



AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

India



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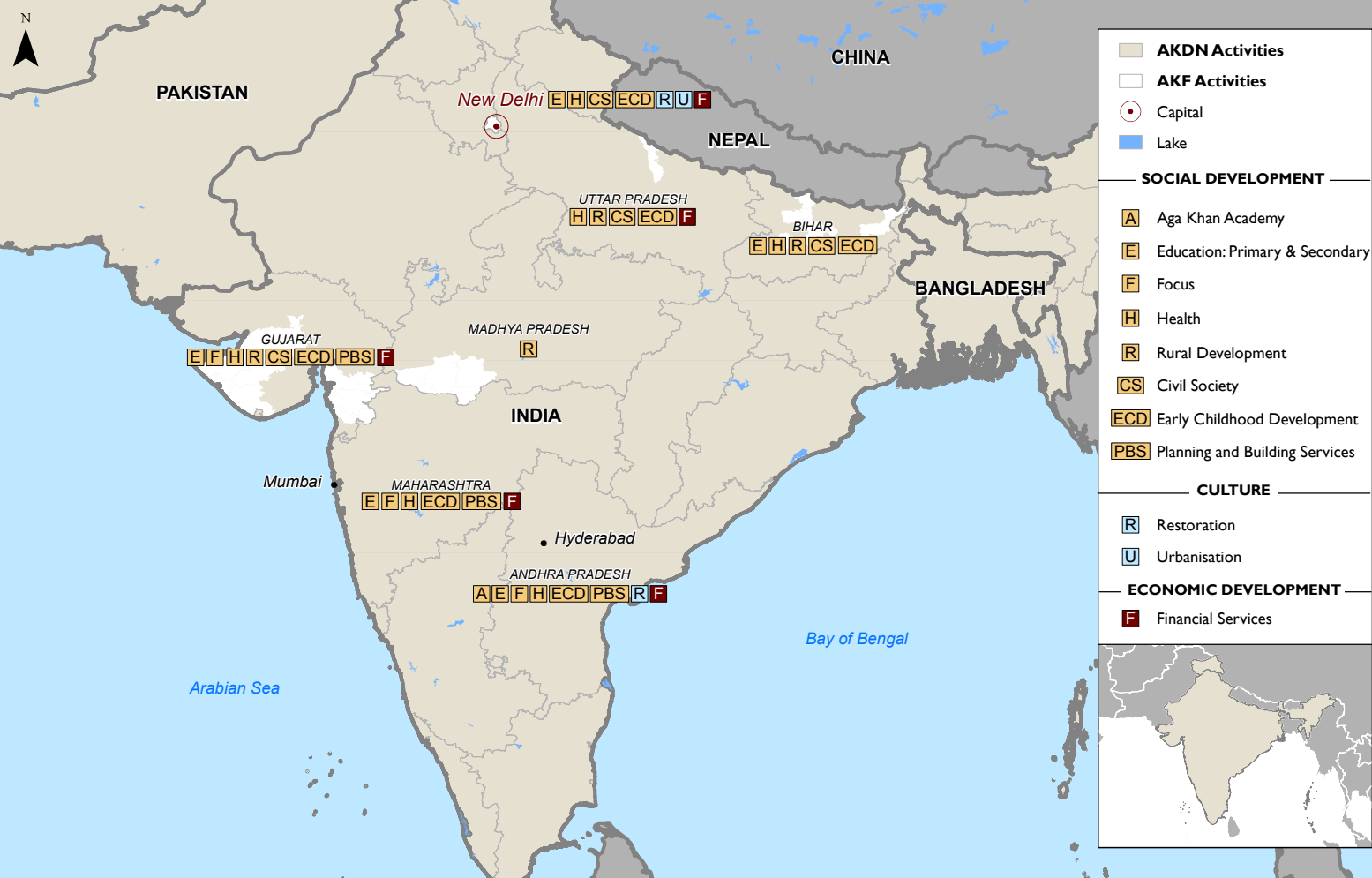
AKF ESTABLISHED: 1978

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: The states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS: Development of rural and urban communities; improvement of civil society; agriculture, livestock and livelihoods; financial inclusion; early childhood development and primary education; water, sanitation and hygiene; and community health

STAFF: 676

AN AGENCY OF THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION (AKF) in India collaborates with the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) and other AKDN agencies to deliver programme activities in agriculture and livelihoods; civil society; community health; early childhood development and education; and water, sanitation and hygiene promotion. As a non-denominational, non-sectarian development agency, the Foundation aims to improve the status and quality of life of the most marginalised communities, especially Muslims, scheduled castes, and scheduled tribes. Its activities currently benefit more than 1.3 million people in the states of Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Over the past decade, some of its direct impacts include: the creation of 3,000 village-level institutions; enrolling thousands of people in community-based savings groups; improving access to potable water through rain-water harvesting and decentralised drinking water schemes in more than 350 villages; and helping some 10,000 households construct low-cost toilets and adopt hygienic practices. Its community health efforts have provided several hundred thousand women access to pre- and post-natal care to help improve infant/child-nutrition, and reduce maternal and infant mortality. Many of these programmes have demonstrated successful models for others, leading to widespread adoption by State authorities, the government of India and other partners.

THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AKDN) programmes in India span the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, addressing a broad spectrum of development issues. These initiatives support over 180 schools and educational centres, including an Aga Khan Academy in Hyderabad, a 137-bed multi-specialty acute care hospital in Mumbai, a rural support programme that benefits more than 1.3 million people in four states, and the restoration of World Heritage sites in the nation's capital, Delhi, and in Hyderabad.

COVER PHOTO: The AKF Reading for Children programme in India has shown that children who have been read to before they go to school by family members including parents, grandparents and siblings outperform those who have not had such opportunities.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

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The Aga Khan Foundation in India works with the following AKDN agencies and affiliates: Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS), 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 Planning and Building Services (AKPBS) and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC).

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