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5. Integration with Sustainable Development Goals at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Amrita University's food initiatives are deeply aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, and SDG 15: Life on Land. The campus policies and community outreach programs are designed to promote food security, sustainable agriculture, and resilient food systems.

Zero Hunger Framework

- The university has embedded food security and nutrition into its sustainability policies, ensuring accessible, affordable, and nutritious food for all students and staff.
- Community outreach includes nutrition awareness campaigns, micro-farming projects, and partnerships with local NGOs to address hunger and malnutrition in adjoining rural areas.

Community Agriculture Projects

- Outreach programs such as **WADI (Wasteland Development and Integrated Farming)** assist nearby villages in establishing kitchen gardens, organic orchards, and composting units.
- These projects empower rural farmers, promote organic farming, and help develop local food systems that are environmentally sustainable.
- Students participate in fieldwork to install drip irrigation, permaculture gardens, and seed banks, fostering knowledge transfer and sustainable livelihoods.

Campus Policies & Outreach

- Campus dining promotes locally sourced, organic produce, reducing carbon footprints and supporting sustainable farming practices.

- Food security initiatives include mobile vegetable markets, community seed exchanges, and nutrition education sessions emphasizing the importance of resilient food supplies.
- Regular outreach programs involve training local farmers in eco-friendly agricultural methods, providing them with resources and technical support to sustain their organic farms.

Through these integrated efforts, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham actively contributes toward global targets of ending hunger, fostering responsible food production, and conserving land resources, ensuring a sustainable future for both campus and surrounding communities.