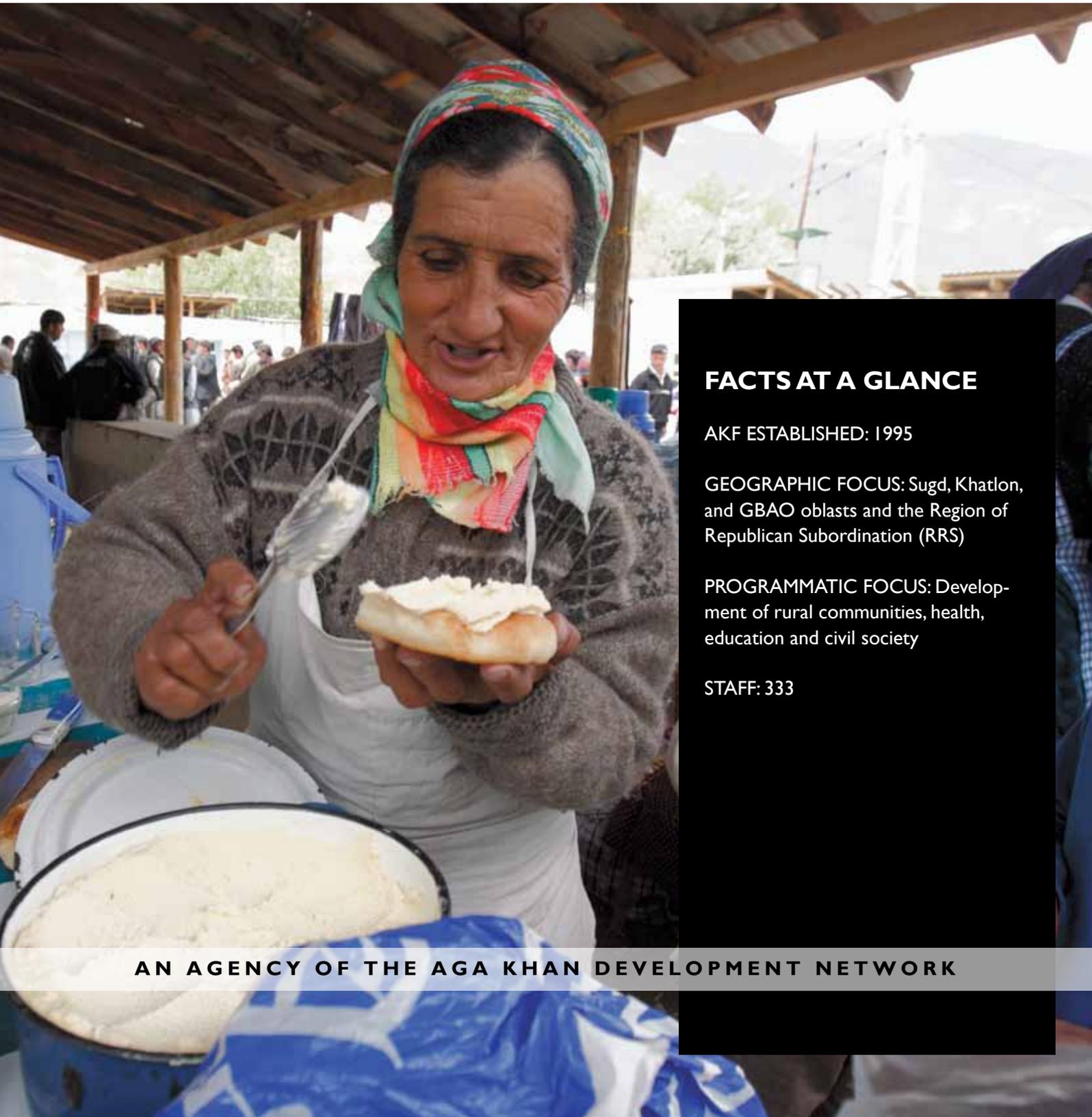




AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

Tajikistan



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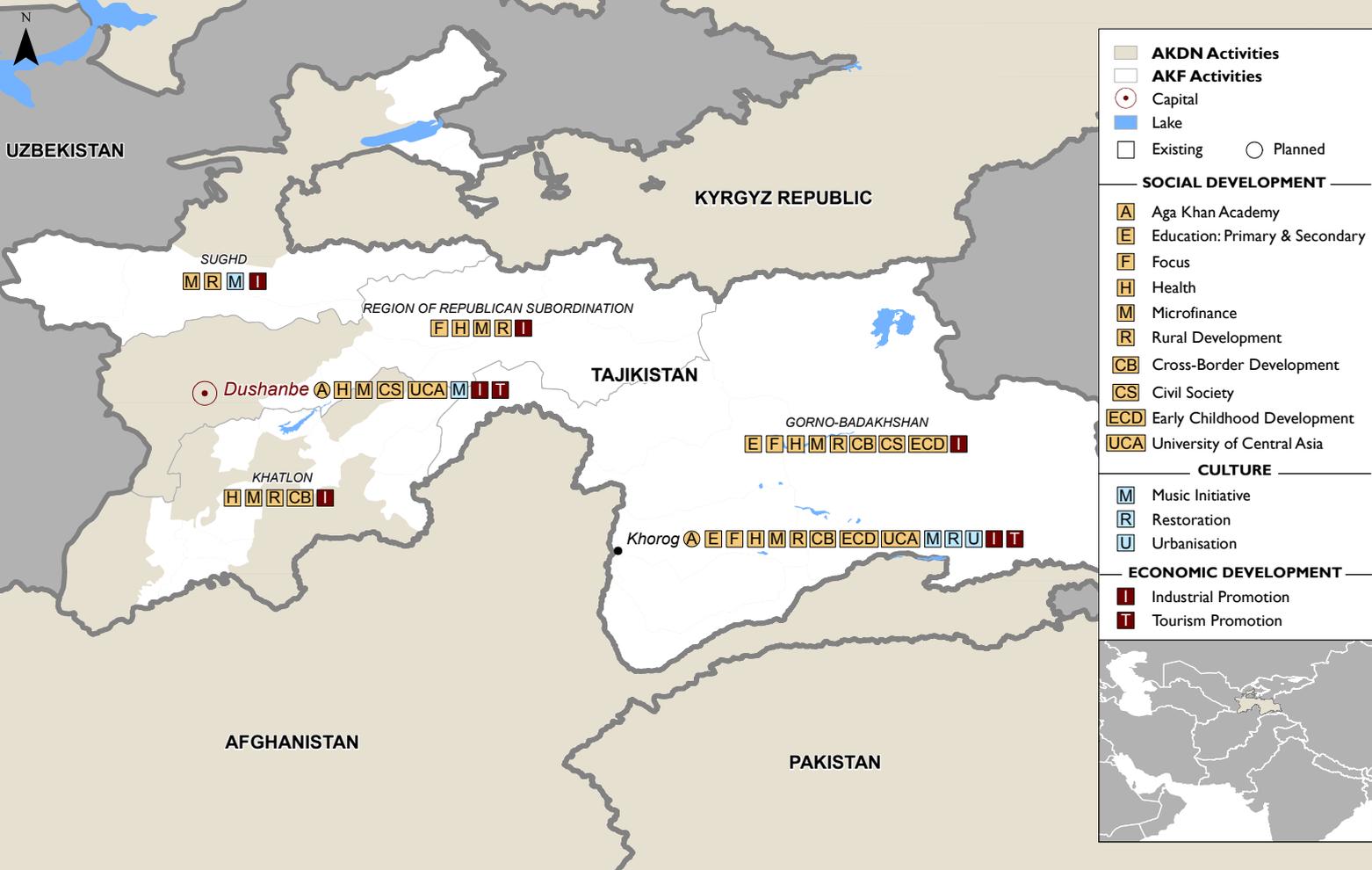
AKF ESTABLISHED: 1995

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: Sugd, Khatlon, and GBAO oblasts and the Region of Republican Subordination (RRS)

PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS: Development of rural communities, health, education and civil society

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THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION (AKF) in Tajikistan is focussed on the themes of rural development, health, education and civil society. It reaches approximately 1.4 million people in 32 out of 54 districts in all four regions of the country. AKF implements projects through the Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP), the Institute for Pedagogical Development (IPD) and other AKDN agencies. Since the late 1990s, AKF has established a network of 1,400 sub-national governance structures. Since 2009, it has facilitated the establishment of over 2,600 community-based savings groups comprised of nearly 50,600 members. AKF has also established five micro loan organisations in Tajikistan. In cooperation with the Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS), 101 healthcare facilities are being rehabilitated to improve primary healthcare for remote communities. Tajik doctors have served more than 2,000 Afghan patients in Afghan-Badakhshan. Over the next few years, AKF plans to develop five cross-border markets and three bridges with Afghanistan (in addition to the existing five). AKF also provides assistance in areas such as livestock, horticulture, tourism, handicraft manufacturing, drinking water supply systems and toilets. All 312 schools in GBAO have benefited from technical support from IPD. More than 5,500 teachers have been trained on the basics of interactive teaching and learning approaches.

THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AKDN) in Tajikistan is engaged in large-scale infrastructure projects including the US\$ 37 million refurbishment and operation of all power generation, transmission and distribution in the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO); the country's largest mobile telephone network; microfinance services; the promotion and transmission of traditional Central Asian music traditions; and the operation of a five-star hotel in Dushanbe to promote tourism.

COVER PHOTO: Providing communities on both sides of the Afghan-Tajik border regular access to a common market provides opportunities for merchants to meet and exchange goods, and drastically increases their potential for income generating activities and improved livelihoods.

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