

AGA KHAN SCHOOLS

Transforming Lives Through Education: Impact Report 2025



"When we educate an individual, we do not merely confer a personal asset that can never be taken away; we set in motion a powerful ripple effect that extends to families and communities."

HIS HIGHNESS THE AGA KHAN V

Karachi, January 2026



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Message from the General Manager

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Aga Khan Schools (AKS) community, thank you for your generous commitment to transforming lives through education.

This report highlights the difference your support has made during 2025. Every contribution, regardless of its size, has created opportunities for children and young people to learn, grow and realise their potential.

Because of your generosity, thousands of students have continued their education without financial barriers, achieved academic success, gained admission to leading universities and pursued their aspirations with confidence. Your support has also strengthened our schools through financial support, improved learning environments and the development of new schools, enabling more children and young people to access a high-quality, values-based AKS education. As an alumnus of the Sultan Mahomed Shah Aga Khan School, Karachi, I have experienced first-hand the transformative power of an AKS education and its role in improving quality of life.

The impact of your generosity extends far beyond the classroom. Every student whose life is transformed through education has the potential to strengthen families, uplift communities and contribute to building more peaceful, pluralistic and prosperous societies. Earlier this year in Pakistan, His Highness the Aga Khan reminded us:

> **"Through those we educate and through the knowledge we generate, we seek to help communities overcome persistent challenges and build more pluralistic, safe and productive societies."**

As we build on more than 120 years of educational excellence, we remain focused on advancing AKS as an integrated, high-performing and high-impact global school system that expands opportunities, transforms lives and improves quality of life. You all play a valuable role in supporting us to achieve these goals and realise His Highness's vision.

Thank you once again for your generosity, your trust and your partnership. Together, we are creating opportunities today and transforming lives for generations to come.





Dr Rahim Somani
General Manager

Aga Khan Development Network and Aga Khan Schools

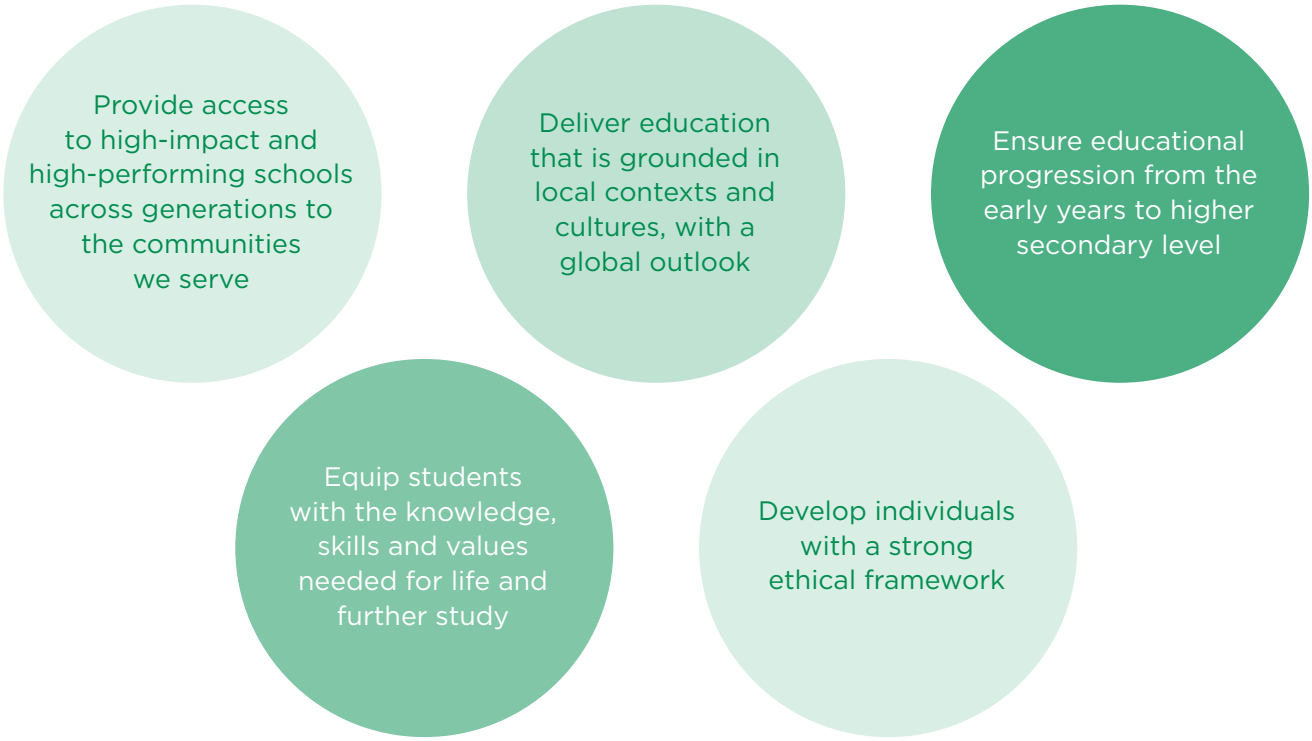
The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is a network of private, international and non-denominational development agencies dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need. It mainly serves communities in Asia and Africa, irrespective of their faith, gender or origin.

