

AKDN

AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Improving the quality of life

INDIA

The Ismaili Imamat

The Ismaili Imamat, a supranational legal entity, refers to the institution or office of the spiritual leader of the global Ismaili community, established in accordance with applicable customary law. Founded in 632, it is the contemporary office of His Highness the Aga Khan V, which spans a timeline of almost 1,400 years of history and 49 uninterrupted successions by direct hereditary lineage.

The Aga Khan Development Network is a contemporary initiative to fulfil the mandate of the Ismaili Imamat through institutional action to improve the quality of human life, irrespective of origin, faith, or gender. Its multifaceted development approach aims to help communities and individuals become self-reliant.



His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V

His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V is the 50th hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, and the Chair of the Aga Khan Development Network. He is the eldest son of His Late Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan and succeeded his father in accordance with historical Shia Imami Ismaili tradition on 4 February 2025.

His Highness worked closely with his late father for over three decades, serving on the boards of many agencies of the Aga Khan Development Network. He has been particularly concerned with AKDN's drive to protect the environment and mitigate the effects of climate change. He has also given sustained attention to the work of AKDN and the Ismaili community institutions in addressing the needs of those living in the greatest poverty and supporting the improvement of their livelihoods through education, training and enterprise.

His Highness meets regularly with leaders of government, international organisations, and civil society to strengthen their relations with the Ismaili Imamate and to advance AKDN's efforts to improve the lives of marginalised and vulnerable communities.

AKDN REACHES OVER 9 MILLION PEOPLE IN INDIA ANNUALLY



The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is a group of private, international, non-denominational agencies working to improve living conditions and opportunities for people irrespective of their origin, faith, or gender.

Established and guided by the Imamate, the Network has been present in the country since the establishment of the first Aga Khan school in Mundra, Gujarat, in 1905.

Over a century on, the AKDN is recognised for implementing a wide range of programmes, in fields from water and sanitation to maternal health and family nutrition, sustainable agriculture to disaster risk reduction and response, cultural restoration to school improvement. Its agencies work together to meet immediate needs, to secure the country's development and its people's long-term wellbeing.

The Ismaili Imamate and India enjoy a long history of friendship and cooperation, founded on the shared goals of improving the lives of the poor, fostering peace, stability, cultivating amicable relationships between nations, and safeguarding the values of human freedom and pluralism.



Prince Karim Aga Khan IV and Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi discuss areas of mutual interest at the Prime Minister's residence in New Delhi.

21 February 2018

AKDN Agencies



Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)

AKF works with government, civil society and local communities to address the root causes of poverty and improve the quality of life of marginalised communities. Using an integrated, multi-sectoral development approach focusing on education, health, rural development, and civil society strengthening, AKF combines local knowledge with global best practices to promote inclusive, transformative growth.



AGA KHAN TRUST FOR CULTURE

Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC)

AKTC works to preserve and revitalise India's cultural heritage while improving the quality of life in surrounding communities.



AKRSP (INDIA)

Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India)

AKRSP(I) enables rural communities to improve their livelihoods through natural resource management, climate-resilient agriculture, and women's empowerment initiatives.



Aga Khan Agency for Habitat

Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH)

AKAH aims to ensure safe, sustainable communities resilient to hazards. In India, it partners with local governments on disaster risk reduction, water, sanitation, and habitat planning.



Aga Khan Health Services

Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS)

AKHS provides accessible, high-quality healthcare to underserved populations through hospitals, health centres, and outreach programmes.



AGA KHAN SCHOOLS



Aga Khan Schools

Comprising Aga Khan Education Service (AKES) and The Aga Khan Academies, Aga Khan Schools operates a network of schools and preschools across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Telangana, committed to providing quality, inclusive education.



DCB Bank Limited

DCB Bank Ltd. is a private sector scheduled commercial bank listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange. It has 480 branches across India as of March 31, 2026. Founded in the 1930s, it has deep roots in India.

