SINDH MADRESSATUL ISLAM UNIVERSITY (SMIU)

Karachi, Pakistan

SDG 17

Partnerships for the Goals

Institutional Evidence Report

Item	Detail
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1. Executive Summary

This report presents the evidence of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) for SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals, drawn from the SMIU Annual Report and the SMIU Chronicles for 2025. It distinguishes formal agreements (memoranda of understanding) from collaborations evidenced by joint activity, and it covers SDG-related platforms and participation.

SMIU signed eight memoranda of understanding between April 2024 and October 2025 with Evolution, Pakistan User Group, Sohail University, Shahed University (Tehran), the University of Cologne, the Institute of Business Management, Savaira (Soorty Foundation) and iCreativez Technologies, and is developing a Pak–Turk Research Center with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA). Joint activity is evidenced with WWF-Pakistan, Google, the Government of Sindh and Tech Valley Pakistan (Google Career Certificate; 300 completions), the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, The Knowledge Forum, the Sindh Enterprise Incubation Centre, the U.S. Mission's Regional English Language Office, Sindh HEC and HEC. SMIU convenes an annual Global Research Congress with international participants (3rd edition: over 400 papers submitted and 228 presented), and its QEC participates in SDG forums and in THE's Impact Rankings.

Principal documented contributions

- Eight MoUs: Evolution (30 April 2024); Pakistan User Group (7 January 2025); Sohail University (8 January 2025); Shahed University, Tehran (10 February 2025); University of Cologne (15 May 2025); IoBM (22 May 2025); Savaira/Soorty Foundation (28 August 2025); iCreativez Technologies (29 October 2025) (AR p.101; CJJ p.24–26; CJD p.95).
- Joint activity with WWF-Pakistan (2024–2025), Google/Government of Sindh/Tech Valley Pakistan (September 2025), the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (June 2025), The Knowledge Forum (June and December 2025), the Sindh Enterprise Incubation Centre (October 2025) and the Regional English Language Office, U.S. Mission (August 2025).
- Proposed SMIU Pak–Turk Research Center with TIKA, discussed on 18 February 2025 and again in a later 2025 meeting, with the proposed building visited by the TIKA delegation (CJJ p.10; CJD p.26).
- Global Research Congress: 1st (March 2023); 2nd (28–29 February 2024, six international conferences); 3rd (17–18 December 2025, five international conferences and one national conference, with scholars from Auckland University of Technology, Brunel University London, Dublin Business School and others) (AR p.62, 93; CJD p.58–63, 82).
- QEC participation in the Sindh HEC and SDG Unit workshop on SDG Agenda 2030 (17 August 2023), an international SDG conference (12–13 July 2023) and a UI GreenMetric workshop (16 October 2023); participation in THE Impact Rankings 2024 (AR p.65–67).

2. Introduction and SDG Context

SDG 17 calls on institutions to strengthen means of implementation and revitalise partnerships for sustainable development. University-relevant targets include science, technology and innovation cooperation (17.6), capacity-building (17.9) and effective public, public–private and civil-society partnerships (17.16–17.17).

Universities contribute through research collaboration, joint Programs, convening stakeholders, supporting government policy, publishing on their SDG activity and teaching about the goals. SMIU's mission statement explicitly commits it to establish "linkages and relationships with the best national and international seats of learning" (AR p.5).

Evidence areas aligned to THE metric themes for SDG 17

THE metric theme (2025 methodology)	Weight	SMIU evidence presented in this report
Relationships to support the goals	18.5%	MoUs, collaborations with public, private and civil-society partners and SDG forums – Sections 3.1 to 3.3.
Education on the SDGs	27.2%	Teacher Education for Sustainable Development conference and panel; environmental studies, human rights and gender studies courses – Section 3.3.
Research relating to the SDGs	27.1%	Global Research Congress and its international conferences on sustainability-related themes – Section 3.3.

