



AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

Kyrgyz Republic



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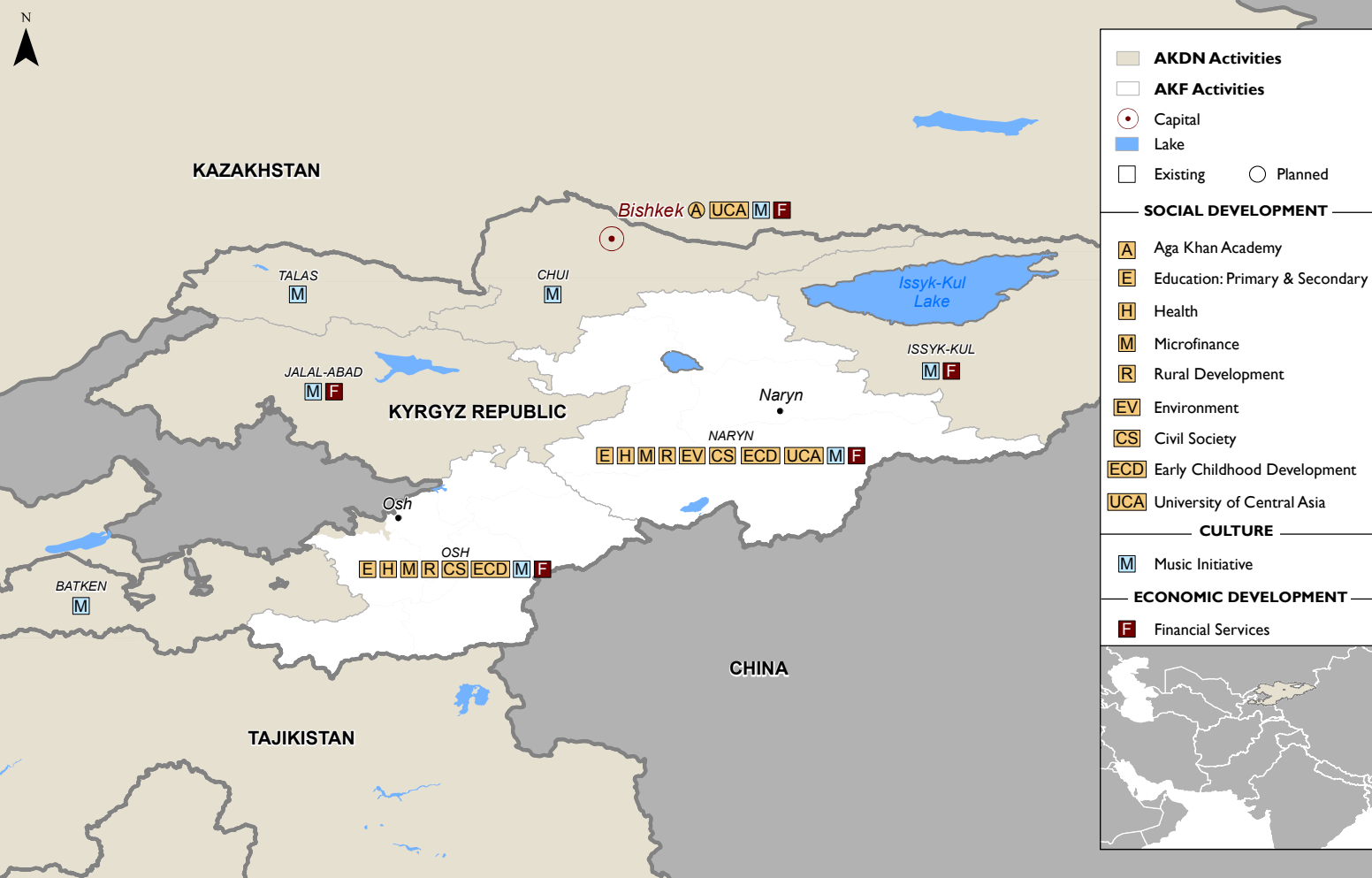
AKF ESTABLISHED: 2003

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: Osh and Naryn oblasts

PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS: Development of rural communities, education, health, income generation, the environment and natural resource management

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THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION (AKF) in the Kyrgyz Republic collaborates with the Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP) to deliver an area-based approach where interventions in education, health, income generation and natural resource management are implemented by community-based groups and local government. AKF's programmes in the country benefit more than 310,000 people in 11 districts in Osh and Naryn oblasts. Its early childhood development programme has been a catalyst for the establishment and continued support of 151 kindergartens and for the training of 372 teachers; and has supported the establishment of 66 mini-libraries and associated parent workshops since 2007. AKF also facilitates access to quality veterinary services and trains farmers in improved cultivation technologies. Since 2010, the Foundation has through its work in infrastructure and disaster risk reduction constructed/rehabilitated 50 irrigation canals, conducted seismic resistance assessments of 49 educational facilities, 11 schools and one kindergarten retrofitted against natural hazards, and repaired four medical centres. It has formed 17 village rescue teams and 64 school disaster preparedness committees, and trained 1,200 community members on disaster preparedness. The Foundation has also established 92 village health committees, formed school health committees in 64 schools and founded 16 "mother schools" that teach couples about ante-natal, childbirth and postpartum care.

THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AKDN) in the Kyrgyz Republic is constructing the main campus of the University of Central Asia in Naryn; and operates the Osh School; the First Microfinance Credit Corporation, the largest microfinance provider in the country's south; the Kyrgyz Investment Credit Bank, which was created to provide corporate finance; the AKF/MSDSP programmes which benefit 310,000 people in Osh and Naryn oblasts; and supports traditional culture through the Aga Khan Music Initiative.

COVER PHOTO: In a programme supported by AKF's Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP), master masons in Alai District of Osh Oblast trained on seismic-resistant construction methods pass along their knowledge to other local masons so that the practices become sustainable throughout the community.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

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The Aga Khan Foundation in the Kyrgyz Republic works with the following AKDN agencies and affiliates: The Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance (AKAM), the Aga Khan Education Services (AKES), the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED), the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC) and the University of Central Asia (UCA).

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