AKDN in India

AT A GLANCE



Agriculture and Food Security

3,60,000+

Support for marginalised rural communities benefits over 3,60,000 farmers



Community Institutions

9,800+

Provides support to over 9,800 civil society organisations



Cultural Development

40,00,000+

Humayun's Tomb, Humayun's Tomb Museum, Sunder Nursery and Nazamuddin Basti attract 40 lakh visitors annually



Disaster Preparedness and Response

50,000+

School and hostel safety programmes have reached over 50,000 students and staff



Early Childhood Development (ECD)

35,00,000+

ECD programmes reach over 35,00,000 children in India



Economic Development

55,000+

More than 55,000 individuals are employed through skills training, micro-enterprises and support services



Education

8,500+

Aga Khan Schools educate more than 8,500 children annually



Habitat

1,70,000+

AKDN agencies have helped build over 1,70,000 sanitation units



Health

22,00,000+

Nutritional screening and counselling are provided to 22,00,000 individuals annually

Betterment Of Rural Communities

AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY, CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

AKDN works as a catalyst for the betterment of rural communities by providing direct support at the grassroots. Rural development is fostered through empowerment and income enhancement of farmers, youth and women, health, nutrition, water management, sanitation, and climate resilience.

Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) was established in Gujarat in 1983, and has completed over 40 years of fieldwork in the state. Currently active in over 3,800 villages of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra, AKRSP(I)'s work focuses on climate resilient agriculture livelihoods through land rehabilitation, irrigation development, soil and water conservation, use of solar energy and biogas, and integration of farmers into commodity and livestock value chains. The regenerative agriculture programme of the organization reaches over 1,75,000 smallholder farmers.

Sustainable practices have an environmental impact and can also be economically rewarding. AKF has facilitated access to drip irrigation technology for farmers, significantly reducing water use. Farmer Producer Companies have been established to disseminate knowledge and improve market access. In Uttar Pradesh, AKF is working with women farmers to use natural fertilizer and biomass mulching for high value crops, like

strawberries. While improving soil health, this has also had a multiplier impact on incomes for women farmers.

Rural governance is strengthened through capacity building of Panchayats, community collectives and leadership, particularly of women and vulnerable communities.

Emergency management is facilitated in areas prone to floods, cyclones and tsunamis, through the Coastal Risk Reduction Project. 522 water bodies, including check dams, have been rehabilitated or built since 2020.

Awards & Recognition

- National Water Award, Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Best Watershed Development Agency by NABARD
- Best SHG Promotion Agency by NABARD
- National Entrepreneurship Award, Ministry of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship

8,30,000⁺

Small and marginal farmers benefitted

2,00,000⁺

Farmers transitioned to regenerative agricultural practices

2,00,000⁺

Acres have undergone soil & water conservation

1,30,000⁺

Acres brought under irrigation schemes and programmes





“With the new irrigation system, I can now cultivate vegetables even during dry months. My income has doubled, and my land stays fertile throughout the year.”



Igniting The Spark Of Individual Enterprise

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Economic development is core to AKDN's activities in India. The Network's agencies implement a focused set of programmes spanning the areas of vocational training, enterprise development and financial inclusion. Women, tribal communities and other marginalized groups are

the primary beneficiaries of these programmes.

In Gujarat, AKRSP(I)'s Yuva Junction provides rural youth with vocational skills, job placement support and mentorship for young entrepreneurs. Since the programme's inception, over 3,50,000 rural youth have been provided vocational skills.

DigiSaksham, implemented in partnership with Microsoft and the Ministry of Labour, has trained over 1,00,000 youth in advanced digital and IT skills. More than 10,000 have received hands-on training, 15,000 youth have been guided through the Entrepreneurship Development Programme, to help them start micro-enterprises or gain



employment, with 25,000+ placements averaging annual incomes of INR 1.5 lakh. Notably, 57% of beneficiaries are from Scheduled Tribes, 30% from OBCs, and 9% from Scheduled Castes, reflecting AKDN's commitment to inclusive growth.

