



AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

## Education: from Pre-school to University



Reaching 2 million students every year

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## AKDN Education

For over 100 years the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) has worked to ensure that students of all ages have access to quality learning opportunities. It works to equip them with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that help them interact effectively with the world while contributing to society. The Network operates programmes and institutions which span the educational ladder, from early childhood programmes to primary and secondary schools, from vocational studies for youth and adults to university degrees and continuing professional development. Studies across these programmes and institutions in more than a dozen countries have demonstrated significant benefits for children's learning achievement levels. Each year, the AKDN reaches 2 million students.



### Developing Leaders

The AKDN's network of Academies, offering the rigorous International Baccalaureate curriculum in the developing world, is helping create leaders of tomorrow. Selection is merit-based and needs-blind for talented students.

Each year in collaboration with its partners the AKDN:



750,000

Ensures 750,000 young children a good start in life through its Early Childhood Development programmes



1 million

Improves classroom learning for 1+ million students (Pre K-12) through its School Improvement Programmes



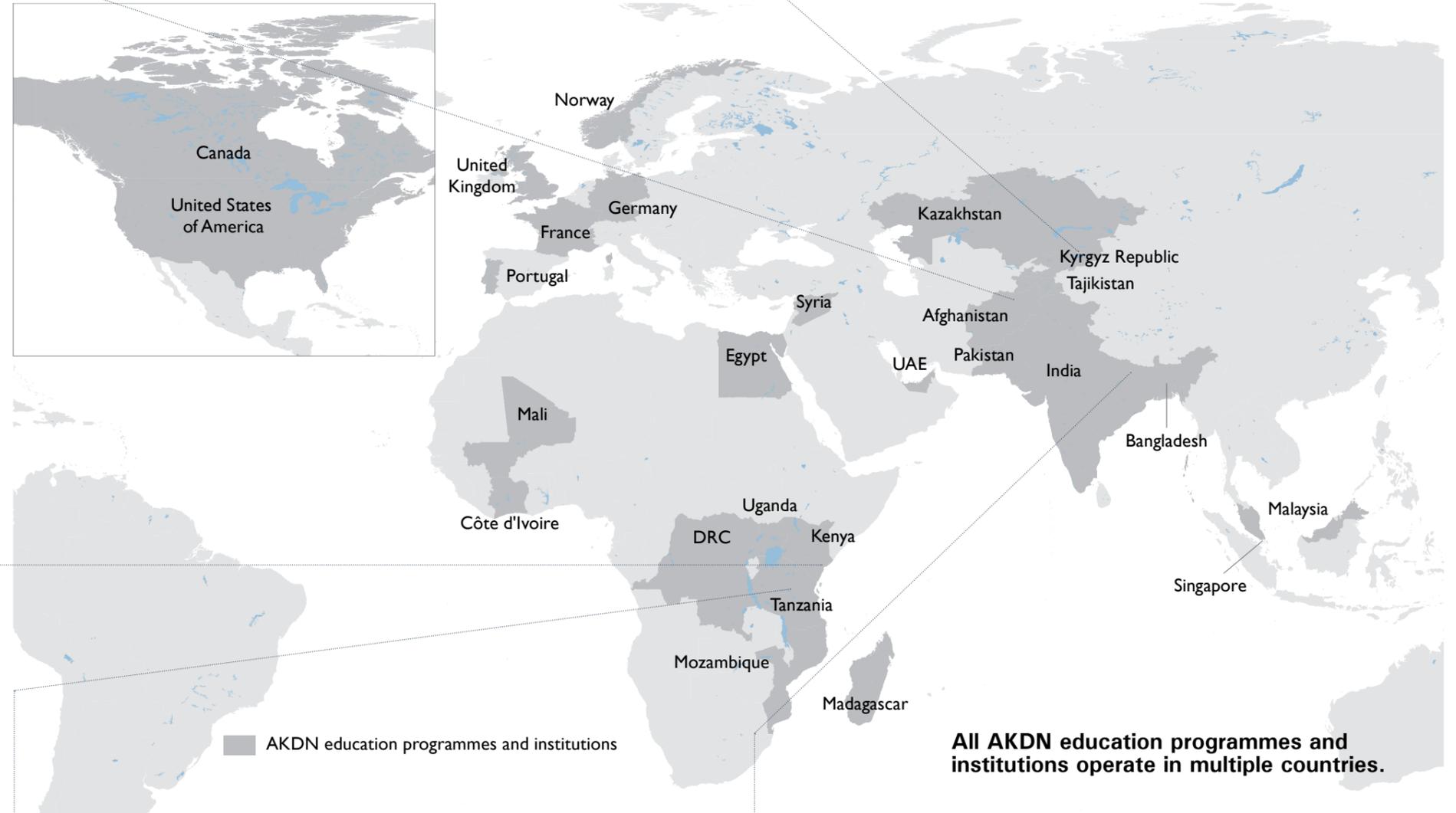
### Primary - Secondary

The AKDN works with government school faculties, parents and communities to raise the quality of classroom learning for more than 1 million students each year. It also operates 200 Pre K-12 schools with annual enrolment of 73,000.



### Continuing Education

The AKDN's University of Central Asia provides formal, university-based, non-degree educational programmes. Since 2006, it has engaged 74,000 youth and adults in vocational and professional development courses.



### Higher Education

The AKDN is building a major new university campus in Arusha, Tanzania. An expansion of the Aga Khan University (AKU) based in Karachi, Pakistan, this US\$ 1.5 billion investment in tertiary education is the largest in the region's history.



### Early Childhood

Globally, the AKDN's activities in early childhood development provide 750,000 children aged 0-8 with quality learning opportunities, at costs which are affordable for families and governments.

