



World
Partnership

2024 Impact Report



AGA KHAN FOUNDATION
CANADA

Message from our CEO

In 2024, we celebrated two important milestones: the 40th World Partnership Walk and the 25th World Partnership Golf tournament. These occasions have provided a chance to reflect on the lasting impact of these initiatives and the power of our collective action. Through the World Partnership movement, we invite people from across the country to join us in creating a future where we all thrive together.

The Walk and Golf campaigns are powerful expressions of global solidarity and local action. They bring together thousands of people across the country, united by shared values of compassion, collaboration, and resilience. Beyond raising critical funds, these campaigns create spaces for fostering a sense of unity and commitment to building a more peaceful, prosperous, and pluralist world.

Aga Khan Foundation Canada's work is rooted in local communities but strengthened by a global network, this is what sets us apart. We know that by coming together, we are stronger. World Partnership symbolizes how we can make a real impact and build a brighter future when we stand together.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone – volunteers, donors, sponsors, ambassadors, team captains, community leaders – who has supported us along the way. Your generosity, time, and commitment are an integral part of our shared success.

We recognize that there is still much to do. Together, we will continue to foster deep global connections and ensure that no one is left to face life's challenges alone. The path ahead is filled with incredible opportunities, and I am excited to see what more we can achieve.

Sincerely,

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



Message from our Director

For decades, World Partnership Walk and Golf have brought the best of Canada to the world. Through our collective efforts, we have inspired Canadians to connect in workplaces, schools, parks, and golf courses in communities of all sizes to raise critical funds for the world's most vulnerable populations.

The success of the World Partnership Walk and Golf is thanks to people like you. I'm honoured to have the privilege to collaborate with passionate volunteers and supporters nationwide who fuel this movement. Your contributions do more than raise funds; they demonstrate your values and play a crucial role in shaping the world we aspire to create, where we can all thrive together.

Last fall, I had the opportunity to witness firsthand the tangible impact of our success in East Africa. Programs like the Aga Khan University Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health and the Madrasa Early Childhood Programme highlight the power of addressing the root causes of poverty and promoting lasting change.

It was a profound honour to represent Aga Khan Foundation Canada and the contributions of thousands of Canadians to global development. I consistently received heartfelt thanks from our colleagues in East Africa for the programs made possible through our efforts. I shared with them that in Canada, it is our supporters who thank me for the opportunity to contribute to these meaningful initiatives. It is now my honour to pass their thanks back to you.

In this impact report, we celebrate the significant contributions we have achieved together. We hope it conveys our heartfelt gratitude to every participant and inspires others to join us in our efforts to build a more prosperous and equitable world for all.

In appreciation,

Kiersten Eyes,
Director of Public Engagement
and Resource Management,
Aga Khan Foundation Canada



Who we are

Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) is a global development organization working to tackle the root causes of poverty.

For over 40 years, we've worked with community-led organizations in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East to fuel the potential in every person, including helping farmers adapt to a changing climate, supporting high-quality education for students, and ensuring that everyone can access health services.

In Canada, we strengthen our global connections by bringing together passion, expertise, and support. By partnering with local communities, businesses, schools, other development organizations, and governments we are building a future where we all thrive together.

World Partnership initiatives offer people in Canada the opportunity to take local action with a global impact. Through World Partnership Walk and World Partnership Golf, thousands of Canadians come together across the country to raise awareness and critical funds that empower communities around the world to unlock their potential and build a brighter future.

Areas of focus:



Agriculture and Food Security



Civil Society



Climate Resilience



Early Childhood Development



Education



Health and Nutrition



Work and Enterprise



Learn how funds raised by World Partnership are making a difference in communities overseas.

Impact Spotlight

Weaving the threads of empowerment

Sifat, Pakistan

Sifat lives in a mountainous, remote area of northern Pakistan, where employment opportunities are scarce, especially for women, due to challenges like limited transportation infrastructure. Despite these obstacles, Sifat's determination led her to launch a successful tailoring business with a loan from the First MicroFinance Bank, part of the Aga Khan Development Network.

Growing up, she was inspired by watching her mother work as a tailor from home. Today, Sifat not only runs her own thriving tailoring business, but also operates a training institute that empowers women in her community. Her institute offers skills development in tailoring, embroidery, fashion design, and knitting.

Thanks to generous Canadian contributions, Sifat has expanded her offerings by establishing a daycare center and hostel, making it easier for mothers and women from distant areas to access training. Sifat's hard work and unwavering determination transforms lives, creating opportunities for many women in her community to thrive.



Setting the foundations for lifelong learning

Mwinyi, Kenya

Mwinyi's education journey began at the Rasul Akram Early Childhood Development School in Kwale, Kenya. His teacher, Bahati, played a pivotal role in shaping his academic path. Mwinyi's story is a testament to the profound impact of the Madrasa Early Childhood Programme (MECP), a flagship initiative of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF). MECP has provided a solid foundation in early childhood development for over a million children, empowering students to succeed in their education.

