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SDG1 No Poverty

1.4.4 Does your university as a body participate in policy making at local, regional, national and/or global level to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions?

Yes, MUC has put forward a program to be implemented in Babylon province incorporation with Babylon planning directorate as well as social care directorate. This program was implemented in areas that are considered by the local government as poor areas. The program will be implemented next year on other provinces due to the promising results gained in Babylon. The program is entitled as **The Role of Economic Empowerment Strategies in Poverty Eradication**. This project was conducted by the <u>department of Business Administration</u> to study the effects of poverty in a rich country as Iraq and to focus on the multi-dimensional indicators of poverty in the society. The study was conducted back in the year 2019 and is still ongoing. The project has focused on the effect the three current strategies implemented by the local government in Babylon Province and their impact on the society. These strategies are:

- Social development fund
- Food ration tickets
- National development plan

The project has concluded the following findings:

- Slumps are spots of severe poverty
- Development of agricultural lands for supporting the poor families in rural areas.
- Supporting vulnerable families through the creation of small projects.