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Multi-Level Policy Making Participation to Address Poverty

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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1. **Purpose & Strategic Alignment:**
   In alignment with SDG 1 (No Poverty) and Saudi Vision 2030, Batterjee Medical College (BMC) is committed to actively shaping policies and building institutional capacity to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities. Recognizing that sustainable poverty reduction requires systemic change, this policy establishes the institutional framework for BMC's participation in policy-making at the local, regional, national, and global levels to drive socio-economic empowerment.

2. **Geographic Scope and Strategic Directives**
   BMC assigns active, targeted engagement across four distinct geographic tiers to ensure comprehensive impact and alignment with THE Sustainability Ranking targets:

   - **Local Policy Engagement:** BMC shall directly influence municipal policymaking and address community-specific poverty challenges. This directive mandates strategic collaboration with local authorities, such as the Jeddah Municipality, to drive civic inclusion policies. Furthermore, BMC faculty are required to serve on local advisory boards to shape health, education, and social service policies, while the college conducts localized needs assessments to supply data-driven insights for municipal decisionmakers.
   - **Regional Capacity Building & Policy Influence:** To elevate regional health equity and economic stability, BMC is committed to strengthening the regional social safety net. This involves driving regional preventive health policies through large-scale advocacy campaigns and executing broad capacity-building programs, such as training regional Community Health Workers, school nurses, and family caregivers to significantly reduce the financial burden of professional care on underprivileged demographics.

- **National Partnerships & Policy Advocacy:** BMC shall partner with key national ministries and authorities to drive macro-level healthcare and economic empowerment policies across Saudi Arabia. This includes direct collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (MHRSD), the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), and MONSHA'AT to shape national workforce readiness and entrepreneurial ecosystems. Additionally, BMC actively advocates for accessible financial policies by partnering with financial institutions and national banks to secure low- or zero-interest funding for high-social-impact start-ups.
- **Global Policy Partnerships:** BMC shall actively participate in international agreements and policy discussions to import world-class standards and advance global sustainability goals. By establishing formal frameworks with global institutions, including the Mayo Clinic, Maastricht University, Florida International University, Arizona University, SVax, and edX, BMC ensures the integration of international best practices into local healthcare policy and provides borderless education to equip the local workforce for sustainable economic independence.

3. Implementation Strategies

- **Partnership Formalization:** All policy-making and capacity-building initiatives must be formalized through binding Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), Master Consulting Services Agreements, or joint-venture contracts to ensure measurable commitments.
- **Institutional Representation:** BMC executive leadership and specialized faculty are tasked with actively seeking appointments on external municipal, regional, and national committees to provide expert consultation on poverty reduction, healthcare standards, and economic inclusion.
- **Community Integration:** Localized community initiatives, such as the Food & Medication Waste Campaign, must be institutionalized to directly benefit underprivileged families while informing wider environmental and social policies.

4. Monitoring and Impact Reporting

The Social Responsibility Unit, in coordination with the Business Development Office, will monitor all active partnerships, MoUs, and policy-making interventions. Annual sustainability reports must be generated to verify the execution of capacity-building programs, track the geographic reach of these initiatives, and ensure strict alignment with SDG 1 indicators.

5. Review and Revision: This policy will be reviewed every 3 years by the Executive Board to ensure it remains effective, impactful, and compliant with evolving national agendas and global sustainability methodologies. Revisions will be documented and communicated to all relevant stakeholders.
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