<b>Aga Khan Academies</b>	Feature a <b>rigorous and locally relevant curriculum</b> based on the International Baccalaureate. Selection is merit-based and needs-blind for talented students. Eighteen <b>highly connected residential campuses</b> are being constructed in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. This network will eventually <b>graduate over 1,000 future leaders annually and award over \$50 million in financial aid</b> . Each Academy also incorporates a Professional Development Centre that extends modern teaching methods to government and other schools.
<b>Aga Khan Education Services</b>	<b>Operates 200+ schools</b> and advanced educational programmes at the Pre K-12 levels in <b>East Africa, South Asia and Central Asia</b> . It places emphasis on excellence in educational practice and management, child-centred learning, female education, ethics and school-based teacher training. Annually, AKES schools educate about <b>73,000 students</b> and provide in-service training to about half of their 2,900 teachers.
<b>Aga Khan Foundation</b>	Works in partnership with governments, school faculties, parents and communities to develop affordable, innovative solutions that raise the quality and accessibility of their public school systems. On average per year these <b>school improvement programmes reach about one million students (Grades 1-12)</b> via 29,000 + trained teachers across <b>16 countries</b> . Focus is also placed on early childhood development programmes and improving girls' education.
<b>Aga Khan University</b>	Is a major centre for education, training and research in the health sciences and teacher education. Chartered as <b>Pakistan's first private international university</b> in 1983 – and today recognised as the country's leading medical research university – it has since established <b>branches and institutes in East Africa and the UK</b> . More recently, AKU has begun establishing Faculties of Arts and Sciences in Arusha, Tanzania and Karachi, Pakistan.
<b>University of Central Asia</b>	Is the world's first university dedicated to education and research in mountain regions and societies. It is located on <b>three campuses: in Khorog, Tajikistan; Naryn, Kyrgyz Republic; and Tekeli, Kazakhstan</b> . Beginning in 2016, it will offer a Bachelor of Arts and Science programme and Master of Arts degree. Since 2006, the School of Professional and Continuing Education has engaged <b>74,000 youth and adults</b> in vocational and professional development courses.

## Support the AKDN

### Partnerships

Typically, when the AKDN refines its development approach in a given area, it looks to partners to help expand the scale. A significant portion of the funding for AKDN activities therefore comes from national governments, multilateral institutions and private sector partners. For more information, visit: [akdn.org/partners](http://akdn.org/partners)

### Individuals

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