in two schools in Boysun district, Surkhandarya region (2025)
Equal access policy	University Charter (Clauses 6 and 9) guarantees equality regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, place of residence, social status and religious belief; first adopted in 2022, revised 5 September 2025

3. Students and graduates in 2025

Indicator	2025	Note
Total number of students	1,212	Includes students enrolled in correspondence programmes
Students starting a degree	60	Admission to correspondence programmes was discontinued from 2025; the intake consisted of full-time students only
Graduates	7	All graduates of master's programmes; the first bachelor's cohort (admitted after licensing in December 2022) had not yet completed its studies
Graduates qualified to teach at primary level	0	The university does not offer primary teacher-training programmes

4. Lifelong learning: free courses for the public

In October 2025, the university launched free programming and computer literacy courses open to members of the public, including people who are not students of the university. The courses cover computer literacy fundamentals (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Canva), practical programming (Python, C++ and other languages), project development, and working with artificial intelligence and modern technologies. Participants who complete the course receive a certificate.



Announcement of the free programming and computer literacy courses, October 2025.

Evidence: afrasiabedu.uz/en/news-info/zamonaviy-dasturlash-va-kompyuter-savodxonligi-kurslari-boshlanmoqda

5. Public events and short training on campus

5.1 Public educational events

On 1 December 2025, the university hosted free educational seminars on campus with medical specialists of the Ibn Sino Public Foundation. The seminars covered healthy lifestyles, preparation for family life, prevention of drug use, alcohol and smoking, proper nutrition and AIDS prevention, and were open to the general public free of charge.



Public health education seminar with the Ibn Sino Public Foundation, 1 December 2025.

Evidence: afrasiabedu.uz/en/news-info/soglom-turmush-tarzi-va-oits-profilaktikasiga-bagishlangan-seminarlar-otkazildi

5.2 Short skills-based training



Announcement of the seminar-training, 21 November 2025.

On 21 November 2025, the university hosted a free seminar-training on “The Importance of Speech in Public Speaking”, led by speaker Sherzod Xoliqov, in Room 502 of the institute. The training was open to everyone, including young people who are not students of the university.

Participants explored speaking etiquette and speech styles, developed the skills to speak freely and confidently in public, and learned about the psychological aspects of public speaking.

Evidence: afrasiabedu.uz/en/news-info/notiqlik-mahoratida-nutqning-ahamiyati-mavzusida-seminar-trening-1472

6. Educational outreach beyond campus

In 2025, Aziza Normurodova, a faculty member of the institute, visited the Boysun District Specialised School and Boysun District General Secondary School No. 2 with in-depth study of certain subjects in Surkhandarya region. She held educational meetings with pupils, informing them about higher education opportunities, modern professions and how to choose a future career, and answered their questions. The meetings were free of charge and attracted strong interest from pupils.



Outreach meeting with school pupils in Boysun district, 2025.

Evidence: afrasiabedu.uz/en/news-info/career-guidance-meeting

7. Equal access policy

Access to the university's educational activities, including the free courses, public events and outreach described in this report, is guaranteed for all. The Charter of the institution, first adopted in 2022 and revised and approved by the Institute Council on 5 September 2025, sets out the following commitments:

Clause	Provision
Clause 6	The university ensures equality regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, place of residence, social status and religious belief; disseminates knowledge among the population; and creates a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities
Clause 9	Admission to the institute is carried out for all on the basis of equal rights, uniform admission rules and a single competition

The university's Code of Conduct (Article 26) further prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, nationality, language, religious belief, social origin or other characteristics.

8. Priorities for development

Building on the activities of 2025, the university has identified the following priorities for strengthening its contribution to SDG 4:

Priority	Planned action
First-generation students	Introduce an annual survey of new students to identify first-generation students and provide them with targeted academic and financial support
Lifelong learning	Expand free courses for the public (digital skills, foreign languages, research methods) and offer them on a regular, scheduled basis
Outreach to schools	Turn school visits into a regular programme, including student volunteer-led lessons for pupils in Tashkent and the regions
Wider community	Develop educational activities for alumni and residents of the local community
Monitoring	Record participation in public courses and events and report progress annually

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