3. SMIU's Institutional Contributions

Activities are grouped by theme. Each entry states the activity, date, responsible unit, documented participants or outcomes, the indicative SDG target, the source and page, and its potential relevance to THE.

3.1 Formal agreements (MoUs and proposed arrangements) – implementation status

The memoranda below are formal agreements signed by SMIU; they record the agreed scope of cooperation with each partner.

Activity / initiative and description	Date; responsible unit	Participants, beneficiaries, outcomes	SDG target; source and page; THE relevance
MoU with Evolution (English Access Program) MoU to implement the English Access Program at the SMIU Model School, signed in the presence of U.S. Consulate General Karachi officials and the Sindh HEC Chairman; listed as a U.S. Government-funded access Program. Evidence type: Formal agreement	**Date/period:** 30 April 2024 **Unit:** Vice Chancellor; Department of English; Model School	Signed by the Vice Chancellor and Ms Sidrah Niaz, CEO of Evolution; SMIU's focal person witnessed.	**Target:** 17.17, 17.9 **Source:** AR p.43, 61, 101 **THE relevance:** Supporting evidence.
MoU with Pakistan User Group Academic collaboration on shared academic and industry interests: exchange of academic resources, capacity building and human-resource development through training, workshops, seminars and internships. Evidence type: Formal agreement	**Date/period:** 7 January 2025 **Unit:** ORIC (Director Dr Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro)	A meeting with the Vice Chancellor followed the signing.	**Target:** 17.16, 17.9 **Source:** CJJ p.24 **THE relevance:** Agreement only.
MoU with Sohail University Cooperation in innovation and research; exchange of knowledge, resources and expertise; joint research projects and initiatives. Evidence type: Formal agreement	**Date/period:** 8 January 2025 **Unit:** ORIC	Signed by the two ORIC Directors.	**Target:** 17.6 **Source:** CJJ p.25 **THE relevance:** Agreement only.
MoU with Shahed University, Tehran Student and faculty exchange and joint research; departments named as likely beneficiaries include Artificial Intelligence, Education and English. Evidence type: Formal agreement	**Date/period:** 10 February 2025 **Unit:** Vice Chancellor; ORIC; International Affairs (Shahed)	Activity recorded in the cited source.	**Target:** 17.6, 17.9 **Source:** CJJ p.25 **THE relevance:** Agreement only; international.
MoU with the University of Cologne, Germany Cooperation in AI and stem cell technology: lecture series and	**Date/period:** 15 May 2025 **Unit:** Vice Chancellor; ORIC	Signed with the Director of the Institute of Neurophysiology during the Vice Chancellor's visit.	**Target:** 17.6 **Source:** CJJ p.26 **THE relevance:** Agreement only; international.

Activity / initiative and description	Date; responsible unit	Participants, beneficiaries, outcomes	SDG target; source and page; THE relevance
workshops, joint funded research, faculty and staff exchanges, student exchange, sharing results. Evidence type: Formal agreement			
MoU with the Institute of Business Management (IoBM) Strategic partnership on joint research, knowledge exchange, capacity building, product development and mentorship, with intention to seek national and international funding. Evidence type: Formal agreement	**Date/period:** 22 May 2025 **Unit:** Vice Chancellor; BIC/ORIC	Activity recorded in the cited source.	**Target:** 17.6, 17.17 **Source:** CJJ p.26, 67 **THE relevance:** Agreement only.
MoU with Savaira (a division of the Soorty Foundation) Collaboration on mental-health awareness and support initiatives for students and the wider community. Evidence type: Formal agreement	**Date/period:** 28 August 2025 **Unit:** ORIC; DSA	Signed by the ORIC Director and Savaira's Director of Programs; DSA and ORIC representatives attended.	**Target:** 17.17 **Source:** CJD p.95 **THE relevance:** Agreement only; civil-society partner.
MoU with iCreativez Technologies Joint work in technology and research between the Faculty of IT and the company. Evidence type: Formal agreement	**Date/period:** 29 October 2025 **Unit:** Faculty of IT (Dean Prof. Dr Abdul Hafeez Khan)	Signed by the Dean and the company's founder and CEO.	**Target:** 17.17 **Source:** CJD p.95 **THE relevance:** Agreement only; private-sector partner.
Proposed SMIU Pak–Turk Research Center with TIKA TIKA Karachi and SMIU discussed establishing a research centre at SMIU with Turkish government financial support, with faculty and student exchange, Turkish-language instruction and research. TIKA's newly appointed head was briefed in 2025 and the delegation visited the proposed building. Evidence type: Proposed arrangement	**Date/period:** 18 February 2025; later 2025 meeting **Unit:** Department of Social and Development Studies (coordinator Dr Subhash Babu); Vice Chancellor; Works and Services	The Vice Chancellor also announced Turkish language would be offered (CJD p.28).	**Target:** 17.9, 17.6 **Source:** CJJ p.10; CJD p.26, 28 **THE relevance:** Proposal.

