



AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

Bangladesh



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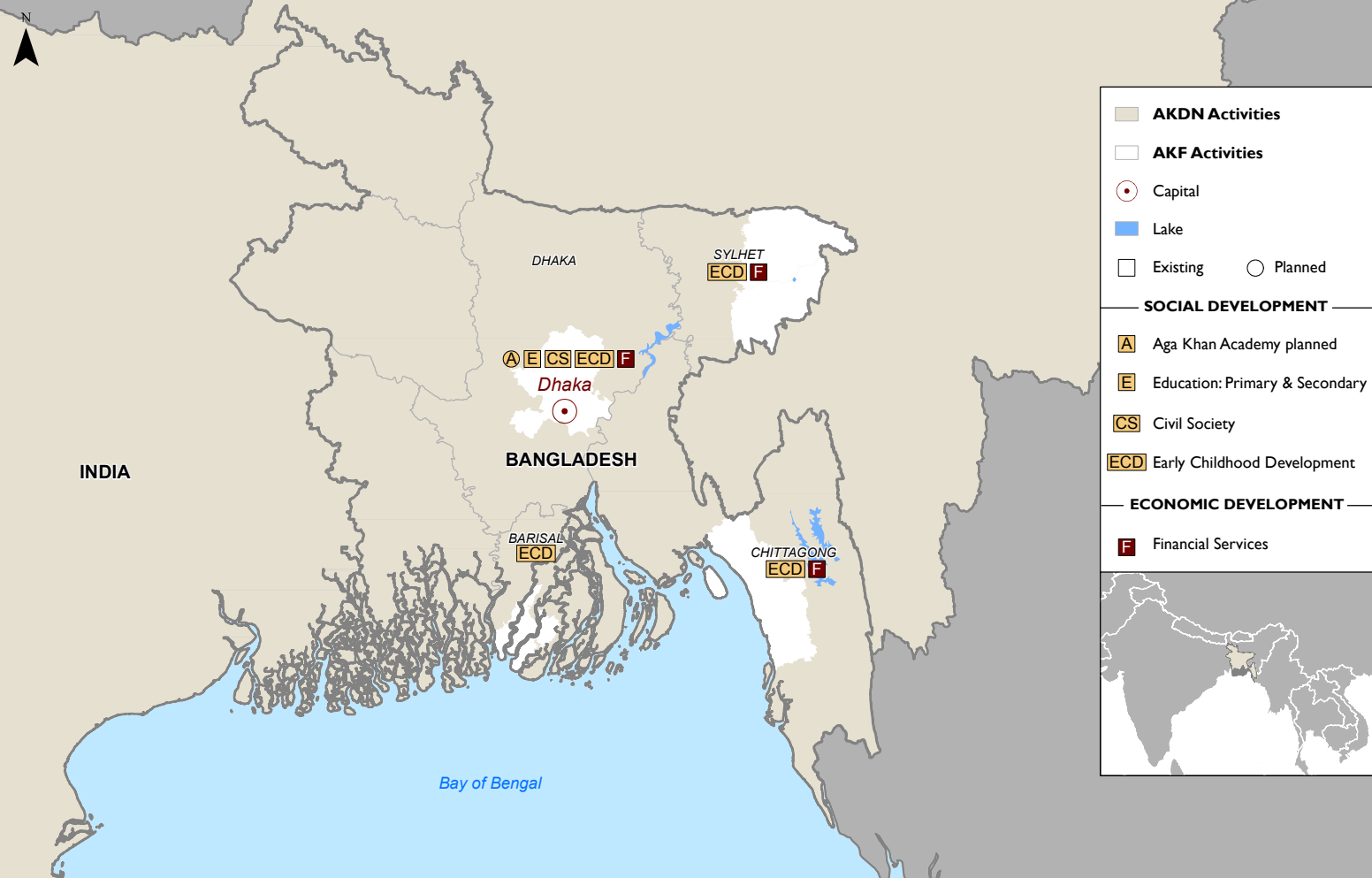
AKF ESTABLISHED: 1980

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions

PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS: Early childhood development and civil society

STAFF: 23

AN AGENCY OF THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION (AKF) in Bangladesh, in partnership with local civil society organisations, seeks to improve local capacity to deliver quality early childhood development (ECD) services to hard-to-reach families. These services include pre-schools, early learning centres, day-care facilities for working families – including for children of garment workers – and parenting programmes. It also supports BRAC University’s Institute of Educational Development to improve professional development and research in ECD, as well as the Bangladesh ECD Network. In addition, the programme provides technical assistance to the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education in the area of pre-primary education, including through a competency-based approach to professional development for pre-primary teachers, supervisors and trainers.

AKF’s civil society programme, which is integrated with ECD activities, assists local NGO partners to develop their organisational capacity in the areas of gender equality, financial management, strategic planning, human resource management, resource mobilisation, and monitoring and evaluation, among other key areas.

THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AKDN) in Bangladesh has worked for over three decades in the areas of early childhood development, pre-tertiary education and financial services. Its programmes include a school (kindergarten to secondary) operated by the Aga Khan Education Services and the creation of an Aga Khan Academy in Bashundara, Dhaka. Economic development activities are coordinated through two institutions which provide corporate finance and lending services.

COVER PHOTO: Through its Early Childhood Development Support Programme, AKF in Bangladesh and its partners have implemented parenting programmes and established pre-schools, early learning centres and daycare centres for working families. Over five years, the programme has reached nearly 30,000 beneficiaries.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), formerly the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

The Aga Khan Foundation in Bangladesh works with the following AKDN agencies and affiliates: the Aga Khan Academies (AKA), the Aga Khan Education Services (AKES) and the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED).

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