AKS, an agency of AKDN, is one of the largest private, non-profit school systems in the world offering education from early childhood to secondary school. It manages and operates schools in some of the most rural and remote areas in the world. Click here to see a list of all schools.

The first Aga Khan schools were founded by Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah Aga Khan III in 1905 in remote and rural areas with limited or no education provision in India (Mundra, Gujarat), Pakistan (Gwadar) and Tanzania (Zanzibar). The schools grew further under the guidance of Prince Karim Aga Khan IV, the founder of AKDN, and now continue under the guidance of His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V.

AKS is committed to improving quality of life through education by expanding access to high-quality, values-based learning that prepares learners to contribute meaningfully to their communities and an increasingly interconnected world.

The purpose of the schools is to:



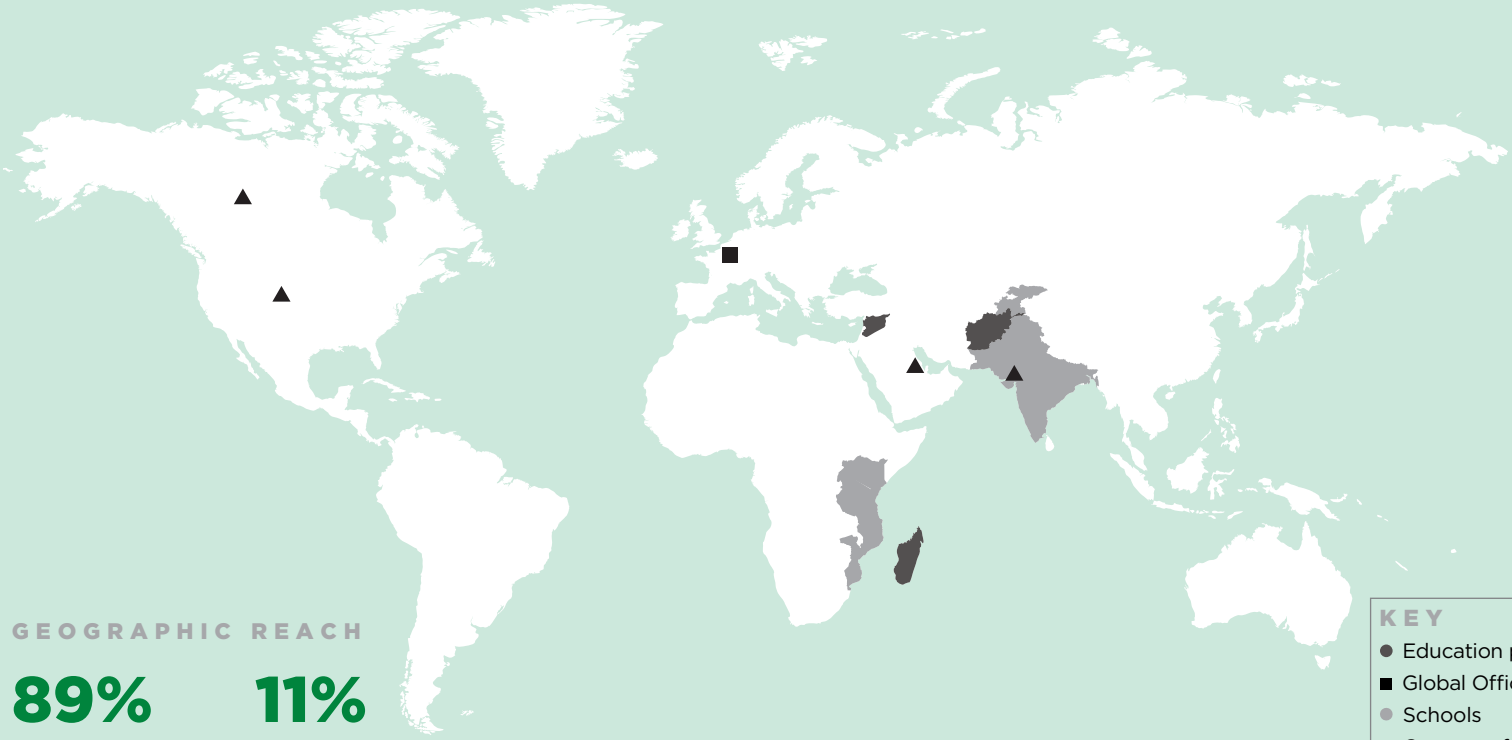
Our Reach

12
Countries

200
Schools

100+
Non-formal Education Programme Centres

11
Hostels & Residential Programmes



GEOGRAPHIC REACH

89% RURAL

11% URBAN

STUDENT POPULATION

120,000+ STUDENTS

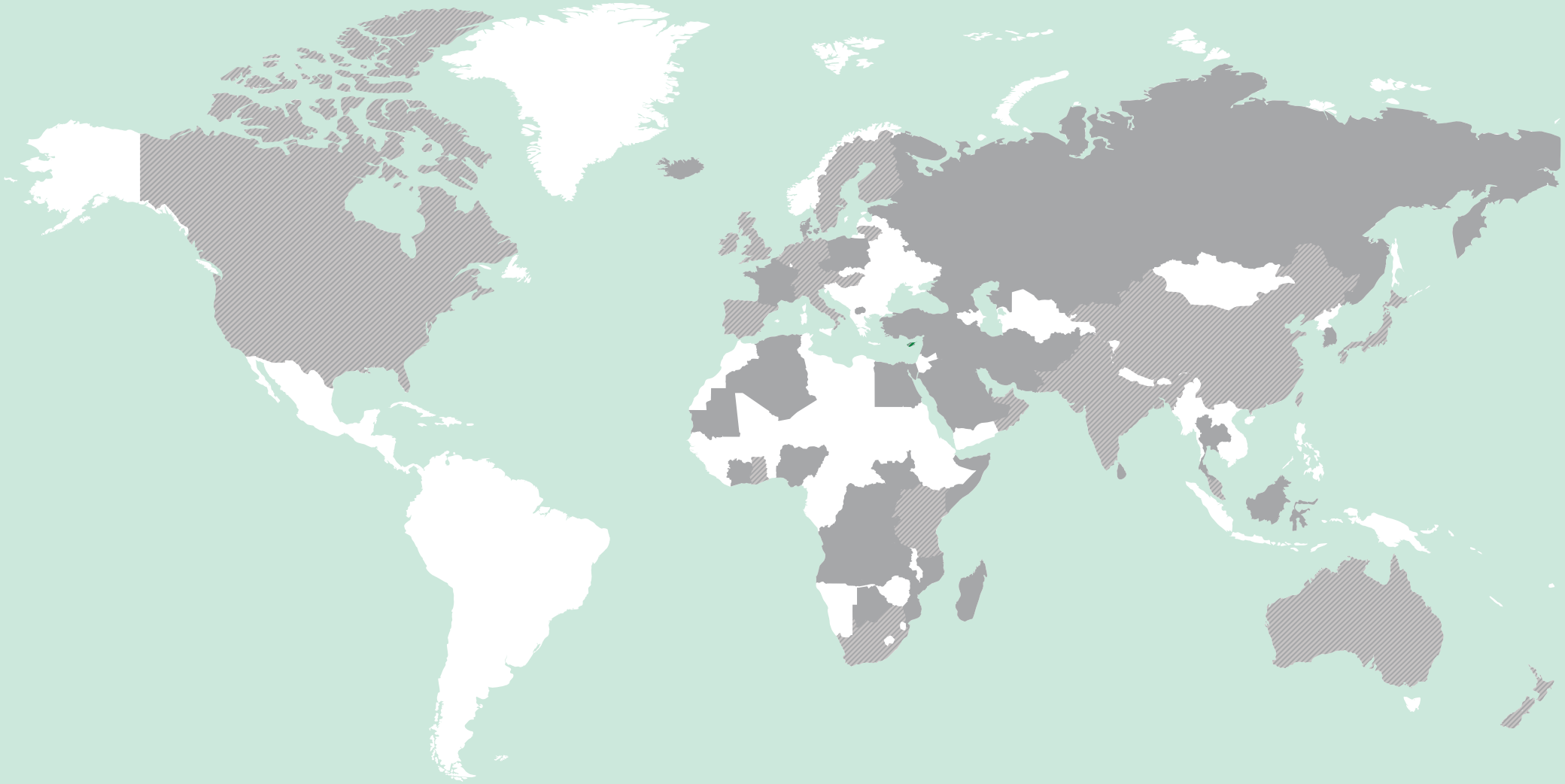
49% FEMALE

51% MALE

7,000+ TEACHERS & STAFF



Our Alumni Across the Globe



KEY

- Country where alumni are located
- Country where alumni are located and attending university



"The learner profile at the Academy helped me frame my education around developing skills rather than simply memorising textbook content. It helped me question and think critically about what I was learning from the textbook and the world around me in general."

DIANA NAZARI

Class of 2021, Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad

Student Achievements