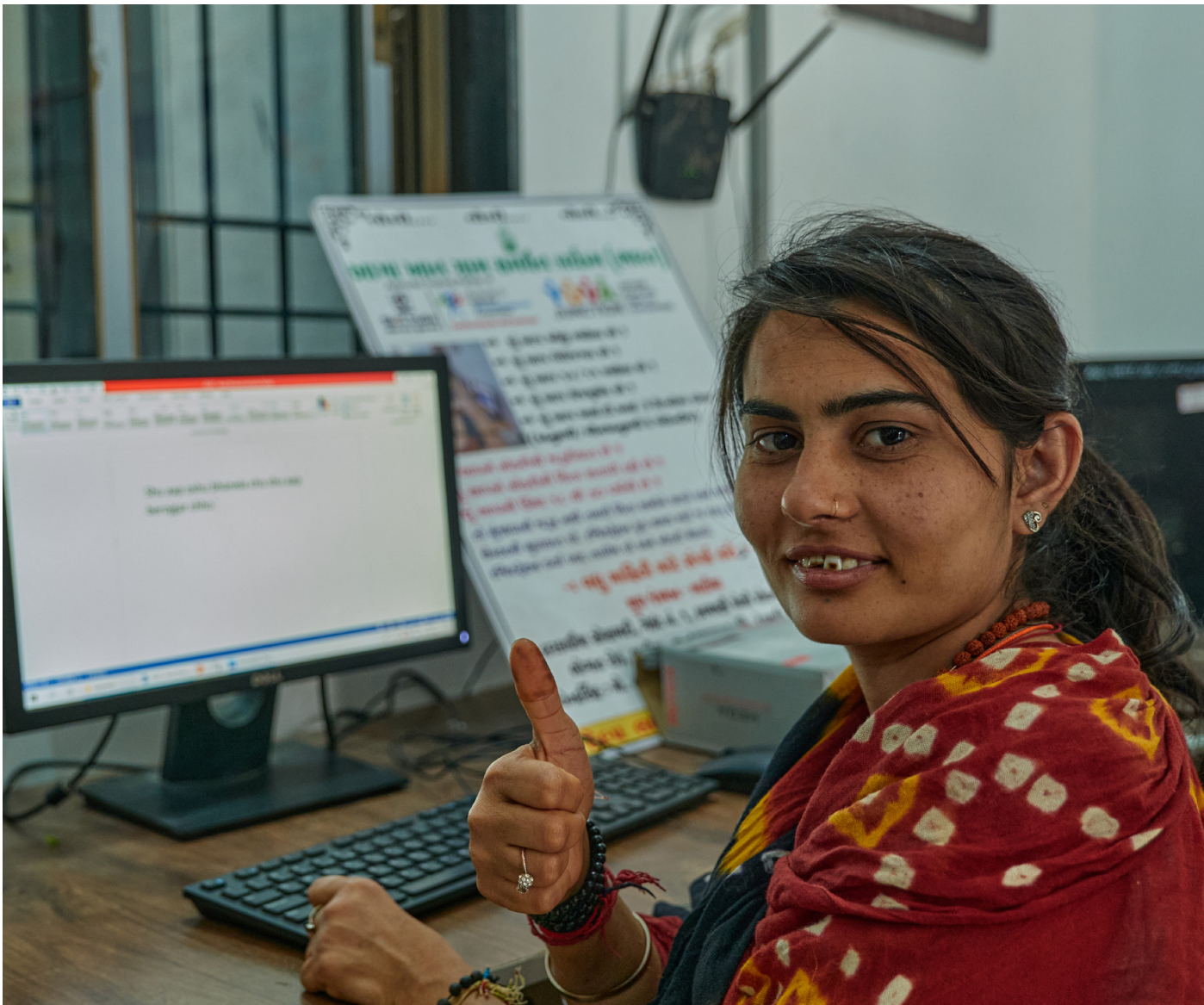
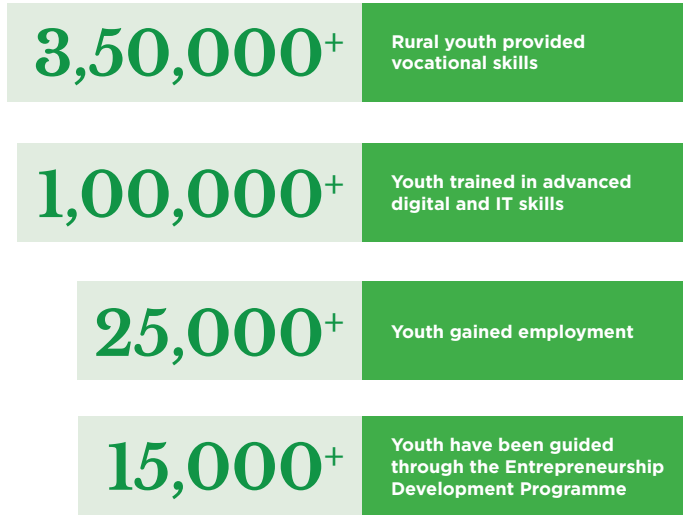
AKF's programmes in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, have reached 11,325 young people, equipping them with future-facing skills and work opportunities, while also promoting local entrepreneurship.

