



AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

Russia



FACTS AT A GLANCE

AKF ESTABLISHED: 2007

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Samara, Yekaterinburg, Stavrovo, Tver and Novokuznetsk

PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS: Health, education and the development of civil society

STAFF: 13

AN AGENCY OF THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION (AKF) in Russia supports activities in health, education and the development of civil society, which collectively aim to improve the quality of life of migrants and their children in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Samara, Yekaterinburg, Stavrovo and Novokuznetsk. AKF provides professional training in management, accounting, workshop facilitation, tutoring, fund-raising, grant proposal writing and strategic planning for staff and volunteers of registered civil society organisations working with migrants. Since 2008, a network of 30 volunteer healthcare practitioners has provided to migrants in Moscow and Moscow region advice on access to emergency, outpatient and inpatient medical care through referrals to consultants, state and private clinics and hospitals. In 2013, more than 3,700 migrants in need of medical care received services gratis or for lower than market cost through this initiative. AKF's Russian certification initiative has helped more than 20 doctors and 25 nurses from migrant communities to practise in Russian private and state medical facilities. Since 2009, the Foundation's work in early childhood development has facilitated the admission of more than 200 children to pre-schools and has provided tutorial services to nearly 300 students. AKF also offers English and IT courses for youth and adults to upgrade their language proficiency and to increase their employability.

THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AKDN) has been engaged in a number of cultural and education exchanges in Russia. In 2012, items from the Aga Khan Museum Collection were shown at the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg. The theme was "Architecture and its Representations in Islamic Arts". Also, Focus Humanitarian Assistance, an AKDN affiliate, has been collaborating with AKF to build better relationships between active migrant-led NGOs and local authorities by supporting state schools, hospitals, libraries and cultural centres. In 2013, this collaboration made it possible for the Network to host summer camps for migrant children and youth respectively.

COVER PHOTO: The main goal of the AKF Reading for Children (RfC) programme is to promote a love for reading while enhancing literacy and language skills of children aged 0 to 8. It also works with parents on reading and storytelling techniques, which can help to reinforce their bonds and interactions with their children.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Government of Russia

The Aga Khan Foundation in Russia works with the following AKDN agencies and affiliates: Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS).

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