Below are the 2025 results for our Grade 12 International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) examinations, Aga Khan University Examination Board (AKU-EB) in Pakistan, and national and state curricula schools, along with information about our graduates.

97%

IB DP pass rate with a mean score of 33/45 compared to the global mean of 30.6

9%

of IB DP students achieved 40+ points

99%

AKU-EB Grade 12 pass rate with an average score of 76% (equivalent to A to A+)

99%

Grade 12 pass rate in national and state curricula schools in Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, India, Pakistan, Tanzania and Uganda

2,500+

students who graduated from Grade 12

65%+

pursued university education, with 85% studying locally and 15% abroad



Our students excel inside and outside the classroom, including in sports and performing arts, while also contributing to their communities. Below are some examples of student achievements across our schools.



Student makes history as the youngest trekker to reach the Tirich Mir Basecamp at a 4,000 metres elevation

At the age of 10, Mohammad Asman Khan, a Grade 5 student of the Aga Khan School, Dolomuch in Chitral in Northern Pakistan, became the youngest trekker to reach the Tirich Mir Basecamp (4,000 metres) of the Tirich Mir mountain, the highest peak in the Hindu Kush range. He also completed an 18-hour trek in the Torkhow Valley to an elevation of 4,260 metres.



Swimmers shine at Africa Aquatics Zone III Championship in Kenya

Students from the Aga Khan Mzizima Secondary School, Dar es Salaam represented Tanzania at the competition, which brought together over 300 swimmers from multiple African nations, making it one of the most significant regional competitions under Africa Aquatics. Several of our students won multiple accolades, with two students receiving the second-place trophy for their age group. For many young athletes, this competition serves as a vital stepping stone towards continental and global championships.



