



Improving the quality of life

With nine development agencies working in concert, the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) uses a multifaceted approach to improve the quality of life for the most marginalised communities in selected regions of the world, including South and Central Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. It implements **sustainable, long-term programmes** to address the many factors contributing to poverty.

In partnership with governments, businesses and civil society organisations, the Network embeds physical and social infrastructure, health and education services, business and finance facilities, habitat and environmental planning, and cultural preservation and revitalisation within the communities it serves. Over time, **people develop their own resources and capacities and, ultimately, self-reliance**, notably through the creation of a vibrant and competent civil society – the cornerstone of any healthy and prosperous nation. Pluralism - the embrace of difference - is central to AKDN's work. Guided by the belief that in an ever-shrinking, ever more diverse world, a genuine sense of pluralism is the indispensable foundation for human peace and progress, the Network aims to improve living conditions and opportunities for people **regardless of their faith, race, ethnicity, or gender**.

His Late Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan IV was the founder of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) and the 49th hereditary Imam (spiritual leader) of the Shia Ismaili Muslims. For him, one manifestation of his hereditary responsibilities was a deep engagement with development for more than 60 years.

We operate



in over **30** COUNTRIES

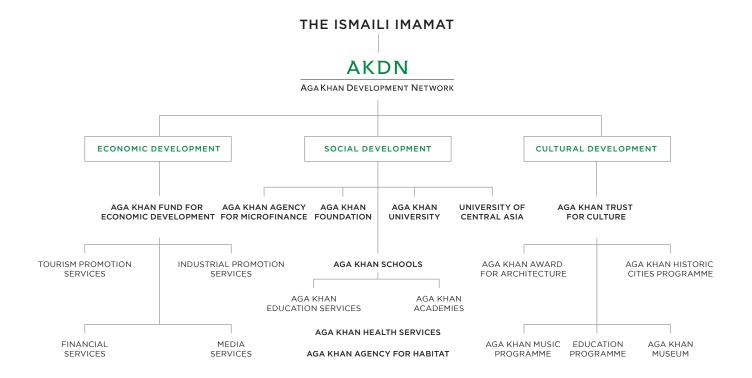


What we do:

- health care
- early childhood development
- primary, secondary & tertiary education
- habitat, architecture & planning
- disaster preparedness & response
- environment & climate change
- agriculture & food security

Annual highlights:

- cultural restoration & musical heritage
- SME development
- financial services & insurance
- industry & infrastructure
- tourism
- media
- Deliver 14 million outpatient visits through more than 940 health facilities
- Provide early childhood development to over 2.3 million preschool children
- Teach nearly 1 million students through 200 schools and 2 universities
- Provide safe water to over **770,000 people**
- Generate 1.8 billion kWh of clean electricity
- Provide financial services to over **50 million** people
- Train 40,000 community volunteers in disaster management & response
- Plant over 3.2 million trees



The Network is privileged to have **strong partnerships** with governments, foundations, civil society organisations and companies.

AKDN is committed to protecting the environment and mitigating climate change, generating clean energy, operating climatefriendly hospitals and health centres, reducing the risk of climate-induced disasters, promoting environmentally conscious tourism and undertaking climate research. The Network is reducing its greenhouse gas emissions in line with the goals of the 2015 Paris Accord and aims to become **net zero carbon by 2030**. AKDN's annual expenditures for its non-profit development activities is approximately \$1 billion. Its economic development arm, the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED), generates revenues whose surpluses are reinvested in AKDN development activities.

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