3.2 Active collaborations with documented joint activity

Activity / initiative and description	Date; responsible unit	Participants, beneficiaries, outcomes	SDG target; source and page; THE relevance
WWF / WWF-Pakistan Recurring joint activities: beach clean-ups (March and September 2024), a seminar and mangrove drive at the Wetland Center (June 2024), a Plastic Recovery Bank launch (undated), a speaker at the climate seminar (June 2025) and a Keenjhar Lake study tour (December 2025). Evidence type: Direct – active collaboration	**Date/period:** 2024–2025 **Unit:** Departments of Environmental Sciences and of Social and Development Studies	At least four dated joint activities.	**Target:** 17.17, 17.16 **Source:** AR p.37, 50; CJJ p.62; CJD p.56 **THE relevance:** Relevant to "Relationships to support the goals".
Google, Government of Sindh, Google for Education and Tech Valley Pakistan Google Career Certificate Program for SMIU students; certificate ceremony attended by Google's Regional Head and the Government of Sindh's Science and IT Secretary.	**Date/period:** 3 September 2025 **Unit:** DSA; Faculty of IT	300 completions; 130 certificates presented. The Secretary stated that 30,000 Google scholarships were given across Sindh's public universities (his statement).	**Target:** 17.17, 4.4 **Source:** CJD p.34–35 **THE relevance:** Supporting evidence.