Student participates in competitive year abroad programme in the US

Zhannat Karasheva, a Grade 11 student from the Aga Khan School, Osh in the Kyrgyz Republic, spent a year in the United States (US) through the Future Leaders Exchange programme. The competitive, merit-based programme supports high school students from across the world to develop leadership skills and build cross-cultural connections during a year-long academic exchange.

Environmental Impact

In line with AKDN's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and become net zero carbon by 2030, AKS continues to implement energy-saving measures.

28

schools have solar panels installed, including the three single largest carbon emitters in the system

3.1 MWp

(megawatt peak)

is the combined capacity of the solar panels

AKS is developing an environmental education framework for integration into the curricula across all its schools, with an emphasis on students taking action as a result of their learning. The approach is rooted in the unique attributes of an AKS education, drawing on AKDN's approach to development and ethical framework. The aims of the environmental education framework are to:

Ensure students acquire the knowledge, understanding, dispositions, and skills to make a positive difference on environment and climate at a local, national and global level.

Create a school culture where students are empowered to utilise their knowledge and skills to create positive change in their daily lives and wider communities.

Address any gaps in the curricula offered by the schools to meet the above aim.

Complement curriculum content with action-oriented learning, building on the schools' emphasis on service and leadership and on their activities toward meeting AKDN's net-zero targets.

Below are some examples of our schools and students championing environmental stewardship.



