

5.6.4 - Does your university as a body have accessible childcare facilities for students which allow recent mothers to attend university courses?

Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (ASOIU) fully supports gender equality and inclusive education, ensuring that all students — including recent mothers — can continue their academic journey without interruption. The university's SDG Action Plan (aligned with SDG 5) specifically include measures for parental support and equal access to study opportunities.

ASOIU provides accessible childcare and family-friendly spaces for students and staff through a set of integrated measures:

- Child-friendly rest and nursing area: A dedicated family-support room provides space for childcare, breastfeeding, and temporary rest for mothers.



- Student Support Office: The Student Affairs Department coordinates support for student-parents and helps them connect with nearby childcare institutions (public and private) that offer affordable services for ASOIU students.



- Health and safety coverage: On-campus medical staff provide health monitoring and maternal-child well-being consultations to assist students returning from maternity leave.



Accessibility and Coordination

- The childcare and family-support spaces are located at ASOIU's central campus and are easily accessible for both students and staff.
- The Student Affairs Office maintains an open registration system for mothers needing access to these facilities or requesting class schedule adjustments.

Conclusion

ASOIU ensures that recent mothers among its students can attend courses through an inclusive framework that combines flexible learning, accessible childcare support, and institutional commitment to gender equality. This initiative directly contributes to achieving UN SDG 5.6.4 — ensuring that all students, regardless of parental status, enjoy equitable access to higher education.