In New Delhi's Nizamuddin Basti, women-led collectives, nurtured by AKTC provided a platform to secure economic independence. Insha-e-Noor and Zaika-e-Nizamuddin have revived traditional crafts and cuisine, generating over INR 50 million in revenue and inspiring first-time entrepreneurs. Sair-e-Nizamuddin has trained the local Basti youth to serve as guides for over 50,000 guided walks, providing a viable source of income for the Basti residents.

Providing access to credit for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SMEs), and first-time entrepreneurs has been central to Development Credit Bank's journey, underscoring financial inclusion as a core pillar of its

agenda. From its origins as a community-held cooperative bank to its evolution into a publicly listed private-sector institution, the bank's growth reflects a sustained commitment to inclusive finance.

These multi-sectoral interventions mirror AKDN's holistic approach to economic development, which builds skills, nurtures entrepreneurship, and ensures financial systems serve everyone, including those at the margins.



“Goats have become like an ATM for us.

Whenever we need money for food, school fees, or medical emergencies, we can sell one immediately.”



19,00,000⁺

Women beneficiaries
across AKF's
programmes

7,00,000⁺

Households benefit
from Project Mesha

17,500⁺

Self-Help Groups

2,396

Women leaders enhanced
leadership skills in Bihar
& Uttar Pradesh

Investing In Women; Investing In The Future

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Research indicates that investing in education, health and economic opportunity for women, has an overwhelmingly positive impact on families and communities. In India, women account for 54% of the 37 lakh beneficiaries served by AKF's programmes.

Through the 17,000 plus women-led self help groups that have been formed, they have gained access to savings, credit, and income-generating opportunities in agriculture, livestock management, handicrafts, and enterprise development. AKF supports the strengthening of local governance by empowering Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) to address gender-based violence and prioritise women's and children's needs in gram panchayat development plans.

A powerful example of this has been women's leadership in AKDN's award-winning Comprehensive Sanitation Initiative implemented in response to the Indian Government's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Women-led self help groups have run "open defecation-free campaigns" and have provided loans to village families to construct their own toilets. AKDN has worked closely with women to promote access to safe sanitation and the behaviour change needed to adopt hygienic practices. These have reduced the local disease burden and led to noticeable improvements in rural community health.

Programmes to help women gain control of their economic destiny start at an early age. One example is

Project Lehar, implemented by AKF in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and by AKRSP(I) in Gujarat. The programme works with adolescent girls and young women from marginalised communities to pursue scholastic or vocational training so they can complete their education or secure employment. A life skills component is included to help young girls develop confidence to make decisions about their future.

Project Lehar is transforming lives of 4,223 young women. 460 have launched their own businesses, 30% are on the path to becoming entrepreneurs, and many are the first in their families to own and run a business. True to its name, Lehar has inspired a wave of change.

In 2024, one of the beneficiaries Arti, received international recognition as a recipient of the Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award at The Prince's Trust Awards held in London. Lehar helped Arti, a single mother, to build the entrepreneurship skills needed to become an e-rickshaw driver in the Government's pink e-rickshaw scheme. Arti now earns Rs. 15,000 monthly to provide for herself and her daughter.

In Bihar, high mortality rates among goats were a challenge for rural families, for whom a goat is a "saleable asset". AKF's Project Mesha trains women as "Pashu Sakhis" to provide preventive care for goats.

Project Mesha currently operates across 20 districts, serving over 700,000 households and 70,000 Pashu Sakhis. Many women have doubled their herd sizes, and nearly 20% are Lakhpati Pashu Sakhi Didis, earning over INR 1 lakh annually and creating lasting pathways out of poverty for themselves and their families.

AKDN projects demonstrate the impact programmes can generate when women are placed at the centre of the development process.