Aga Khan Nursery and Primary School, Dar es Salaam becomes the first school in Tanzania to achieve EDGE Advanced Certification

The newly renovated nursery building of the Aga Khan Nursery and Primary School, Dar es Salaam was the first school in Tanzania to earn the Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies (EDGE) Advanced Certification.

EDGE is a platform of the International Finance Corporation, which aims to mainstream green buildings to mitigate the effects of climate change. The EDGE Advanced certification is awarded to outstanding buildings achieving 40 percent or more savings in energy consumption (and at least 20 percent savings in water consumption and embodied carbon of materials), when compared to local benchmarks.

The nursery now operates with advanced features such as high-efficiency LED lighting, water-saving fixtures and the ability to run on 100 percent solar power during daylight hours, all of which contribute to long-term environmental stewardship.



13-year-old student launches a competition to inspire youth to address the Sustainable Development Goals

From a young age, Faatiha Aayat, a Grade 8 student at the Aga Khan Academy Dhaka, recognised the urgency of global challenges and dedicated herself to amplifying the voices of the marginalised. Her mission is simple yet profound – to leave the world better than she found it.

In support of her mission, she launched a youth-led global competition called the Zero Olympiad to equip students with the skills, awareness and confidence to be future global leaders. The programme had over 8,000 participants from 14 countries, with the grand finale bringing together the top 17 contestants who presented actionable plans to address global issues.

Overview of Donations

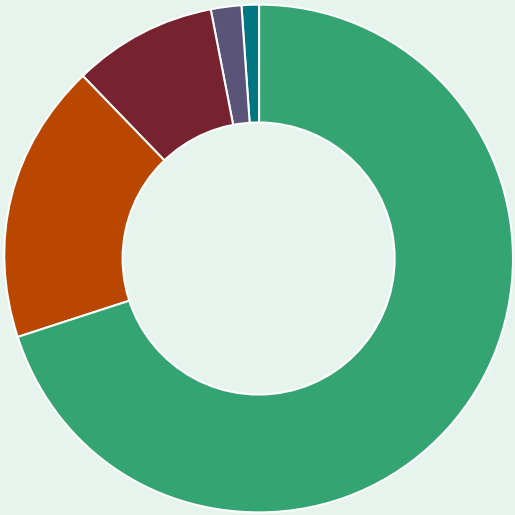
Through your donations, our students are able to achieve remarkable outcomes – from academic success and university placements to making significant contributions within their communities. The impact of your support extends far beyond the classroom, shaping lives and empowering a new generation of changemakers.

$5.2m
of new donations

$850k
of new pledges for future donations for capital projects

222
donors including AKS alumni, businesses, foundations, parents of AKS students and other supporters

19%
of donors are AKS alumni and contributed over $2m in donations and new pledges



Region of origin of donors:

- North America
- South Asia
- East Africa
- Europe
- Middle East

Financial Support Programmes

Many students across AKS face financial constraints in accessing education, and the provision of financial support is essential in ensuring that these students can receive a high-quality education. Our financial support programme has grown significantly, in addition to the inbuilt subsidy in our tuition fees.



Globally, we provided financial assistance to **33,000** students at a cost of **$8.2m**, funded by generous donors and AKDN's own resources

We held **$6.4m** in our endowment, which provided **$0.3m** in scholarships for schooling and post-secondary education



The key components of our financial support programme are the Talent Identification Programme at some of our international curriculum schools (the residential Aga Khan Academies) and the financial support programme in Pakistan.

Talent Identification Programmes

This programme provides financial support, of varying levels, for meritorious students from marginalised communities in the country that the Academy is based in and from areas of conflict, including Afghanistan, Iran, Syria and Tajikistan. Since the programme began, 69 international and 88 national scholars have graduated from the programme.

In 2025:

18%

of students (330) across the Academies in Hyderabad, Maputo and Mombasa received some form of financial support

$4.3m

was provided in financial support

$9k

is the average annual fee for a day student at the Academies

$21k

is the average annual fee for a residential student at the Academies



Ewerton Liasse
Grade 11 student
Aga Khan Academy Maputo
Mozambique

Ewerton, from Xai-Xai, joined the Academy in 2022 after being identified as one of his region's most promising students. Adjusting to a new environment, culture and language was not an easy task, however, his determination and resilience have shaped a deeply transformative journey.

Over his four years at the Academy, with support from teachers and peers, Ewerton has been able to explore opportunities once beyond his reach. He has achieved multiple certificates and medals in various competitions, including winning first place in a cross-country race. He also completed an international exchange programme.

