

UNIVERSITY OF CYBERJAYA

SDG IMPACT REPORT 2025

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

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SDG 16 · PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Our Commitment to Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS

Strong institutions are honest, open and willing to listen. At the University of Cyberjaya, we want to be governed that way ourselves, to put our expertise at the service of government, and to give people a safe space to discuss the issues that divide them.

Our commitment to SDG 16 starts with our own governance: elected student and staff representatives, a students' council, clear rules against bribery and corruption, academic freedom and open reporting. Beyond campus, our researchers advise ministries, regulators and international bodies, from poverty policy in Sabah to medical device safety. And our students host balanced dialogue on difficult global issues and support refugees and children at risk.

This report sets out our goals, the progress we made against them in 2025, and the people and projects behind it.

Our goals

01 RESEARCH ON PEACE AND JUSTICE
Study inclusion, governance and the institutions that protect people. **16.1**

02 GIVE EVERYONE A VOICE
Elect student and staff representatives and support an independent students' council. **16.2.1 · 16.2.2**

03 ENGAGE OUR STAKEHOLDERS
Identify and involve our local stakeholders through participatory bodies. **16.2.3 · 16.2.4**

04 ACT WITH INTEGRITY
Prevent bribery and corruption, protect academic freedom and publish our finances. **16.2.5 – 16.2.7**

05 ADVISE GOVERNMENT
Provide expert advice and research to national, state and international bodies. **16.3.1 · 16.3.3**

06 INFORM POLICY MAKERS
Run outreach and education for policy makers and regulators. **16.3.2**

07 HOST OPEN DIALOGUE
Provide a neutral platform for discussing challenging issues. **16.3.4**

08 PROTECT THE VULNERABLE
Support refugees, children at risk and communities in need of safety. **16**

KEY FACTS · 2025

2025 at a Glance

In 2025 our researchers advised ministries, a regulator and the WHO, and our students hosted open dialogue and supported refugees and children at risk.

5
government and international bodies advised by our experts

711
low-income households studied for national and state policy

72
external partners engaged in 2025

420+
people at our dialogue forum and humanitarian exhibition

680
refugees supported at a single Crossroads session

180
attendees at a regulator's medical device programme on campus

Indicator by indicator

REF	WHAT THE ASKS	OUR 2025 POSITION
16.1	Research on peace and justice	Research on poverty, refugee well-being and medical device regulation
16.2.1	Elected representation	Elected student and staff representatives sit on the Senate and the Student Affairs Committee
16.2.2	Students' union	Student Representative Council (Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar), elected every year
16.2.3	Engaging local stakeholders	Partner register of 72 organisations kept by the SDG Coordinating Committee
16.2.4	Participatory bodies	Community Advisory Panel of local councils, NGOs and residents meets twice a year
16.2.5	Principles on corruption and bribery	Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, with adequate procedures under section 17A of the MACC Act 2009
16.2.6	Academic freedom	Academic Freedom Policy protects staff and students' freedom to teach, research and speak
16.2.7	Published financial data	Audited financial statements published every year
16.3.1	Expert advice to government	Advice to KPLB, KPWKM, LPPKN, the Medical Device Authority and the World Health Organization
16.3.2	Outreach to policy makers	Medical Device Authority awareness programme hosted on campus; findings shared with district health offices
16.3.3	Research with government	MOHE-funded Sabah poverty study for KPLB; joint post-market surveillance study with the MDA
16.3.4	Neutral platform for challenging issues	Hope for Gaza forum with a moderated Q&A, and the Voices for Humanity exhibition
16.4.1	Graduates in law and civil enforcement	Not applicable: the University does not offer law programmes

SECTION 01

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Advising Government

Research and expertise that national ministries, regulators and agencies use to make policy.

IN THIS SECTION

— *Listening to Kudat: What 711 Households Told Us About Poverty*
— *Working with the Medical Device Authority on Safer Medical Technology*
— *Ending the Silence on Endometriosis*

ADVISING GOVERNMENT

Listening to Kudat: What 711 Households Told Us About Poverty

KUDAT, SABAH · 2023 – 2025

711 households

surveyed across Central Kudat, Matunggong and Banggi Island to show which poverty programmes work

Sabah has the highest poverty rates in Malaysia, and Kudat, at the state's northern tip, is among its poorest districts. From September 2023 to September 2025, Prof Dr Rosnah Ismail of the Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences led a study with two researchers from Universiti Malaysia Sabah to understand what life is really like for low-income households there. The project was funded by an RM100,000 Exploratory Research Grant from the Ministry of Higher Education and backed by the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development (KPLB).

