

URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY: SUPPORTING LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH RESPONSIBLE PROCUREMENT PRACTICES

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger) and its emphasis on promoting sustainable agriculture and resilient food systems, Urdaneta City University (UCU) continues to strengthen its commitment to sustainability by prioritizing the purchase of products from local and sustainable sources. This initiative reflects the university's dedication to supporting local economies, reducing environmental impact, and promoting ethical consumption across campus operations.

UCU recognizes that sustainable development begins with responsible choices. By sourcing goods and food supplies from local farmers, small-scale producers, and eco-friendly suppliers, the university not only contributes to local livelihood growth but also ensures that its procurement practices help minimize carbon emissions associated with long-distance transport. This approach supports both economic and environmental sustainability within Urdaneta City and nearby communities.

Through its canteen operations, laboratory supplies, and extension projects, UCU consistently integrates sustainability criteria into its purchasing processes. The university encourages suppliers to adopt environmentally friendly packaging, sustainable farming techniques, and ethical labor practices. Locally grown produce and community-made products are prioritized in food service operations, aligning with the university's goal of providing healthy, affordable, and sustainable food options on campus.

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Furthermore, the university's Research and Extension Services collaborate with agricultural cooperatives and community partners to identify reliable local sources of food and raw materials. These partnerships not only strengthen the link between the university and local producers but also promote capacity-building and shared learning on sustainable production practices.

By prioritizing locally sourced and sustainable products, Urdaneta City University contributes to building a circular and inclusive economy—one that values environmental responsibility, community empowerment, and equitable growth. This practice directly supports the realization of SDG 2: Zero Hunger, as it helps promote sustainable food systems and supports farmers and producers in achieving stable, fair, and environmentally sound livelihoods.

Through its continued commitment to sustainability and local empowerment, UCU exemplifies how academic institutions can serve as catalysts for positive change—ensuring that every purchase contributes not just to campus needs but also to the collective well-being of the community and the planet.

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