After graduating from his community preschool, Mwinyi advanced his studies at the Aga Khan Academy in Mombasa. He completed high school and is now applying to universities, taking the next step in a journey that began with the support of his local preschool.

As one of MECP's first international partners, Canadian support has been instrumental in strengthening pre-primary education, impacting tens of thousands of young learners in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. The program continues to support teachers like Bahati and create pathways for young people like Mwinyi to reach their full potential.

Impact
Spotlight



**Watch a short film
about Mwinyi and his
teacher, Bahati**



World Partnership Walk

Message from our Walk Chair

This year marked a monumental milestone for the World Partnership Walk - celebrating 40 years of impact. For four decades, we have come together, united by a common purpose, to make a tangible difference in the fight against global poverty.

The story of the World Partnership Walk began in 1985, when a group of women in Vancouver organized a walk to raise funds for Aga Khan Foundation Canada's programs. With a shared commitment to give back to the communities they left behind, they inspired 1,000 Canadians to join them, raising \$55,000 - equivalent to over \$135,000 in today's dollars. This grassroots initiative sparked what has now become Canada's largest public movement to fight global poverty, uniting Canadians in collective action.

Since then, we've come together year after year, united by a shared vision of creating meaningful change. Thanks to you - our dedicated fundraisers, team captains, volunteers, and sponsors - we have raised over \$145 million, directly supporting projects that improve lives across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

As we celebrate this milestone, we also look to the future. The fight against global poverty is far from over, but together, we can build on this legacy and drive even greater impact in the years ahead. I am honored to walk this journey with you and excited for what we will accomplish together.

Dr. Samim Hasham,
National Chair,
World Partnership Walk



2024 Walk in Numbers

Teams

304

Individual fundraisers

3516

Total raised in 2024

\$5.3M

Total raised since 1985

\$145M

Celebrating 40 Years with 40 Kilometers

Izmir, World Partnership Walk fundraiser
Calgary, Alberta

Izmir, a determined Grade 6 student, felt moved by the images of poverty he saw on the news. He realized how fortunate he was to live in Canada and wanted to make a difference.

Inspired by the Walk's 40th anniversary, Izmir fundraised by running four 10-kilometer races. His final run took place on Walk Day in Calgary, where he reached his goal of raising \$40,000, thanks to his many generous supporters.

Izmir believes everyone deserves access to clean water, food, and education regardless of where they are born. He understands that lifting people out of poverty benefits everyone by building stronger communities. Encouraging other young people to get involved, he says,

“When you fight poverty, it strengthens communities, builds more jobs and other economic opportunities and improves overall well-being for everyone.”

His passion shows the incredible impact one person can make.

Supporter Spotlight





World Partnership Golf



Message from our Golf Chair

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of World Partnership Golf, I'm filled with gratitude for all we've accomplished together. For 25 years, this tournament has brought us together not just for a day on the green but to make a real difference in the fight against global poverty. World Partnership Golf is Canada's only national golf event dedicated to raising funds and awareness for this critical cause.

The funds raised through this tournament directly support Aga Khan Foundation Canada's wide-ranging programs that reduce poverty around the world. We have now raised over \$19 million to support these programs, focusing on areas like health, nutrition, education, and climate resilience, and profoundly impact communities worldwide.

What has always inspired me most about this tournament is the incredible way it brings together so many passionate individuals, all united by a common purpose. A heartfelt thank you to every volunteer, corporate sponsor, and donor, your dedication makes this tournament possible. More importantly, it's your support that helps us create real, lasting change in communities around the world.

Together, we have the power to transform more lives and build a brighter, more equitable future for generations to come. I can't wait to see what we can achieve in the next 25 years.

Farah Bundeali,
National Chair,
World Partnership Golf



2024 Golf in Numbers

Cities

9

Companies

90+

Total raised in 2024

\$1.28M

Total raised since 2000

\$19M

Teeing Off for Change

Shiz, London City Chair, World Partnership Golf
London, Ontario

For Shiz Kassam, what started as a casual conversation on a golf trip with friends in 2008 turned into a lasting commitment to fundraising for global development. That year, they organized a golf tournament in support of Aga Khan Foundation, raising an impressive \$12,000. In 2024, London's tournament raised over \$114,000.

Shiz's leadership has played a key role in growing World Partnership Golf in London, bringing together the local business community to support a cause close to his heart.

For Shiz, this golf tournament is about more than just the game — it's about making a difference.

"I believe in giving people the opportunity to act locally while creating a global impact. The world is interconnected, and events like [World Partnership Golf] allow us to be part of something bigger."

Would he encourage others to get involved? Absolutely. Whether as players, sponsors, or volunteers, Shiz believes everyone has a role to play in making the world a better place.

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