"I have discovered a new sense of independence – a life where I can rely on myself.... Now, I am able to fulfil not only my dreams but also those of my daughter."

Arti, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh





Culture as a Trampoline for Development

RESTORATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Restoration efforts can revive local economies, boost tourism income and inspire an appreciation for cultural diversity. Cultural assets, when thoughtfully restored, can uplift the communities that live around them.

Humayun's Tomb in Delhi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was restored when His Late Highness Aga Khan IV offered to renew its gardens on India's 50th independence anniversary in 1997. In 2004, a public-private partnership (PPP) between the Aga Khan Trust

for Culture (AKTC), the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), and the Central Public Works Department enabled the restoration of the site's architectural elements to their former glory. On the 18th of September 2013, the restored 16th century garden tomb was inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, in the presence of Aga Khan IV.

His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V and Honourable Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Culture and Tourism, recently inaugurated Humayun's Tomb Site Museum with nearly 700 artefacts from the National Museum and ASI. The complex draws 20 lakh tourists annually.

In promixity to Humayun's Tomb lies the historic 700-year-old precinct of the Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti. AKTC embarked on an urban renewal initiative for the residents of the Basti, that included a range of interventions in infant health and malnutrition, education, skills training for the youth, and economic development opportunities for women.





Quli Qutb Shahi Tombs, close to Golconda Fort, mark the final resting place of the Quli Qutb Shahi dynasty. Over the last decade, AKTC worked in partnership with the Government of Telangana and other organisations for the restoration of the site's mausoleums, mosques and structures. A craft-based approach was used at Quli Qutb Shahi to restore architectural elements, including glazed tiles, copper finials and intricate stucco patterns. The 106-acre site, home to almost 100 conserved monuments, is recognised as India's largest conservation programme at a single site. Over 2 crore litres of rainwater are collected annually in the restored step-wells, making the site net-zero for water requirements, and enabling the planting of 12,000 trees, creating an ecological buffer to the heritage zone.

AKTC has recently commenced work on the following sites:

The Aga Khan Palace, Pune: The project envisions the restoration of the historic gardens, the development of the site, and the comprehensive conservation of the palace and renowned architect Charles Correa's memorial structures. The Aga Khan Palace houses a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, making it a powerful symbol of sacrifice during India's freedom struggle.

Palaces of Gwalior Fort: The project seeks to transform the site into a vibrant cultural hub for Gwalior through holistic conservation and enhancement of the fort, and the establishment of a new site exhibition and a museum to showcase the fort's history, art and architecture.

Awards & Recognition:

- AKTC in India has received important UNESCO awards including the Award for Excellence and Special Recognition Award for Sustainable Development - twice each, in recent years.

Since its inception, the project has positively impacted the lives of over 20,000 residents. The initiative established a model for urban socio-development projects and is referred to as a case study across conservation and development institutes, including at Harvard University.

Sunder Nursery: In 2007, an agreement was signed with three government agencies: the ASI, the Central Public Works Department and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, to transform Sunder Nursery into Delhi's first ever arboretum. Since inception, the Park has attracted 50 lakh visitors.



50,00,000+

Visitors to Sunder Nursery since inception

20,00,000+

Annual visitors to Humayun's Tomb complex

20,000+

Basti residents benefited through Nizamuddin Urban Renewal Initiative

100+

Monuments conserved over 106 acres through India's largest conservation programme

Promoting Health, Nutrition, and Dignity for All

HEALTH

AKDN's integrated approach to health and nutrition reaches over 22,00,000 people annually. Its work spans maternal and child health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention, providing access to quality healthcare for underserved communities through AKHS, AKRSP(I) and Aga Khan Health Centres.

Public health outcomes and community hygiene practices have improved through flagship initiatives such as the WASH Health and Nutrition Project, POSHAN and PRERNA, Solid Waste Management, and Water and Sanitation Improvement projects. In rural Bihar, AKDN has engaged over 400,000 mothers from marginalised communities to promote improved infant and young child feeding practices, while also supporting over 170,000 households with the construction of sanitation units across India.

AKF's Rural Drinking Water Supply Programme initiatives reached over 1,96,000 community members with improved health and WASH services.

