

AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is a group of private, international, non-denominational agencies working to improve living conditions and opportunities for people in the developing world. The Network's organisations have individual mandates that range from the fields of health and education to architecture, rural development and the promotion of private-sector enterprise.

The Network is comprised of the following agencies: The Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED) works to strengthen the role of the private sector in developing countries through investments in industrial production, infrastructure, tourism development, financial services, aviation and media. The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) focuses on rural development, health, education and the strengthening of civil society, with a special emphasis on the needs of rural communities in mountainous and other resource-poor areas. The Aga Khan Education Services (AKES) operate more than 300 schools and advanced educational programmes at the pre-school, primary, secondary and higher secondary levels. The Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS), with 325 health centres, dispensaries, hospitals, diagnostic centres and community health outlets, is one of the largest and most comprehensive private, non-profit health networks in the developing world. The Aga Khan Planning and Building Services (AKPBS) works to improve the built environment through design and construction, village planning, natural hazard mitigation, environmental sanitation and improved water supply systems. The Network's initiatives in culture, architecture, architectural education, urban revitalisation, humanities curriculum development and traditional music are the responsibility of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC). Aga Khan University (AKU), chartered in 1983, is a major centre for education, training and research in the health sciences and teacher education. It has branches and institutes in East Africa and the UK. The University of Central Asia (UCA), chartered in 2000, is located on three campuses: in Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic.

BUDGET

In 2002, \$230 million was expended on non-profit activities; in addition, AKFED, a for-profit economic development agency, controls assets in excess of \$1.5 billion.

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