

WORLD PARTNERSHIP GOLF CAMPAIGN REPORT 2016

**TAKE A SWING AT
GLOBAL POVERTY.**



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WHAT WE'VE LEARNED: SMART DEVELOPMENT STARTS WITH A FOCUS ON LEARNING

Investing in education is a commitment to future generations. It is a long-term endeavour, the full benefits of which we may only see decades later. And yet, we are at a time in history when the global fragilities and destructive forces we are encountering are so severe that those investments in education are terribly urgent.

For the evidence is clear: a focus on education at all levels is key to breaking the cycle of poverty, to promoting peace, pluralism and prosperity.

For over three decades, Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) has made education a cornerstone of our work in communities across Asia and Africa.

- Early childhood education programs nurture healthy minds and bodies for a lifetime of learning.
- An innovative fund allows communities in Afghanistan to identify and develop the tools to break down the local barriers to girls' education.
- Farmers' field schools offer new agricultural practices that increase crop yields, and therefore incomes and food security, while countering the effects of a changing climate.
- A system-wide approach engages parents, teachers, administrators and government officials to strengthen the quality of education in thousands of schools across East Africa.
- University programs provide future leaders with the knowledge and skills to tackle critical development challenges.

These are just a few of the efforts to fight global poverty through education made possible through the World Partnership Golf. We are pleased to feature some of our current and new education initiatives in this report.

As Canadians, we understand the importance of education for the well-being of ourselves and of our communities. That's why, in 7 cities across Canada, hundreds of individuals like you stepped forward in 2016 to support that urgent, but long-term commitment.

This year, thanks to our dedicated volunteers, and corporate sponsors, we raised almost \$1.5million – funds that will go directly to support AKFC's programs in Africa and Asia. Those programs – encompassing a focus not only on education, but also on health, food security, rural development and civil society – address the root causes of poverty on many fronts, over the long term, in partnership with local communities.

Thanks to your generosity, our development programs are addressing the urgent needs created by global poverty today, and laying the foundation for a brighter future for millions. In 2017, we will continue to partner with Canadians to build a better world. Please join us.



Khalil Z. Shariff
Chief Executive Officer,
Aga Khan Foundation Canada



AROUND THE WORLD, ALMOST **1.5 BILLION** PEOPLE LIVE
IN POVERTY – FACING MANY BARRIERS THAT PREVENT THEM FROM
REACHING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

At **Aga Khan Foundation Canada**, we help people in some of the poorest parts of the globe to break down those barriers. We tackle poverty on many fronts: improving access to quality education and health, increasing food security, creating economic opportunities for women and men, and building strong, resilient communities and local institutions that will continue to support better futures for all.

Poverty is complex, and to fight it we face many challenges.
But success is possible.

How? By working in **partnership**.

Across Africa and Asia, we partner with communities to develop lasting solutions to the complex problems causing poverty – working with skilled local staff and community members.

Overseas and here in Canada, we partner with governments, civil society organizations, private enterprises and universities to unlock new opportunities, knowledge and resources.

What is the result of these partnerships? Since the start of World Partnership Golf in the year 2000, we have helped millions of people in Africa and Asia unlock their potential to transform their lives.

But none of that success would be possible without one very special, longstanding partnership – with Canadians from coast to coast.

Every year, hundreds of Canadians across the country come together to participate in AKFC's World Partnership Golf, Canada's only national Golf event in support of international development.

This annual event rallies support for development, equips individuals with the information and resources they need to act as informed global citizens, and creates opportunities for Canadians to engage locally.

To date World Partnership Golf has raised over **\$14 million** for AKFC's development programs in Asia and Africa, thanks to thousands of dedicated volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual donors across Canada, who generously give their skills, time and money.

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WHO WE ARE

Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) is a non-profit international development agency, working in Asia and Africa to find sustainable solutions to the complex problems of global poverty. Our programs seek to improve living conditions for people regardless of their faith or origin; and to create opportunities for both women and men.

Established in 1980, AKFC is a registered Canadian charity and an agency of the worldwide Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN).

