Annual Report

on SDG2 Zero Hunger

2.3 Student Hunger

2.3.4 Does your university as a body provide healthy and affordable food choices for all on campus?

Thaksin University promotes access to healthy, safe, and affordable food across its Songkhla and Phatthalung campuses through campus dining services, reasonable meal pricing, institutional food hygiene monitoring, and free drinking water facilities.

In 2025, the university supported 88 food service operators across both campuses, providing students and staff with a diverse range of meal choices. These services are complemented by regular food safety measures and accessible drinking water infrastructure.

1. **Affordable and Accessible Campus Meals**

Thaksin University regulates on-campus food pricing through vendor partnerships to ensure economic accessibility, maintaining standard prepared meals within an affordable range of **30–50 THB** per meal. Across both campuses, a diverse network of **88 food service operators** provides culturally inclusive and balanced dining choices, including regional Thai cuisine, certified Halal options by Thai Muslim vendors, and plant-based dishes. This multi-tiered, price-stabilized dining infrastructure safeguards student economic well-being while ensuring equitable, convenient access to daily nutrition across the campus environment.



Figure 1 Affordable campus dining services and diverse meal choices at Thaksin University

Public evidence:
https://www.tsu.ac.th/home/details.php?id=5440

2. Healthy and Diverse Food Choices

Thaksin University's dining services provide balanced nutritional choices by integrating essential macronutrients—staple carbohydrates, diverse protein sources, and fresh vegetables—across daily meal options. The campus food landscape encompasses vegetable-centric dishes, omnivorous preparations, and standard regional Thai cuisine, systematically reinforced by seasonal vegetarian menus at Thaksina Cafe and packaged plant-based alternatives within on-campus retail outlets. This diversified provisioning framework accommodates varying nutritional requirements, cultural observances, and personal preferences, while institutional food safety protocols ensure that all offerings consistently meet established hygiene and



Public evidence:
https://www.tsu.ac.th/home/details.php?id=5484
https://www.tsu.ac.th/home/details.php?id=6269

3. Food Safety and Hygiene Monitoring

Thaksin University implements food hygiene requirements and inspection activities to promote safe food preparation and consumption within campus dining facilities.

On 22–23 May 2025, the Food Service Facilities and Vendor Management Committee at Phatthalung Campus, in collaboration with Thaksin University Demonstration School (Secondary Division), conducted preliminary coliform bacteria testing using the SI-2 method at Canteens 1 and 3.

The inspection covered 17 food outlets and assessed food hygiene, cooking utensils, food handlers, and food service environments. All inspected outlets met the applicable assessment criteria, achieving a 100% pass rate within the scope of the inspection.

These findings demonstrate the university's active efforts to monitor food hygiene and maintain safe food service conditions for students and staff.







Figure 2 Food hygiene and preliminary coliform testing at Phatthalung Campus

Public evidence:
https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1253049390154717&set=pcb.1253049993487990

4. Free Drinking Water and Sustainable Consumption

Thaksin University provides free drinking water dispensing facilities across its Songkhla and Phatthalung campuses to support convenient access to drinking water while reducing students' and staff members' daily beverage expenses.

In 2025, the university expanded its existing infrastructure by installing four additional water dispensers at two new service locations at Phatthalung Campus, bringing the total to 180 dispensers across 40 service locations.

Campus / Facility	Water Dispensers	Service Locations
Songkhla Campus	93	20
Phatthalung Campus — Existing	83	18
Phatthalung Sports Centre — New	2	1
Religious Activities Building — New	2	1
Total in 2025	**180**	**40**

The two additional service locations provide a combined 12 drinking water taps, comprising eight taps at the Sports Centre and four taps at the Religious Activities Building.

The university also encourages students and staff to use personal reusable bottles and drinking cups, supporting responsible water consumption and reducing reliance on single-use plastic beverage containers.