Under the Rural WASH Partners Forum constituted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, AKF leads efforts in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana to support Jal Jeevan

Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission. 12,108 households have been connected with access to safe drinking water, enhancing water security and service delivery. AKF is increasing access to safe drinking water for 73,339 rural households across 85 villages.

AKHS pioneered specialized outreach such as integrating LifeFirst Tobacco Cessation into NCD interventions, School Health programmes and health camps for police personnel, focused on lifestyle management, preventive health, and breast cancer awareness, underscoring its holistic approach to health promotion.

Prince Aly Khan Hospital (PAKH) in Mumbai, established in 1945, is transitioning from a multi-speciality acute care facility into a dedicated elderly care hospital. It will feature specialised departments and clinics tailored to meet the unique medical and social needs of older adults. The hospital's comprehensive services will include managing chronic illnesses, enhancing functional abilities, providing outpatient and inpatient care, and supporting seniors. A multidisciplinary team of doctors, therapists, social workers, and specialists will work together to deliver holistic, high-quality care aimed at improving the overall quality of life for elderly patients.



Preparing Communities To Respond To Climate Change

HABITAT, RISK RESILIENCE, CLEAN ENERGY, WATER AND SANITATION

AKDN is committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 and works closely with communities who are the most vulnerable to climate change and environmental degradation. Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) enables disaster-resilient habitats and climate-adaptive communities through people-centred solutions that reduce heat stress, improve energy efficiency, and strengthen urban sustainability in partnership with municipal corporations, enhancing quality of life.

The range of programmes include measures to increase adoption of renewable energy, connectivity to water and energy sources, building safety, sanitation infrastructure, sustainable farming and the large-scale plantation of mangroves and micro forests. At the heart of these programmes is a commitment to develop solutions along with the communities being served, encouraging ownership of the project.

By mapping groundwater and aquifers, water security initiatives have been implemented in select semi-arid regions. AKAH also focuses on conserving and protecting urban wetlands, to rejuvenate and maintain their health while implementing ecosystem-based services. Quality and reliable access to water is ensured through rainwater harvesting systems, water micro-saving techniques and

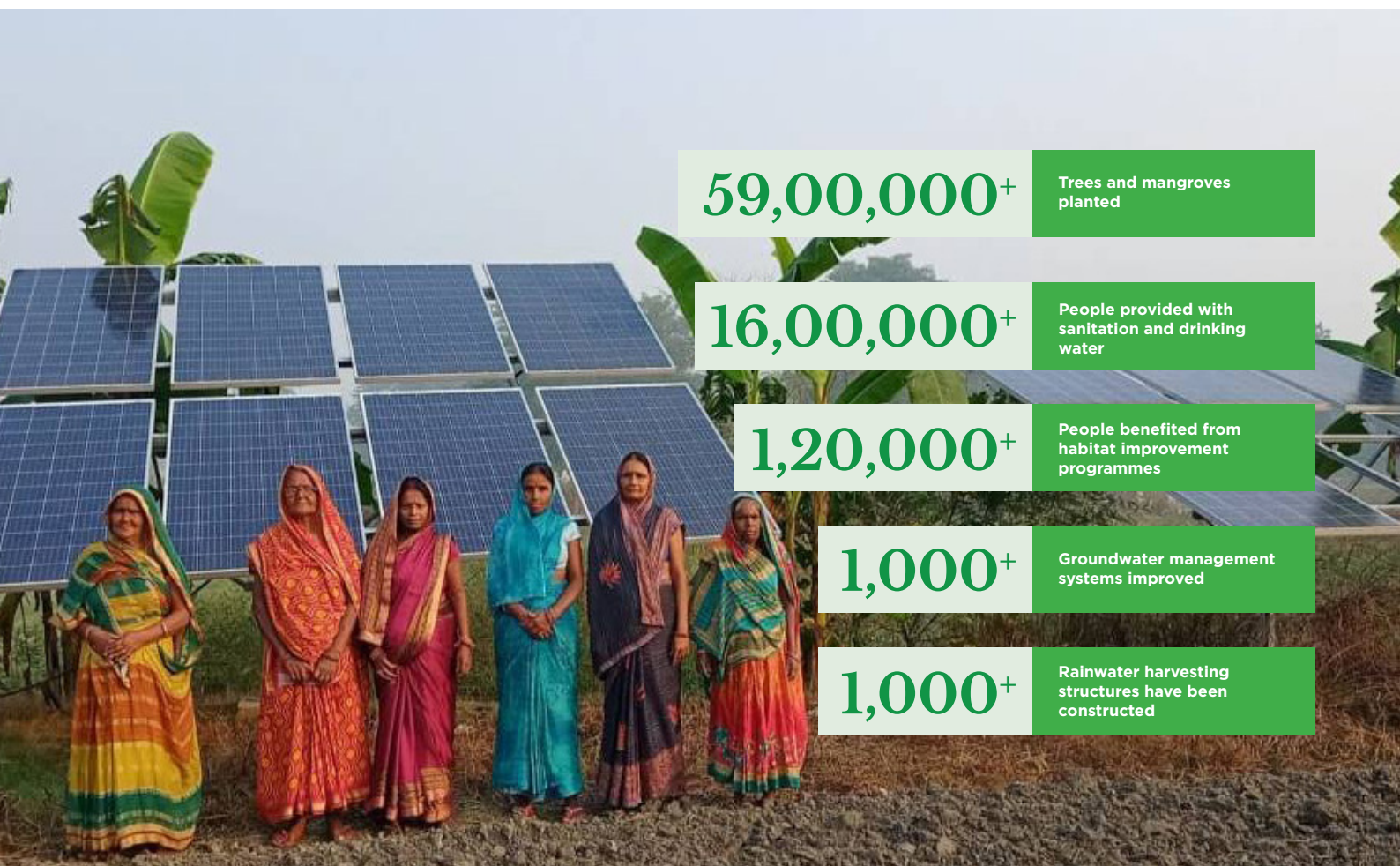
construction of water storage units, whilst also building capacity within the communities to manage and conserve water effectively. These not only address immediate needs but also contribute to long-term water security and sustainability.

