

## Report on SDG2: Zero Hunger

### Thaksin University, Thailand

#### 2.3.3 Sustainable food choices on campus

##### Promoting Access to a Variety of Foods for Everyone in the University

Thaksin University is committed to creating an environment that promotes health and sustainable coexistence for everyone by providing a diverse selection of food in accordance with food safety principles. This includes respecting the beliefs and cultures of all groups, supporting sustainable development goals, specifically SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), as follows:

##### 1. Providing a Range of Dining Options on Campus

Currently, Thaksin University offers a total of 79 food outlets to meet the specific needs of different groups:

- **Muslim (Halal) Restaurants:** 36 outlets are designated as Halal, offering menus that comply with Islamic dietary laws, including the inspection of ingredients, preparation processes, and Halal certification to ensure confidence among Muslim students.
- **Vegetarian Restaurants:** 3 outlets are available for those who follow a vegetarian diet and those interested in health-focused meals, emphasizing plant-based dishes and ingredients with high nutritional value.
- **Vegan Restaurants:** 1 outlet is dedicated to strictly vegan meals, adhering fully to vegan dietary principles, to serve individuals who practice a vegan diet or seek food entirely free from animal products and byproducts.



## 2. Quality and Food Safety Standards Inspection

Thaksin University conducts food quality inspections in all dining areas on campus twice a year. These inspections include checking the hygiene of food vendors, examining ingredients and cooking procedures, and ensuring proper food storage standards according to food safety principles to prevent contamination. This process ensures that all types of food are safe and of suitable quality. The inspections are carried out in collaboration with the Bachelor of Public Health (Community Health) program, Faculty of Health Science and Sports.



### 3. Expanding Access to Clean Drinking Water at Service Points Across the University

Thaksin university has set up more than 40 free drinking water stations located across faculties, lecture halls, dormitories, and key public areas to provide convenience for students and staff. This initiative not only helps reduce drinking water costs but also cuts down on plastic waste by encouraging everyone to use personal containers and minimize single-use plastic bottles. This effort supports SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation). Additionally, the quality of water from dispensers is checked twice a year according to 23 parameters set by the Department of Health.

