

In collaboration with its partners AKDN:



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provide + 35,000 students annually aged 0-8 years (59% girls) with quality learning opportunities. Through its education improvement programme, AKF has supported the establishment of 650 community and school libraries, benefitting 25,000 children and 16,500 parents. It has also trained + 2,160 community facilitators, parents and teachers to support reading at home.

Health Care

AKDN also has a broad impact on healthcare delivery in Pakistan, both through its education of doctors, nurses and midwives and its direct delivery of healthcare services and diagnostic testing:

- The graduates of AKU's School of Nursing and Midwifery, Pakistan's first university-affiliated nursing school, include + 4,300 nurses and midwives known for their skills and leadership.
- AKU Medical College's + 6,400 graduates provide high-quality health care and clinical services.
- AKU's Hospital, Pakistan's leading tertiary hospital, which was inaugurated in 1985, handles 1.4 million clinical visits and 97,000 admissions annually. Every year the Hospital conducts 30,000 surgeries, delivers 19,700 babies and carries out 12.2 million diagnostic tests. It has been certified by the Joint Commission International and College of American Pathologists, two prestigious bodies.
- AKU and the Aga Khan Health Services together operate 450 health centres, hospitals, maternity homes, medical centres and dental units that reach + 2.3 million people throughout the country.
- In AKDN programme areas, the infant mortality rate has dropped significantly to 40/1,000 live births compared to the national average of 300/100,000.

Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Risk Reduction

The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) has been responding to natural disasters in Pakistan since 1998. Its programmes include:

- The Community Based Disaster Risk Management, which aims to equip communities with the knowledge, skills and capacities to become the first local responders, has trained + 40,000 volunteers and organised them into 172 Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), which are active in risk-prone villages across Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral. Half of these volunteers are women. Across Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral, 184 community stockpiles are set up for emergency humanitarian relief and response.
- Search and Rescue Teams (SARTs), which prepare hazard, vulnerability and risk assessment (HVRA) maps. In response to the ever-increasing impact of climate change, it is also involved in addressing environmental sustainability issues, the safety of physical settings and preparation.
- A Building and Construction Improvement Programme (BACIP) that has benefited low income communities with access to 100,000 energy-efficient products, including customised technologies that improve seismic resistance.

Agriculture, Food Security and Energy

The AKDN has been addressing agriculture and food security issues in Pakistan since 1982 through its pioneering rural development programme, the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP). The programme has been widely hailed as a model for development, winning a number of international awards, including the Global Development Award for Most Innovative Development Project and an Ashden Award for Sustainable Energy. Amongst its accomplishments, it has:

- Mobilised 5,294 Village and Women Organisations in Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral alone, using its innovative community-led approach to establish local organisations.
- Planted + 39 million trees for fuelwood, fodder and construction.
- Reclaimed over 267,050 hectares of degraded land and developed 132,142 new land.

- Completed thousands of small infrastructure projects, including 2,249 irrigation channels and 634 kilometres of roads linking to markets.
- Installed 435 mini-hydroelectric projects that provide electricity to 60,580 households.
- Completed 1167 communication projects benefiting 74,439 households.

Water and Sanitation

AKAH also has decades of experience in ensuring adequate and safe access to basic services, particularly water, sanitation and hygiene services that meet the World Health Organization standards – to remote areas with weak public service infrastructure and a high incidence of poverty. It also provides quality construction services to public and private institutions to establish a precedence for quality engineering and architectural practices, whilst also contributing by improving safe and sustained access to education and health facilities.

Heritage Preservation

Over the past three decades, AKTC's conservation projects in Pakistan have sought to leverage the transformative power of culture to economic conditions in Pakistan. In the process, it has received 15 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards. AKTC's key achievements comprise of:

- Restoration of cultural sites and historic monuments in collaboration with local communities in rural and urban areas. In Baltistan, profits from Shigar Fort and Khaplu Palace are used to maintain and repair historic structures, promote education and train adults.
- In 2018, Baltit Fort, Altit Fort, Shigar Fort and Khaplu Palace received a total of 117,500 visitors, reflecting an increase of 8% from the previous year. Increasing tourist numbers provide

- economic benefits for local communities.
- In Lahore, AKTC projects have raised awareness about the long-term benefits of heritage preservation. The rehabilitation of Gali Surjan Singh (comprising 23 houses) along with the restoration of the 17th century Shahi Hammam and Chowk Wazir Khan are exemplars of best practices in urban regeneration through cultural conservation projects. On 4 May 2019, Prime Minister Imran Khan attended the inaugural ceremony in Lahore of the Picture Wall's western section and the Imperial Kitchens.

Economic Development and Tourism Promotion

In Pakistan, economic development projects range from tourism promotion to financial service companies under the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED) umbrella. Many of these institutions began as local entities but have grown into major national and international institutions.

- HBL provides banking services to + 15 million Pakistanis through a country-wide network of nearly 1,700 branches, 2,100 ATMs, 48,000 branchless banking agents and nearly 23,000 Point of Sale (POS) terminals.
- The First MicroFinanceBank (now majority-owned by HBL) has provided US\$ 750 million in loans to more than 3 million customers since 2002, mostly from rural areas. To tap a greater market share while ensuring that the financial needs of the vulnerable are met adequately, the Bank has begun to offer digital financial services.
- AKFED runs 8 Serena hotels in Pakistan in Islamabad, Faisalabad, Quetta, Gilgit and Shigar. The hotels aim to promote tourism and economic development in the areas in which they are built.
- Serena Hotels initiated a Guest House Management Training Programme benefiting 10 entrepreneurs from priority valleys.



AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Pakistan



Development partners

Government of Gilgit-Baltistan, Government of Punjab, Walled City of Lahore Authority, Directorate General of Archeology, Punjab Dept of Tourism, Royal Norwegian Embassy, US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, German Foreign Office, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, Japanese Grass Roots Assistance Program, Italian Foreign Ministry, International Union for Conservation of Nature, USAID, UNESCO, World Bank, World Monuments Fund, New Zealand Consulate, DFID, Government of Sind, EU, GAC, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Gilgit Baltistan Disaster Management Authority, International Organization for Migration, World Food Program, International Center for Integrated Mountain Development, AFD

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Cover page: (top left to right) AKU School of Nursing and Midwifery in Karachi, Sindh; Shimshal, in the north of Pakistan; Altit Fort, in Gilgit-Baltistan; (middle left to right) carpentry training in Lahore, Punjab; Social, Cultural, Economic (areas of AKDN involvement); education for girls; (bottom left to right) safe drinking water; infant health care; employability training for youth.

AKDN in Pakistan

Often better known through its component parts – such as the Aga Khan University (AKU) in Karachi and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC) in Lahore – the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) actually provides a broad range of services in Pakistan – and has been doing so for over 110 years.

It set up its first non-profit school in 1905 in Gwadar, Baluchistan. Today, through the 156 schools of the Aga Khan Education Services (AKES) and through the teacher training and school improvement programmes of AKU and the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), it has reached tens of thousands of teachers and millions of students. It has provided the nation with thousands of doctors, nurses and midwives.

The AKDN also operates an array of medical facilities that provide quality healthcare services to 1.8 million people a year throughout Pakistan. It has also planted over 39 million trees – much of it for fuel, fodder and construction. It has built smoke-free stoves that reduce respiratory ailments and simultaneously cut fuelwood consumption by 50%. It provides electricity to about 40,000 households through 333 micro-hydroelectric projects. It has prepared communities for disasters through 172 community emergency response teams and 36,000 trained volunteers. It has created safe, prize-winning drinking water and sanitation facilities for over 500,000 people. It provides financial services for millions of Pakistanis. At the same time, it has worked on revitalising Pakistan's rich heritage by restoring over 170 historic settlements, forts, monuments, buildings and spaces, ranging from the Lahore Fort in Lahore to the Khaplu Village and Palace in Baltistan.

In all of its endeavours, the AKDN has tried to create a critical mass of integrated development activities that offer people in a given area not only a rise in incomes, but also a broad, sustained improvement in the overall quality of life. It encourages self-reliance and a long-term view of development. In fact, many areas that received AKDN support in the past have well-educated communities that are now masters of

their own development, building their own schools and health centres and taking other measures to care for themselves and those less fortunate.

Education

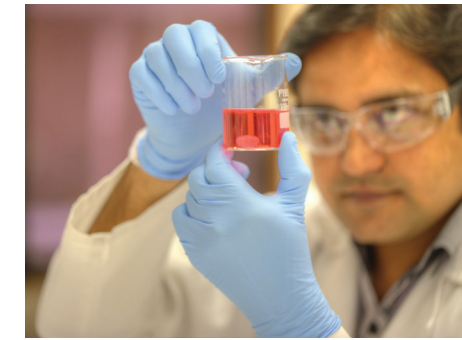
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- The first Aga Khan School was established in Gwadar in 1905. Today, AKES provides access to quality education to +42,000 students through a network of 156 schools across the country.
- AKU is a national asset with an economic impact of \$1 billion per year, over 2,000 students, 700 faculty, 12,000 staff and 12,200 alumni in Pakistan. It has raised the status of the nursing profession (93% female graduates), pioneered medical education and care and developed educational leaders working throughout Pakistan.
- AKU's Examination Board (AKU-EB) is Pakistan's first private autonomous examination body for Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC). Over 30,000 students have graduated from the board over the last 10 years. Ninety-two percent of these graduates enrolled in higher education and 50% received admission in the top 15 Higher Education Commission-ranked universities of Pakistan. AKU-EB also provides training to +1,000 teachers every year and offers a need- and merit-based scholarship programme for its affiliated schools in Karachi.
- AKU's Institute of Educational Development has granted approximately 1400 PhDs, masters and advanced diplomas in education. Over 36,000 educators have received certification – and become change agents – through Professional Development Centres across the country. IED has been developing educators as agents of change, ready to transform instruction and school management and to promote equal access to schools. It has provided lessons for policy formulation and implementation.
- AKF's activities in early childhood development



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Humanitarian Assistance

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Rural Communities

The Aga Khan Rural Support Programme has completed thousands of small infrastructure projects, including irrigation channels, bridges and roads, which aid in agricultural production or help bring produce to market.



Heritage Preservation

The Aga Khan Trust for Culture, which seeks to leverage the transformative power of culture to improve socio-economic conditions, has received a number of awards for its work in Pakistan, including 15 UNESCO Asia-Pacific heritage awards.



Microfinance

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