AKAH has improved school resilience through the installation of 200+ roof water harvesting structures and 650 handwash/dishwash stations across 650 schools.

AKF, AKRSP(I) and AKAH have championed projects to plant and protect trees and mangroves, given the vital role they play in capturing carbon. Over 11 million trees and mangroves and 2,100+ micro-forests have been planted to rejuvenate degraded lands and protect ecosystems from erosion and salinity.

Awards & Recognition:

- The EDGE Advanced Green Building Certification by IFC-World Bank was received for Nav Yuwan Housing Society and a public school in Mira Bhayandar





development and smoother transitions into primary school.

Aga Khan Education Service (AKES) operates 19 preschools and early years programmes across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Telangana. Innovative initiatives, such as the “e-School for Preschool”, extend access to early learning through home-based blended models. In Gujarat, AKES is a member of the Government’s ECD core group (GCERT) and works to strengthen ECD. AKES played a pivotal role in reviewing and contextualising the National Curriculum Framework for the Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) and in developing curriculum content, activity banks, and assessment tools for preschool children. These initiatives now benefit nearly 35,00,000 children annually across Anganwadis and the early grades, reinforcing AKES’s role as a trusted partner in advancing the National Education Policy (NEP).

Parent Coaching in the First 1,000 Days: Aligning with the mission of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, AKF combines parent coaching and improved service delivery for childcare, health, and nutrition for both the mother and the child. A parenting App (PAALAN 1000) for the first 1,000 days has been developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The application has gained widespread popularity, with over 31,500 unique users.

AKDN’s Early Childhood Education programme aligns with India’s National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, NIPUN Bharat, and POSHAN Abhiyan.

Through its partnerships, training programmes, and evidence-based models, AKDN continues to support India’s vision of universal, high-quality Early Childhood Education, laying strong foundations for the country’s future generations.

Awards & Recognition:

- India’s Most Respected Early Childhood Education Brand by EducationWorld - Aga Khan Preschools
- Early Childhood Education Chain of the Year at the IDA Education Awards – AKES
- National Jury Award for “Transformational Impact in the Foundational Years”

Building Foundations for the Future

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

Recognising that the early years (0 to 8 years) of a child’s life are formative and critical for lifelong learning, health, and wellbeing, AKDN’s approach to ECD is holistic - integrating learning, health, nutrition, and responsive caregiving.