During his time at the Academy, Ewerton has contributed to the local community. When floods struck the Boane District in 2023, he provided support to the affected communities and earned an award for his service.

Financial Support Programme in Pakistan

Our 156 schools in Pakistan operate in Gilgit-Baltistan, Chitral, Punjab and Sindh, including in the hardest-to-reach rural and remote areas of the country. In many locations, the average income is $25 per month.

In 2025:

57%

of students (32,500 out of 57,000+) across Pakistan received full or partial financial support

$110

per year is the average financial support received per student, with the range from $15 to $900

$3.6m

was provided in financial support

$300

is the average annual fee at the schools, with fees ranging from $70 to $1,000



Bakhtawar Khalil
Class of 2024 alumna
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Kuragh
Chitral, Pakistan

Bakhtawar grew up in Reshun, a village in Upper Chitral that has repeatedly been hit by flash floods since 2010. She joined the school with confidence, strong communication skills and academic promise that soon translated into achievement across her studies and activities. In 2023, she was selected for the TechGirls summer exchange programme in the US, gaining exposure to cutting-edge technology and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) career paths. On her return, she founded the TechGirls Club at school, leading sessions to share her learning with peers – turning personal opportunity into community benefit. Today, Bakhtawar studies social sciences at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) on a full scholarship.



Adil Shah
Class of 2012 alumnus
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Gahkuch
Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan

Adil grew up in Yasin, a village in a remote valley in the Ghizer District. From a young age, his academic excellence was apparent. He secured the second highest results nationally in his Grade 10 exams, distinctions in multiple subjects (including physics and mathematics) and multiple "Student of the Year" awards. In his Grade 12 final exams, he achieved the third highest results overall and the top results for those in the pre-engineering track. Beyond the classroom, he participated in football, volleyball and cricket. Adil earned a full scholarship to study electrical engineering at LUMS through its National Outreach Programme and participated in a selective exchange programme at Florida State University. A Fulbright Scholarship then took him to Georgia Institute of Technology for his master's, and from there to a PhD at the University of Cambridge, which focused on the application of high-temperature super conductors. Today, Adil is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Edinburgh, contributing to global superconductivity research.



"I believe that the next wave of leaders coming from the Academy will be the foundation of positive change in the world."

RAPHAEL MWACHITI

Class of 2021, Aga Khan Academy Mombasa

School Construction Projects

Every year, there is increasing demand from families to send their children to an Aga Khan school, particularly in the remote and rural parts of Northern Pakistan.

To address this demand, we lead multiple construction projects annually to build new schools or increase the size of existing schools. We also work to ensure that these projects incorporate climate conscious sustainable design solutions.

Additionally, we make improvements to our existing schools to meet safety standards and provide the best possible learning environment for our school communities, while also integrating climate-resilient interventions.

In 2025:



We had **15 school building and expansion projects** at different stages in the development process in **four countries** (total spend in 2025 of **$15m** and total project cost of **$150m+**)



13% of the spend in 2025 was funded by donors, with the remainder funded by AKDN's own resources



We had projects in **43 existing schools and hostels** in **seven countries** to upgrade the buildings and integrate climate-resilient interventions (total spend in 2025 of **$8m**)



These projects **created 3,500+ jobs**, where over **80% of the labour force was local**

When complete, these new school building projects will result in:

8,500+ additional enrolment per year | **200+** additional or new classrooms

Completed School Construction Projects

BEFORE



AFTER



Aga Khan Academy Dhaka Commons Building





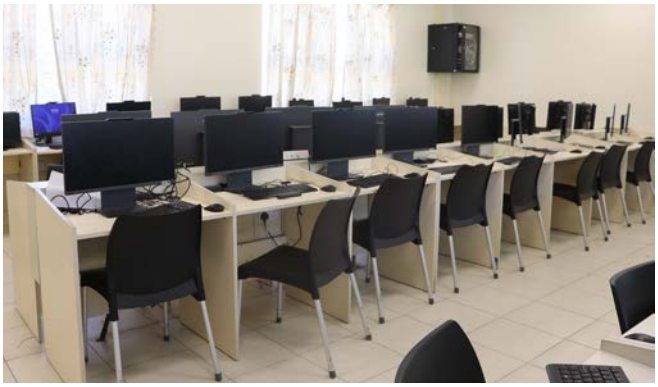
Aga Khan Nursery and Primary School, Dar es Salaam