Activity / initiative and description	Date; responsible unit	Participants, beneficiaries, outcomes	SDG target; source and page; THE relevance
Evidence type: Direct – active collaboration with outputs			
The Knowledge Forum (TKF) Co-organised the climate seminar (11 June 2025) and the Congress panel "Localizing Climate Action in Sindh" (18 December 2025). Evidence type: Direct – active collaboration	**Date/period:** 2025 **Unit:** Social and Development Studies; Faculty of Social Sciences	Two joint events.	**Target:** 17.17 **Source:** CJJ p.62; CJD p.69 **THE relevance:** Supporting evidence; civil-society partner.
Pakistan Red Crescent Society (Sindh Branch) Co-organised the plastic-pollution seminar with a pledge and a climate-smart disaster risk management speaker. Evidence type: Direct – activity	**Date/period:** 26 June 2025 **Unit:** Department of Environmental Sciences	One event.	**Target:** 17.17 **Source:** CJJ p.65 **THE relevance:** Supporting.
Sindh Enterprise Incubation Centre (Government of Sindh) Joint seminar "Idea and Impact" with ORIC and BIC on startups and incubation. Evidence type: Direct – activity	**Date/period:** 3 October 2025 **Unit:** ORIC; BIC	One event; speakers included the Secretary, Science and IT Department.	**Target:** 17.17 **Source:** CJD p.42 **THE relevance:** Supporting; public-sector partner.
Regional English Language Office, U.S. Mission Academic Writing for Publication workshop by Dr Ivan Eubanks. Evidence type: Direct – activity	**Date/period:** 6 August 2025 **Unit:** SMIU	Over 30 participants; Dr Eubanks also participated in the 1 August 2025 planting (CJD p.12).	**Target:** 17.9 **Source:** CJD p.32 **THE relevance:** Supporting; international partner.
HEC, Sindh HEC and the Prime Minister's Youth Program Sindh HEC Research and Technology Showcases (June 2024; January 2025), Sustainovation Expo inauguration, GRC support, HEC review of the BIC, laptop distribution and PMYP policy consultation. Evidence type: Direct – multiple activities	**Date/period:** 2023–2025 **Unit:** Vice Chancellor; ORIC; DSA	Multiple activities; the Sindh HEC Chairman inaugurated the 3rd GRC and the Sustainovation Expo (CJD p.60; CJJ p.44).	**Target:** 17.17, 17.9 **Source:** AR p.2, 96; CJJ p.14, 42, 44, 54, 67; CJD p.60 **THE relevance:** Public-sector engagement.
Content-sharing agreements for SMIU Radio FM 96.6 Content-sharing agreements with Voice of America, DW Radio Germany, Loyal Books and BAM Radio Network. Evidence type: Formal agreements	**Date/period:** 2023-24 **Unit:** Directorate of Broadcasting and Media Training	Activity recorded in the cited source.	**Target:** 17.17 **Source:** AR p.76 **THE relevance:** Supporting.
Employers and professional bodies Recruitment drives, internship awareness and industry evaluation involving Meezan Bank, Impressols HR, Fulcrum, SparkLab, Jadoon Designs, Adamjee Life Assurance, Agile Pakistan, Folio3 and others (see SDG 8 report). Evidence type: Direct – activities	**Date/period:** 2023–2025 **Unit:** DSA; departments	Multiple events; no standing agreements documented.	**Target:** 17.17 **Source:** AR p.19; CJJ p.48, 51; CJD p.33 **THE relevance:** Cross-reference to SDG 8.
Community and civil-society engagement events Free eye camp with Vision Healthcare Foundation (6 October 2025); anti-drug awareness session with the Anti-Narcotics Force, Sindh (9 October 2025); "Children with Inclusive Needs" session	**Date/period:** 2024–2025 **Unit:** DSA; Media and Communication Studies	Participants and beneficiaries not counted; relate primarily to SDGs 3 and 16.	**Target:** 17.17 **Source:** CJD p.43, 45; AR p.97 **THE relevance:** Contextual to partnership breadth.

Activity / initiative and description	Date; responsible unit	Participants, beneficiaries, outcomes	SDG target; source and page; THE relevance
with the Edhi Foundation Chairman (6 June 2024). Evidence type: Direct – activities			

