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Community-led mangrove restoration helps protect coastal ecosystems, strengthen livelihoods and build resilience.



Families in remote communities need access to quality health care to give their children the best possible start in life.

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**.

Prince Karim Aga Khan IV was the founder of 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 65 years.

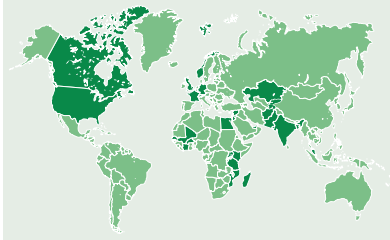
We operate

1,000
PROGRAMMES
& INSTITUTIONS

some over 100 years old

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
- cultural restoration & musical heritage
- SME development
- financial services & insurance
- industry & infrastructure
- tourism

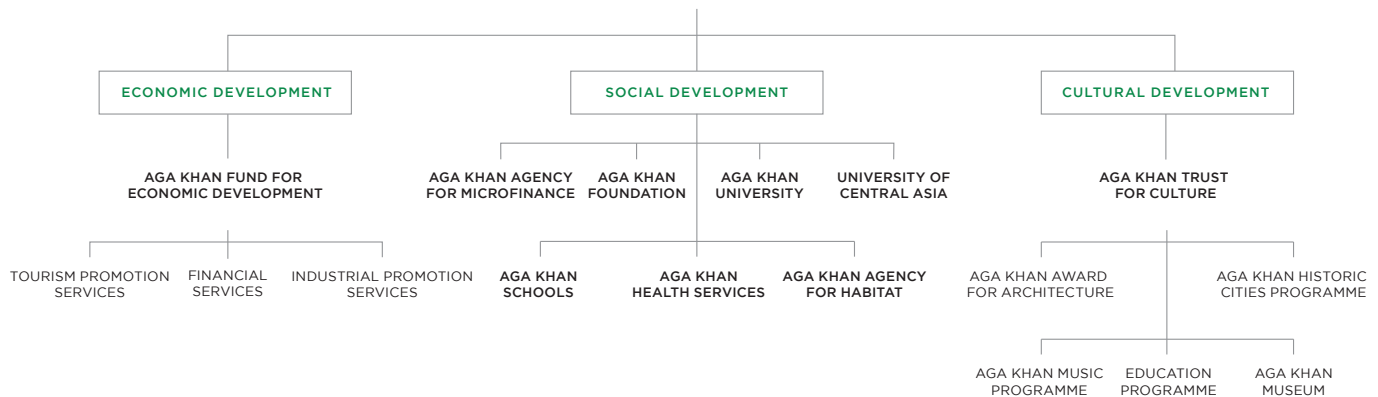
2025 annual highlights:

- Reached **2.3 million** children through early childhood development programmes
- Educated more than **844,000** learners
- Provided nearly **930,000** people with safe drinking water and sanitation services
- Delivered financial services to more than **60 million** people
- By 2025, had planted more than **87 million** trees with communities

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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 climate-friendly 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**.

In 2026, AKDN is channelling more than \$1.3 billion into not-for-profit development projects. Its economic development arm, the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED), generates annual revenues of \$4 billion. Surpluses generated by AKFED companies are reinvested in AKDN development activities.

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