Aga Khan School, Damas





Aga Khan School, Mombasa Science Labs

Looking Ahead

- Expanding access to education in the communities we serve
- Enhancing teaching and learning quality and student outcomes, in line with international best practice
- Using technology to enhance learning and reach remote geographies
- Improving outcomes in literacy, language and mathematics
- Raising the profile of the teaching profession
- Advancing environmental sustainability
- Establishing new schools and improving existing facilities



Renderings of Upcoming School Construction Projects



Rendering of the Aga Khan Academy, Nairobi (Kenya)



Rendering of a new Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Chitral (Pakistan)



Rendering of a new Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Gilgit-Baltistan (Pakistan)



Rendering of a new Aga Khan School, Kompally, Hyderabad (India)

For more information about these projects, please email info.aks@akdn.org.



"What I saw in Aga Khan schools…I saw students who want to add value to their community. They just want to go outside and to help. They want to add impact and values to the world around them."

DR MOHAMED BAMATRAF

Executive Director, Murdoch University Dubai

List of the Aga Khan Schools

AKS dates back to 1905 and currently operates schools in eight countries across East Africa and South and Central Asia. Below is a list of the schools and the year each was established.

Bangladesh

Aga Khan Academy Dhaka	2022

India

Aga Khan School, Mundra	1905
Diamond Jubilee High School, Mumbai	1947
Diamond Jubilee High School for Girls, Mumbai	1947
Diamond Jubilee High School, Hyderabad	1949
Platinum Jubilee High School, Warangal	1953
Little Star High School, Adilabad	1975
Aga Khan Preschools (19)	1978
Aga Khan School, Sidhpur	1993
Aga Khan School, Chitravad	2003
Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad	2011

Kenya

Aga Khan School, Mombasa	1918
Aga Khan High School, Nairobi	1950
Aga Khan School, Kisumu	1952
Aga Khan Academy, Nairobi	1970
Aga Khan Academy Mombasa	2003

Kyrgyz Republic

Aga Khan School, Osh	2002

Mozambique

Aga Khan Academy Maputo	2013

Pakistan

Chitral

Aga Khan School, Lone	1980
Aga Khan School, Madaklasht	1980
Aga Khan School, Ovirk	1980
Aga Khan School, Parkusap	1980
Aga Khan School, Buzund	1982
Aga Khan School, Parwak	1982
Aga Khan School, Arkari	1982
Aga Khan School, Broke	1982
Aga Khan School, Gasht	1982
Aga Khan School, Meragram No.2	1982
Aga Khan School, Booni	1984
Aga Khan School, Khot	1984
Aga Khan School, Morder	1984
Aga Khan School, Breshgrame	1984
Aga Khan School, Susoom	1984
Aga Khan School, Khurzg	1984
Aga Khan School, Rech	1985
Aga Khan School, Hassanabad	1985
Aga Khan School, Royee	1985
Aga Khan School, Shah	1985
Aga Khan School, Chapali	1985
Aga Khan School, Raman	1985
Aga Khan School, Begusht	1986
Aga Khan School, Birzin	1986
Aga Khan School, Momi	1986
Aga Khan School, Parsan	1986
Aga Khan School, Brep	1986
Aga Khan School, Saht	1987
Aga Khan School, Ovir Arkari	1987
Aga Khan School, Uchu	1987
Aga Khan School, Mastuj	1987
Aga Khan School, Power	1987
Aga Khan School, Besti	1988
Aga Khan School, Bohtuli	1988
Aga Khan School, Khuzh	1988
Aga Khan School, Zhupo	1988
Aga Khan School, Baleem	1989
Aga Khan School, Sorelaspur	1989
Aga Khan School, Yarkhunlasht	1989
Aga Khan School, Kosht	1992
Aga Khan School, Shuist	1992
Aga Khan School, Gobor	1996
Aga Khan School Broghol, Chilmarabad	2000
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Kuragh	2007
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Chitral	2007
Aga Khan ECD Centre, Garamchashma	2022