The team surveyed 711 low-income households across Central Kudat, Matunggong and Banggi Island. The findings were stark: 41.7% of heads of household had never attended school, and only 25.6% of households were able to save any of their income. A third owned agricultural land and a fifth kept livestock. Of the 16 poverty programmes running in Kudat, take-up was concentrated in just three: subsidies for fishermen, microcredit and honey-bee farming. The honey-bee project reached 35.7% of participants in Central Kudat and Matunggong, but had never been extended to Banggi Island.

The study's 13-chapter report went to federal and state authorities with clear recommendations: tailor programmes to each area, expand functional literacy, and extend bee-keeping to island communities. It gives KPLB and regional planners the evidence to move from one-size-fits-all welfare to support that fits the places it serves.

Factfile

WHEN September 2023 – September 2025
WHERE Central Kudat, Matunggong and Banggi Island, Sabah
WITH Universiti Malaysia Sabah; KPLB; Ministry of Higher Education
REACH 711 low-income households surveyed
LED BY Prof Dr Rosnah Ismail, Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences
INDICATORS 16.3.1 Expert advice to government · 16.3.3 Government research · 1.4.4 Poverty policy

ADVISING GOVERNMENT

Working with the Medical Device Authority on Safer Medical Technology

CYBERJAYA · 29 SEPTEMBER AND 7 OCTOBER 2025

About 180

students, staff and industry representatives at the Medical Device Awareness Programme

Medical devices are only as safe as the system that regulates them. On 29 September 2025, CBME's Director and eight lecturers met the Medical Device Authority (MDA), the national regulator under the Ministry of Health, to explore research collaboration, including joint research on medical device policy. On 7 October 2025, the University hosted MDA's Medical Device Awareness Programme (Program Kesedaran Peranti Perubatan) in its Grand Hall.

About 180 students, staff and industry representatives attended the programme, which covered how medical devices are registered, monitored once they reach the market, and reported when things go wrong. For biomedical engineering students, it was a direct introduction to the regulatory framework they will work within throughout their careers.

MDA and the University have since agreed on a joint study of post-market surveillance practices among private hospitals, which will inform the regulator's guidance.

Factfile

WHEN 29 September and 7 October 2025
WHERE Grand Hall, University of Cyberjaya
WITH Medical Device Authority, Ministry of Health
REACH About 180 attendees
LED BY Centre of Biomedical Engineering
INDICATORS 16.3.2 Outreach to policy makers · 16.3.3 Research with a regulator · 9 Medical technology

ADVISING GOVERNMENT

Ending the Silence on Endometriosis

KUALA LUMPUR · 15 MAY 2025



For many Malaysian women, severe period pain is treated as something to be endured, and endometriosis can go undiagnosed for years. On 15 May 2025, the University of Cyberjaya joined MyEndosis (Persatuan Endometriosis Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur), the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (KPWKM), the National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN) and the UTAR Tun Tan Cheng Lock Centre to host 'Jalinan Kasih Memenuhi Harapan' at Dewan Tabung Haji, Jalan Tun Razak.

The forum brought together women, families, healthcare professionals, policymakers, academics and community organisations. Forty participants heard how endometriosis affects women's health, work and family life, and why severe menstrual pain should never be dismissed as normal. Prof Dr Rosnah Ismail of the Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences contributed her expertise to KPWKM and LPPKN on endometriosis and family well-being, supporting national efforts to reduce the health and financial burden the condition places on women and low-income families. A third of the women attending said they had waited more than five years for a diagnosis.

Women and families left with clearer, credible information and stronger links to support. Prof Rosnah's team has since begun a study of endometriosis awareness and help-seeking among young Malaysian women, and the University has introduced a women's health talk series for female students and staff, with menstrual-health guidance included in its staff wellness programme.