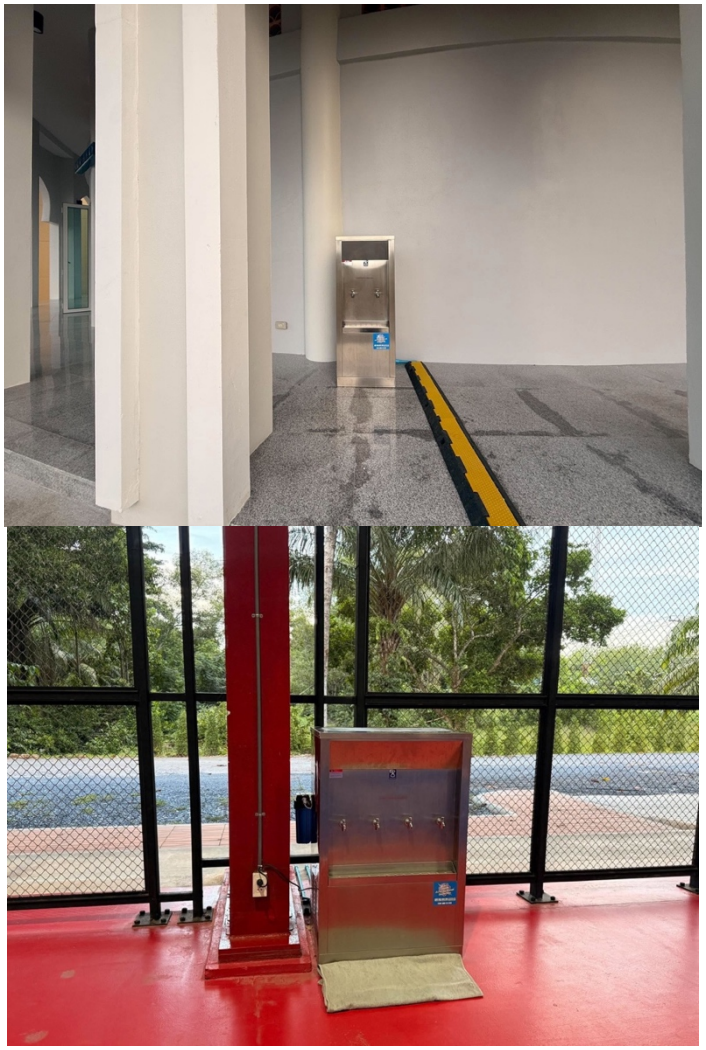

Figure 3 Four additional drinking water dispensers installed at two new service locations at Phatthalung Campus in 2025



Figure 4 Refill Me TSU: Promoting Reusable Drinking Containers and Reducing Single-Use Plastic Waste at Thaksin University

Public evidence:
https://www.facebook.com/tsuphattalung/posts/pfbid0RUcZ6mkEqBdpzsK391FKatfSryivMXY8zJypUzUuud2ZHtDc1vN5J3PQq4xfB5f5l

Outcomes and Contribution

Throughout 2025, Thaksin University continued to support healthy and affordable food access through complementary campus services and food safety initiatives.

Key implementation results include:

- **Affordable meals:** Typical prepared meals priced at approximately 30–50 THB.
- **Food accessibility:** 88 campus food service operators across Songkhla and Phatthalung campuses.
- **Dietary diversity:** Meal choices incorporating vegetables, protein sources, and staple foods, alongside seasonal vegetarian and plant-based alternatives.
- **Food hygiene assurance:** Preliminary coliform testing covering 17 food outlets, with all inspected outlets meeting the applicable assessment criteria.
- **Free drinking water:** 180 dispensers across 40 service locations, including four additional dispensers installed in 2025.
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Together, these measures contribute to the availability of affordable meals, support safe food consumption, and improve access to free drinking water within the university environment.

Thaksin University's approach advances **SDG 2: Zero Hunger** through accessible food provision, **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being** through food hygiene monitoring, and **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production** through the promotion of reusable drinking containers.