3.3 SDG-specific participation, research platforms and education

Activity / initiative and description	Date; responsible unit	Participants, beneficiaries, outcomes	SDG target; source and page; THE relevance
QEC participation in SDG-related forums and THE Impact Rankings 2024 QEC participated in the Sindh HEC and SDG Unit workshop on SDG Agenda 2030 for academic institutions in Sindh (IoBM), an international SDG conference, a UI GreenMetric workshop and an international symposium on internationalization and sustainability in quality assurance. The Annual Report records SMIU's participation in THE Impact Rankings 2024, "achieving recognition in six" SDGs, with the Director QEC as focal person. Evidence type: Direct – participation; Supporting – ranking statement	**Date/period:** 12–13 July 2023; 17 August 2023; 16 October 2023; 3 June 2024; June 2024 **Unit:** Quality Enhancement Cell (Director Dr Saima Baig)	Activity recorded in the cited source.	**Target:** 17.16 **Source:** AR p.65–67 **THE relevance:** Evidence of engagement with SDG networks and of capacity; retrieve 2024 submission.
Global Research Congress (1st, 2nd, 3rd) Annual congress with parallel international conferences, national and international scholars and Vice Chancellors' session. The 2nd GRC ran six international conferences (theme "Re-envisioning Society with Nature-Inspired Smart Communities"); the 3rd ran five international conferences and one national conference. Evidence type: Direct – activity and output	**Date/period:** March 2023; 28–29 February 2024; 17–18 December 2025 **Unit:** Central Executive Committee (Convener Dr Jamshed Adil Halepoto; Secretary Dr Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro)	3rd GRC: over 400 papers submitted, 228 peer-reviewed papers presented; keynote speakers from Auckland University of Technology (NZ), Brunel University London and LUMS; delegates from Dublin Business School. Three GRCs and 18 conferences in three years (CJD p.3).	**Target:** 17.6, 17.16 **Source:** AR p.62, 93–94; CJD p.3, 58–63, 82 **THE relevance:** Supporting; research collaboration platform.
Education on the SDGs The Faculty of Education organised a Teacher Education for Sustainable Development conference and panel; the Department of Education states "partnerships aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals"; general courses include Environmental Studies, Human Rights and Citizenship and Gender Studies. Evidence type: Supporting – events and curriculum listing	**Date/period:** 2023-24; December 2025 **Unit:** Faculty of Education; Faculty of Language and Culture Studies	Activity recorded in the cited source.	**Target:** 4.7 (relevant to metric) **Source:** AR p.39, 41; CJD p.62, 66, 75 **THE relevance:** Needs curriculum and student-engagement evidence.

4. Key Achievements and Outcomes

Quantified items documented in the source documents are listed below.

Measure	Documented value	Period	Source
MoUs signed	8 (1 in 2024; 7 in 2025)	April 2024 – October 2025	AR p.101; CJJ p.24–26; CJD p.95

Measure	Documented value	Period	Source
Collaborating organisations with joint activity	WWF/WWF-Pakistan, Google/Government of Sindh/Tech Valley Pakistan, The Knowledge Forum, Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Sindh Enterprise Incubation Centre, Regional English Language Office (U.S. Mission), HEC/Sindh HEC, employers	2024–2025	Section 3.2
Global Research Congress editions	3 (2023, 2024, 2025)	2023–2025	AR p.62; CJD p.3
International and national conferences organised	18 in three years	2023–2025	CJD p.3
3rd Global Research Congress papers	Over 400 submitted; 228 peer-reviewed papers presented	December 2025	CJD p.82
Google Career Certificate completions	300 students	September 2025	CJD p.34
QEC SDG-related forums attended	4	2023–2024	AR p.66–67

5. Institutional Policies and Strategic Alignment

The table lists the institutional structures, initiatives and commitments recorded in the source documents, with their status as reported.

Policy, strategy or commitment	Status	Source
Industry Liaison Committee policy framework	Considered at 15th Academic Council.	CJD p.24
ORIC as the liaison office with corporates, NGOs, academia and public-sector organisations	Established in 2013 per HEC guidelines (ongoing)	AR p.60
Proposed SMIU Pak–Turk Research Center	Proposed	CJJ p.10; CJD p.26
Institutional commitment to SDGs	General commitment (QEC participation; GreenMetric statement)	AR p.65–67; CJD p.18
Alumni Association launched at 141st Foundation Day	Launched	CJD p.22

6. Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement

The table summarises SMIU's partners and the status of each relationship as reported; details are in Section 3.

Partner / stakeholder	Nature of engagement	Date; source	Status
Evolution / U.S. Consulate	English Access Program (MoU)	30 Apr 2024; AR p.101	Formal agreement only.
Pakistan User Group; Sohail University; Shahed University; University of Cologne; IoBM; Savaira; iCreativez	MoUs on training, research, exchange, mental health, technology	Jan–Oct 2025; CJJ p.24–26; CJD p.95	Formal agreements.
TIKA (Türkiye)	Proposed Pak–Turk Research Center	2025; CJJ p.10; CJD p.26	Proposal.
WWF-Pakistan	Environmental field and clean-up activities	2024–2025	Active partnership.
Google; Government of Sindh; Tech Valley Pakistan	Google Career Certificate	Sept 2025	Active: 300 completions.