OVERSEAS

As part of the broader work of the AKDN, we focus on countries where we have experience and expertise, and where highly skilled local staff can help monitor progress to ensure that results are achieved and resources are used effectively. We understand that development requires a long-term approach – and one that addresses the many interrelated factors that contribute to poverty. Our current work includes initiatives in health, education, rural livelihoods and strengthening communities in several countries in Africa and Asia.

We are committed to reaching the hardest to reach. We work with communities that are often isolated – those in remote, rural areas or the vulnerable urban poor. Our programs are designed to ensure that those communities lead their own development.

We take a regional focus to program design: Countries do not exist in isolation from their neighbours, and development challenges don't stop at the border. For this reason, we work to ensure that improvements to quality of life are tied to the development of a region as a whole.

IN CANADA

In Canada, we raise funds, tap into Canadian expertise to strengthen our development work, build partnerships with Canadian institutions, and promote discussion and learning on global issues.




FROM THE START, **EDUCATION** HAS BEEN A FOCUS OF OUR WORK TOGETHER WITH OUR SUPPORTERS.

Your generous contributions to the Walk have enabled AKFC to achieve real results through its education programs:

In the past three years, **over 340,000 children, teachers, school administrators, parents and community members in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda** benefited from a five-year project to strengthen pre-primary and primary education systems. Results to date:

- **850 community libraries**
- **100 early childhood development centres of excellence**
- **2,800 parents** learned about the importance of reading with their children
- **4,000 parents and community members** were trained on improving education quality in their schools
- **2,318 education leaders** were trained to support and mentor teachers

USING A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH to improve education for girls and women, AKFC and its partners increased enrolments and kept girls in school by improving the quality of facilities and teaching, while building parent, community, and government support – **benefitting some 175,000 girls in four provinces of Afghanistan.**



“**What we are doing here is to make sure that both boys and girls are given equal opportunity, both in the classroom and at home.”**

— Aminah Kaharebu, Senior Trainer,
Strengthening Education Systems in East Africa, Uganda

Since 2014, AKFC has partnered with World Vision, Save the Children, and Plan Canada to improve girls’ and boys’ access to quality schooling across Mali. AKFC’s interventions in the Mopti region have benefitted **more than 10,300 children.**

A pilot project created 11 children’s books focused on pluralism, and distributed copies to nearly **500 educators and parents, providing over 5,000 children in Bangladesh** with engaging stories on diversity of age, ability, religion, culture, custom and gender. AKFC’s partners are now exploring how to scale up the project across other areas of Bangladesh and replicate it in other countries.



“**EDUCATION HELPS ALLEVIATE POVERTY** because it tackles the problems that we face. One example is that we teach environmental studies. These kids grow up understanding that the environment has to be taken care of, and wherever they go they’re conscious of the fact that environmental conservation is an important part of their lives.”

—Consolata Muganda, Deputy Head Teacher,
Maji Maji Primary School, Nachingwea, Tanzania