Factfile

WHEN 15 May 2025
WHERE Dewan Tabung Haji, Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur
WITH MyEndosis; KPWKM; LPPKN; UTAR Tun Tan Cheng Lock Centre
REACH 40 women, families and professionals
LED BY Prof Dr Rosnah Ismail, Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences
INDICATORS 16.3.1 Expert advice to government · 5 Women's health

SECTION 02

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Open Spaces for Dialogue

Giving students, staff and the public a respectful, balanced space to discuss difficult issues.

IN THIS SECTION

— *Hope for Gaza: A Forum for Informed Dialogue*

— *Voices for Humanity: An Exhibition on Human Rights and Dignity*

OPEN SPACES FOR DIALOGUE

Hope for Gaza: A Forum for Informed Dialogue

CYBERJAYA · 8 DECEMBER 2025



Universities have a role in giving people a respectful space to discuss difficult global issues. On 8 December 2025, as a highlight of SDG Week 2025, Year 1 MBBS students and Diploma in Psychology students led 'Hope for Gaza: United Hearts, United Humanity', a forum at Level UG of the University of Cyberjaya on the humanitarian situation in Palestine and its links to poverty, displacement and human dignity.

Speakers included Mr Zulfadhli Khiruddin and Ms Iylia Balqis, activists with the Global Sumud Flotilla, who shared first-hand humanitarian perspectives, alongside Associate Professor Mohamad Saidy of the Centre for Foundation, Languages and General Studies. The forum was complemented by exhibitions, educational displays, a poster competition and a donation drive, giving participants different ways to learn and respond. Around 120 students, staff and visitors attended, and the moderated question-and-answer session was run under agreed ground rules so that participants with different views could ask questions respectfully.

For the student organisers, the forum was also an exercise in leadership and in handling a sensitive subject with care. Donations collected on the day were passed to a registered Malaysian humanitarian relief organisation, with the amount and receipt published on the SDG Committee's page. The format, a student-led forum with a moderated Q&A, has since been adopted by the SDG Committee as a model for future dialogues on contested issues.

Factfile

WHEN 8 December 2025
WHERE Level UG, University of Cyberjaya
WITH Global Sumud Flotilla speakers; Centre for Foundation, Languages and General Studies
REACH About 120 students, staff and visitors
LED BY Year 1 MBBS and Diploma in Psychology students
INDICATORS 16.3.4 Neutral platform for challenging issues · 16.2.3 Engaging stakeholders

OPEN SPACES FOR DIALOGUE

Voices for Humanity: An Exhibition on Human Rights and Dignity

CYBERJAYA · 8 DECEMBER 2025



On 8 December 2025, during SDG Week 2025, the University of Cyberjaya's SDG Week Committee opened 'Voices for Humanity', an exhibition at Level UG on humanitarian issues, with students on hand to explain the exhibits and talk with visitors.

The exhibition brought together panels on refugees and displacement, children in conflict zones and access to healthcare in crises, researched and curated by students from the Faculties of Medicine and Psychology and Social Sciences. Each panel presented the facts from international sources such as UN agencies, and visitors were invited to leave their reflections on a response wall. More than 300 students, staff and visitors viewed the exhibition over the day.

Student guides were briefed beforehand on presenting information neutrally and on answering questions without taking political sides, so that the exhibition served as an open space for learning. It formed part of SDG Week's wider focus on peace, justice and human dignity, alongside the Hope for Gaza forum held the same day.



Factfile

WHEN 8 December 2025
WHERE Level UG, University of Cyberjaya
WITH Faculties of Medicine and Psychology and Social Sciences
REACH 300+ visitors
LED BY SDG Week Committee
INDICATORS 16.3.4 Neutral platform for challenging issues

SECTION 03

03

Safe and Inclusive Communities

Support for refugees, children in deprived neighbourhoods and children at risk of harm.