The Network works closely with the government, through Integrated Child Development Services and Anganwadi centres, to enhance preschool quality, train frontline workers, and engage families to strengthen foundational learning. Across Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi, AKF has introduced Reading for Children, caregiver training, and low-cost learning corners that transform Anganwadis into vibrant, child-friendly spaces.

In rural and tribal regions, AKRSP(I) has pioneered the Child Junction model; community-led centres that integrate early learning, health, and nutrition services for children under 6 years. These hubs, often linked with Anganwadis, create joyful environments for play-based learning and parental engagement, ensuring holistic



“My daughter now recognises letters and tells stories from picture cards. I learned how to play and talk with her, not just ‘teach’. Our Anganwadi feels like a small classroom now.”



35,00,000⁺

Children benefit annually across Anganwadis & early grades

27,00,000⁺

Children, caregivers and frontline workers benefit annually from AKES programmes

18,00,000⁺

Children enrolled in POSHAN Abhiyan (National Nutrition Mission) in Telangana



Building Futures, Transforming Communities

EDUCATION

Across its education efforts, AKDN focuses on equity, inclusion, and excellence empowering children and youth. Its integrated approach from preschools and community centres to model schools and leadership academies, demonstrates how quality education can break the cycle of poverty and create lasting social change.

AKDN's engagement with education in India goes back over a century, through the establishment of the Aga Khan School in Mundra, Gujarat, in 1905. Today, the Aga Khan Education Service (AKES), India runs 8 schools, 19 preschools, 1 residential academy and 1 residential hostel across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Telangana, serving over 8,500 students (47% girls) with over 500 teachers. The schools provide accessible, inclusive, and high-quality education that blends strong academics with holistic development and a pluralist ethos.

Learning outcomes are enhanced through the Shishu Pahel Paddhati (SPP) child-first pedagogy, and parental

involvement via the Read for Children (RFC) initiative. The curriculum integrates STEAM subjects, life skills, and physical education to nurture confident, ethical learners. Mobile technology labs equipped with laptops, and a code.org partnership introduce digital learning and coding. Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and STEM technology labs provide unique student learning experiences. Atal Tinkering Labs, established under NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission, give students space to innovate and apply their learning through hands-on exploration.

In rural contexts, AKF's Schools 2030 initiative in Bihar and its Foundational Learning Improvement in Uttar Pradesh, strengthen public education systems through human-centred design, teacher training, and community engagement. Growth labs, community book kiosks, smart classrooms, and print-rich environments are being set up in 62 schools and 30 Anganwadi Centres. These initiatives have significantly improved foundational literacy and numeracy for the communities they have

served. They have enabled 50,945 students and educators to access quality learning opportunities by creating more supportive and inclusive learning pathways.

The Aga Khan Academy, Hyderabad, established in 2011, is part of a global network of Academies designed to develop future leaders with a strong sense of ethics and public service. The Academy follows the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, offering world-class facilities and a merit-based, needs-blind admission process.

Graduates from the Academy have gone on to study at some of the world's leading universities, reinforcing its role as a leadership incubator for India and beyond.

Impact extends beyond Aga Khan Schools through partnerships with government and educational institutions. The Aga Khan Academy's Centre for Educational Research, Innovation and Training leads large-scale teacher training and school improvement programmes. In Telangana, it has implemented initiatives across 700 schools, training over 2,000 teachers and improving learning outcomes for more than 1,72,000 students.

Through its sustained commitment to learning, sustainability, and social impact, AKDN prepares students to think independently, act with integrity, and contribute meaningfully to India's progress and the world beyond.

Awards & Recognition:

- "School Chain of the Year" in the K-12 Education category
- Aga Khan School, Chitradav received the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar, a national level award in recognition of best practices in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
- India's Most Respected Education Brand by EducationWorld

1,70,000+

Students benefit through research, innovation and training

8,500+

Students in Aga Khan Schools

2,500+

Teachers trained in improving learning outcomes

1500+

Awards earned by AKES schools, students & educators





“Through the work of the Aga Khan Development Network – whether in health, education, culture, economic development, or the environment – our aim has always been to improve the quality of life for all, regardless of background or faith.”

His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V
Chair of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)



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