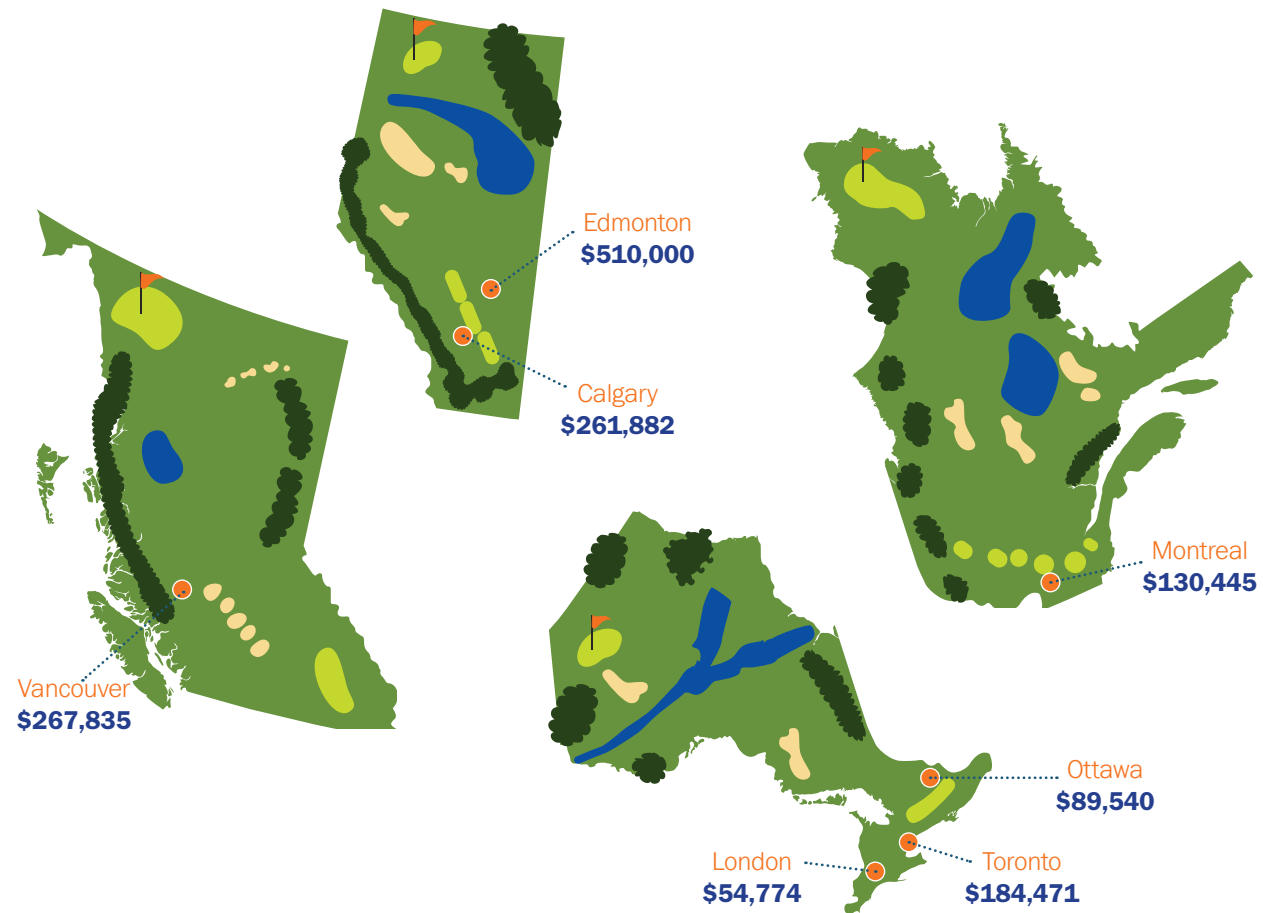
Since its start in 2010, a project to increase youth employment and leadership in northern **Pakistan has provided over 3,300 young women and men with targeted vocational or professional training** ranging from construction, to early childhood education, to solar panel design. **Another 1,033 recent graduates found internships** in their chosen career path thanks to the program.

Since 2013, AKFC has supported **11 partnerships between universities in Africa and Asia and Canadian universities and colleges** to share knowledge and strengthen higher education and research. Through one partnership, Seneca College in Toronto helped the University of Central Asia design an innovative, first-year undergraduate curriculum. As of September 2016, the **first class of 71 students from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, and Tajikistan** are benefiting from that new curriculum.

Our education programs do not work in isolation. **They complement many other initiatives undertaken by AKFC** and our partners to strengthen access to quality health care, improve food security, promote sustainable livelihoods and economic opportunities, and support local organizations and leaders to guide their communities’ development.

9 TOURNAMENTS IN 7 CITIES

\$1,498,947



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La Fondation Aga Khan Canada (Fondation) est une agence de développement international à but non lucratif travaillant en Asie et en Afrique pour trouver des solutions durables à des problèmes complexes causant la pauvreté dans le monde. Fondée en 1980, la Fondation est une organisation caritative canadienne enregistrée et une agence du Réseau mondial Aga Khan de développement.



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