IN THIS SECTION

— *Crossroads: Supporting 680 Refugees at a Turning Point*
— *Safe Spaces in the Heart of Chow Kit*
— *Grow Up Safe: Helping Children Speak Up*

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Crossroads: Supporting 680 Refugees at a Turning Point

KUALA LUMPUR · 14 AUGUST 2025



Arriving in a new country as a refugee brings uncertainty about safety, legal status and the future. On 14 August 2025, the Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences, led by Associate Professor Dr Crendy Tan Yeng Teng, supported Young Lives Malaysia's Crossroads 3.1 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre in Kuala Lumpur: a large-scale programme for 680 Myanmar refugees, with 70 facilitators working with small groups at a ratio of about one facilitator to 14 participants.

Through guided discussions, small-group activities, practical demonstrations and reflection, participants explored the emotional and psychological challenges of displacement and adjusting to life in a new environment. They learned healthy ways to manage stress, regulate difficult emotions and build supportive relationships, and how to recognise signs of distress and know where to seek help. Community interpreters translated the session into Burmese and Chin. Each participant also received an information sheet listing where to get help with UNHCR registration, legal aid and protection services, prepared with Young Lives Malaysia.

Crossroads 3.1 was the first of three Crossroads sessions the Faculty contributed to in 2025, building a lasting relationship with Young Lives Malaysia. Young Lives Malaysia has since asked the Faculty to train its own volunteers in psychological first aid, so that support can continue between sessions.

Factfile

WHEN 14 August 2025
WHERE Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Kuala Lumpur
WITH Young Lives Malaysia
REACH 680 Myanmar refugees; 70 facilitators
LED BY Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences
INDICATORS 16 Inclusive societies · 16.2.3 Engaging local stakeholders · 10 Refugees

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Safe Spaces in the Heart of Chow Kit

CHOW KIT, KUALA LUMPUR · 13 FEBRUARY 2025



Over two sessions in February 2025, Psychology students from the Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences, led by Associate Professor Dr Crendy Tan Yeng Teng, worked with children at Yayasan Chow Kit, a foundation supporting underserved children in one of Kuala Lumpur's most deprived neighbourhoods. Forty children and thirty University students took part.

The sessions were designed to give the children a safe and supportive space to communicate, build confidence, cooperate and feel they belong, the foundations of a peaceful community. Students led an opening circle and group discussions, then hands-on activities, movement games and a group floor activity, working closely with individual children and adapting their approach as they went. A shy eight-year-old who stayed at the edge of the opening circle ended the day leading her group's floor activity, giving instructions to the university students.

Working with a local foundation that knows its community well is the basis for support that lasts. Yayasan Chow Kit and the faculty have since agreed on a semester-long mentoring programme pairing psychology students with older children at the centre, focused on staying in school and planning for further education. Three of the centre's alumni now study at the University on full scholarships.



Factfile

WHEN 13 February 2025
WHERE Yayasan Chow Kit Activity Centre, Kuala Lumpur
WITH Yayasan Chow Kit
REACH 40 children; 30 University students
LED BY Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences
INDICATORS 16 Safe and inclusive communities · 16.2.3 Local stakeholders

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Grow Up Safe: Helping Children Speak Up

SELANGOR · 28 MAY 2025

Say no, get away, tell someone

a simple rule, and a helpline card, for 24 children at a welfare home

Children who are dealing with difficult family situations often have no one to talk to. On 28 May 2025, nine students from Young Mercy Group 11 visited Praise Emmanuel Children Welfare Home for 'Grow Up Safe', a programme to support children facing family problems and to help them understand bullying, harassment and the changes of growing up.

After lunch and ice-breaking games, the students held a listening session in which the children could share their worries, followed by a session on practical ways to respond to problems they face. Twenty-four children aged 8 to 15 took part, in separate age groups, with the home's caregivers present throughout. Each child learned the simple rule of 'say no, get away, tell someone', and was given a card with the Talian Kasih 15999 helpline number.

After the visit, the group worked with the home's caregivers on a short guide on how to respond if a child discloses bullying or harm, and the University's counselling unit offered the home a follow-up session for staff. The students also produced awareness posters on bullying and harassment for display on campus.

Factfile

WHEN 28 May 2025
WHERE Praise Emmanuel Children Welfare Home
WITH Praise Emmanuel Children Welfare Home
REACH 24 children aged 8 to 15
LED BY Young Mercy Group 11
INDICATORS 16 Protecting children from harm · safe communities

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