Partner / stakeholder	Nature of engagement	Date; source	Status
TKF; PRCS; SEIC; RELO	Joint seminars and workshops	2025	Active: single or double events.
Sindh HEC; HEC; PMYP	Showcases, review, scholarships, consultation	2023–2025	Active: multiple documented activities.
Auckland University of Technology; Brunel University London; Dublin Business School; University of Istanbul	Congress participation; keynote; Vice Chancellor's symposium address in Istanbul (5 May 2025)	2025; CJD p.60–63, 82; CJJ p.17	Participation in events.

7. Evidence Matrix for THE Impact Rankings

The matrix lists the evidence items presented in this report against the SDG targets and the THE metric themes to which they relate. Potential THE indicators refer to the metric themes published in THE's Impact Rankings 2025 methodology.

Sr. No.	Activity / initiative	SDG target	Potential THE indicator	Evidence available	Source document	Page / section	Responsible department
1	MoU with Evolution (English Access)	17.17	SDG 17 – Relationships to support the goals	Signing report	AR	p.43, 101	ORIC; Model School
2	MoUs signed in 2025 (7)	17.6, 17.17	SDG 17 – Relationships to support the goals	Signing reports	CJJ; CJD	CJJ p.24–26; CJD p.95	ORIC; Faculty of IT
3	Proposed Pak–Turk Research Center (TIKA)	17.9, 17.6	Supporting (proposal)	Meeting reports	CJJ; CJD	CJJ p.10; CJD p.26	Social and Development Studies; Vice Chancellor
4	WWF-Pakistan collaboration	17.17	SDG 17 – Relationships to support the goals	Multiple event reports	AR; CJJ; CJD	AR p.37, 50; CJJ p.62; CJD p.56	Environmental Sciences; Social and Development Studies
5	Google Career Certificate partnership	17.17, 4.4	SDG 17 – Relationships to support the goals	Ceremony report; completions	CJD	p.34–35	DSA; Faculty of IT
6	TKF, PRCS, SEIC, RELO joint events	17.17	Supporting	Event reports	CJJ; CJD	CJJ p.62, 65; CJD p.32, 42, 69	Faculties; ORIC
7	Global Research Congress (3 editions)	17.6, 17.16	Supporting; SDG 17 research metric	Congress reports	AR; CJD	AR p.62, 93; CJD p.58–63, 82	GRC Central Executive Committee
8	QEC participation in SDG forums; THE Impact Rankings 2024	17.16	SDG 17 – Publication of SDG reports / Education on the SDGs (context)	Participation list; ranking statement	AR	p.65–67	QEC
9	Education on the SDGs	4.7	SDG 17 – Education on the SDGs	Conference; course listing	AR; CJD	AR p.39, 41; CJD p.62, 66, 75	Faculty of Education; QEC

8. Conclusion

SMIU's documented contribution to SDG 17 is broad: formal memoranda with national and international universities, companies and foundations; recurring joint activity with environmental, civil-society, public-sector and corporate partners; an annual Global Research Congress that convenes international scholars; and QEC participation in SDG and sustainability-ranking forums.

The University's proposed Pak–Turk Research Center with TIKA and its alumni association launched in 2025 extend this network, consistent with its mission to establish linkages with the best national and international seats of learning.

9. References and Evidence Sources

Institutional documents

Abbrev.	Document	Pages cited
AR	SMIU Annual Report (internal title "SMIU Annual Report 2023-24"; period July 2023–June 2024).	p.5, 39, 41, 43, 60–62, 65–67, 76, 93–94, 96–97, 101
CJJ	SMIU Chronicle, January–June 2025.	p.10, 14, 17, 24–26, 42, 44, 51, 54, 62, 65, 67
CJD	SMIU Chronicle, July–December 2025.	p.3, 12, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32–35, 42–43, 45, 58–63, 66, 69, 75, 82, 95