



AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

East Africa



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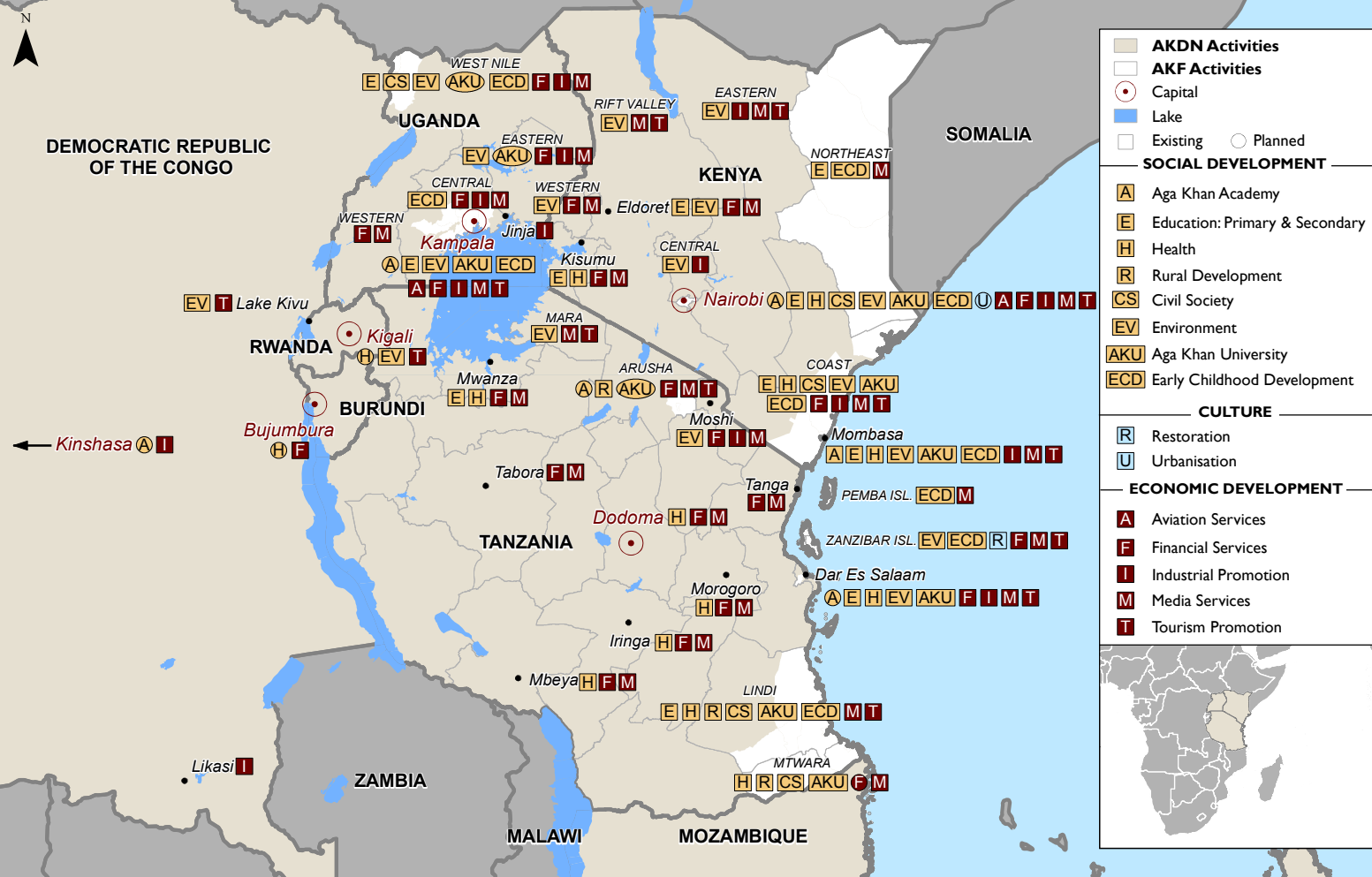
AKF ESTABLISHED: 1974

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: The Arusha, Mtwara and Lindi regions of Tanzania; Zanzibar, Tanzania; the Coast, North-east and Nairobi regions of Kenya; and the West Nile and Central regions of Uganda

PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS: Rural economic development, education, early childhood development, health and civil society

STAFF: 340

AN AGENCY OF THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION (AKF) in East Africa, together with other AKDN agencies, implements education, early childhood development, rural economic development, health and civil society programmes. It reaches 970,000 people in seven geographies in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. In Southern Tanzania, AKF has mobilised over 120,000 people in rural communities (65 percent women) into community-based savings groups, helping them to save over US\$ 15 million to date. It has also provided production extension support directly to 54,000 rice and sesame farmers in these communities, and facilitated partnerships between these farmers and agro-processing companies. AKF's education and early childhood development interventions in all three countries are improving reading scores in primary schools, and increasing transition rates from pre-primary to primary at the appropriate age. To date, they have benefited more than 229,000 pre-school and 320,600 school-age children, as well as over 7,100 teachers across the region. AKF partners with civil society organisations to improve the quality of life in East Africa, and builds alliances with businesses, governments and development agencies to enable creative solutions to common problems.

THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AKDN) in East Africa runs medical and nursing degree programmes and provides a network of healthcare facilities that range from rural clinics to a major teaching hospital. Construction is underway for a new US\$ 250 million Faculty of Health Sciences in Nairobi, Kenya as well as a US\$ 450 million Faculty of Arts and Sciences in Arusha, Tanzania. The Network's education programmes start from pre-school and continue straight through to post-tertiary, including an Aga Khan Academy that offers students a curriculum based on the International Baccalaureate. The Network is also engaged in large infrastructure projects that bring hydropower electricity to underserved regions, and in other key industries such as agricultural packaging, finance, aviation, pharmaceuticals and tourism promotion (operating 24 hotel properties in the region). Other projects include the rehabilitation and revitalisation of important cultural and environmental assets.

COVER PHOTO: AKF provides production extension support to rice farmers in Lindi, Tanzania, and facilitates partnerships between these farmers and agro-processing companies.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

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The Aga Khan Foundation in East Africa works with the following AKDN agencies and affiliates: the Aga Khan Academies (AKA), the Aga Khan Education Services (AKES), the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED), the Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS), the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC) and the Aga Khan University (AKU).

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