Gilgit-Baltistan

Diamond Jubilee High School, Gulaghmuli	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Hakis	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Handrap	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Sumal	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Teru	1946
Diamond Jubilee Learning Resource High School, Thingai	1946
Aga Khan School, Murtazabad	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Altit	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Hussainabad	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Reshit	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Shimshal	1946
Diamond Jubilee Model High School, Nasirabad	1946
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Khudabad	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Ayashi	1946
Diamond Jubilee High School, Pakora	1946
Diamond Jubilee Learning Resource High School, Chatorkhand	1946
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Dain	1946
Diamond Jubilee Learning Resource High School, Sandi	1946

Diamond Jubilee High School, Jandrote	1947
Diamond Jubilee High School, Ishkoman	1947
Diamond Jubilee High School, Darkut	1947
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Barkulti Phander	1948
Diamond Jubilee High School, Hyderabad	1948
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Ahmedabad	1948
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Khyber	1948
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Passu	1948
Diamond Jubilee High School, Gupis	1949
Diamond Jubilee Model High School, Rahimabad	1950
Diamond Jubilee High School, Shamaran	1951
Diamond Jubilee High School, Hatoon	1951
Diamond Jubilee High School, Khanabad	1953
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, New Shishkat	1954
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Japukey	1954
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Gurunjure	1955
Diamond Jubilee High School, Hasis	1955
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Umalsat	1956
Diamond Jubilee Model High School, Danyore	1957
Diamond Jubilee Model High School, Sonikot	1957
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Druch	1957
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Dahimal	1958
Diamond Jubilee High School, Gindai	1958
Diamond Jubilee High School, Sost	1960
Diamond Jubilee High School, Gahkuch	1960
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Ghulkin	1961
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Ispanj	1961
Diamond Jubilee High School, Nomal	1962
Diamond Jubilee High School, Zoodkhoon	1962
Diamond Jubilee High School, Gich	1962
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Ghojalti	1964
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Silpi	1966
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Danyore II	1967
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Bujayot	1968
Diamond Jubilee Model High School, Oshikhandass	1969
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Thelti	1969
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Nalti	1970
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Qurqulti	1970
Diamond Jubilee High School, Sultanabad (Gilgit)	1971
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Shones	1972
Diamond Jubilee High School, Hundur	1972
Diamond Jubilee High School, Taus	1972
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Nazber	1972
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Khalti	1973
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Mominabad	1973
Diamond Jubilee High School, Bubur	1973
Diamond Jubilee Model High School, Singal	1973
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Gulmuti	1973
Diamond Jubilee High School, Zulfiqarabad	1974
Diamond Jubilee High School, Damas	1974
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Golodas	1974
Diamond Jubilee Learning Resource High School, Barkulti	1974
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Dalkoi	1974
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Gartanz	1974
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Gamasarat (Salmanabad)	1976
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Kuchdeh	1976
Diamond Jubilee High School, Mohamadabad	1977
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Jutial	1977
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Moorkhoon	1977
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Borth	1978
Diamond Jubilee High School, Immit	1979
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Ghotolti	1979
Diamond Jubilee High School, Harp	1980
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Noh	1981
Diamond Jubilee High School, Barkulti-II	1982
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Pingal	1983
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Sherqilla	1983
Diamond Jubilee Learning Resource High School, Phander	1984
Diamond Jubilee High School, Yasin	1984
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Yasin	1984
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Hunza	1986
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Faizabad (Ishkoman/Punial)	1987
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Rahimabad	1988
Diamond Jubilee High School, Shamsabad	1988
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Dalsandi	1989
Diamond Jubilee Primary School, Danyore Chikes	1990
Diamond Jubilee Learning Resource High School, Mominabad (Ishkoman/Punial)	1990
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Serbal	1991
Diamond Jubilee Middle School, Ishqamdass	1991
Diamond Jubilee High School, Bilhanz	1992
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Gilgit	1998
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Gahkuch	2003
Aga Khan School, Alyabad	2019
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Gupis	2025

Southern Pakistan

Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Kharadar	1926
Aga Khan School, Sultanabad	1934
Aga Khan School, Garden	1939
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Hyderabad	1942
Sultan Mahomed Shah Aga Khan School, Karachi	1962
Aga Khan School, Mirpur Sakro	1963
Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Karachi	1995
Aga Khan School, Hafizabad	1997

Tanzania

Aga Khan Nursery and Primary School, Dar es Salaam	1964
Aga Khan Mzizima Secondary School, Dar es Salaam	1967

Uganda

Aga Khan Primary School, Kampala	1955
Aga Khan High School, Kampala	1959
Aga Khan Nursery School, Makerere	1994



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