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Uniting Americans as global citizens with communities in Africa and Asia to build bridges of hope and peace



Partnerships*InAction*
Be the Solution to End Global Poverty

An initiative of Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. and its volunteers in communities across America

What is Partnerships*InAction*?

Partnerships*InAction* is an initiative of Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF USA) and its network of volunteers across the U.S. to raise awareness and funds for innovative self-help programs that create hope and opportunity for disadvantaged communities in the developing world.

Partnerships*InAction* unite Americans as global citizens with communities in Africa and Asia to build bridges of hope and peace, reaching across boundaries of race, religion, age and gender through volunteerism, awareness-raising and generous contributions. Partnerships*InAction* engage participants in learning first-hand about the work of Aga Khan Foundation, through outreach events, interactive exhibitions and educational forums.

Participants, sponsors, partners and volunteers of Partnerships*InAction* are part of a worldwide movement, mobilizing around the universal Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), committed to cut extreme poverty and hunger in half by 2015.

Quick facts

- 100% of donations to AKF USA and all funds raised from Partnership Walk go directly to projects supported by the Foundation. Not a cent is spent on administration.
- Since the launch of the first Partnership Walk in Los Angeles in 1995, Partnerships*InAction* initiatives have expanded across the U.S. in major cities, attracting over 350,000 participants and raising over \$42 million nationwide.
- Partnerships*InAction* events are widely attended by U.S. senators, congressional representatives, state and local officials, mayors, city council members, media celebrities and civic and business leaders who come to demonstrate their support.
- Walks are held in over 35 cities across the U.S., Canada and Europe. In the U.S., Partnership Walk takes place in nine major cities.



“Our collaborative work with Aga Khan Development Network over the years exemplifies the power of public-private partnerships in making measurable, long-term impact for those most in need.”

Conrad Person, Director of Johnson & Johnson’s International Programs and Product Giving, Corporate Contributions



PartnershipsInAction initiatives range from community events such as Partnership Walk and Golf to corporate and professional networking events. Joint initiatives with academic institutions include modules for schools, film screenings, essay and art competition and educational exercises to engage students, parents and teachers in activities that promote a deeper appreciation for what it means to be a responsible global citizen. Two major programs include:

PARTNERSHIP WALK

Inaugurated in 1995, Partnership Walk has expanded to nine major cities across the U.S., including Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Memphis, Orlando and San Francisco. Partnership Walk is a public event to raise awareness about global poverty and bridge Americans’ spirit of generosity by reaching out to uplift people living in extreme poverty. A major feature of the Walk is the Village In Action with interactive exhibits designed by participants from local communities. Village in Action showcases the impact of the Foundation’s projects and provides visitors with a pathway to be engaged as global citizens.

www.PartnershipsInAction.org/walk

PARTNERSHIP GOLF

Launched in 2007, annual golf tournaments are held in several major U.S. cities including Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Seattle. The tournaments bring together motivated golfers and socially responsible corporations, joining hands to take a swing at ending global poverty. Sponsorship packages for each tournament offer impressive benefits and marketing exposure for corporate sponsors. While enjoying a day out on the green, golfers have the opportunity to network with other professionals and become partners of the Foundation. The partnership is grounded in the commitment that corporate social responsibility extends beyond national boundaries.

www.PartnershipsInAction.org/golf

What is Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A.?

Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF USA), established in 1981, is a private, nondenominational, nonprofit international organization committed to overcoming the struggle against hunger, disease and illiteracy, primarily in Africa and Asia. It is an agency of Aga Khan Development Network.

The Foundation works to address the root causes of poverty by developing model programs and sharing innovative solutions in the areas of **health, education, rural development, civil society** and the **environment**. Presently engaged in over 100 major projects and programs in 18 countries, the Foundation's programs are designed to lend a helping hand and not a hand-out, endorsed by the conviction that self-help brings dignity, self-respect and the realization of human potential.

EDUCATION

A leading development priority for Aga Khan Foundation is the promotion of quality education for all. From early childhood development to higher education, AKF is ensuring that marginalized groups – girls, the economically disadvantaged, physically challenged and geographically remote are able to access quality education, stay in school longer and attain higher academic achievements. For example, in Afghanistan, AKF's program is benefiting over 90,000 students (60% are girls) by encouraging communities to invest in schools that are run locally, training teachers, especially women, in child-centered methods, and working with community members to set up school management committees.

HEALTH

The Foundation has been a pioneer in community-based health care approaches throughout Africa and Asia. Its health programs are advancing health sector reform in Tajikistan, rebuilding health infrastructure in war-torn countries such as Afghanistan and Mozambique, and promoting innovative training programs for nurses and midwives. In Pakistan where infant and maternal mortality rates are high, AKF is training and deploying community midwives to reduce the healthcare costs for families and to bring much-needed skilled care to mothers and their newborns. The program is benefiting 200,000 people.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Over a quarter century ago, AKF began an ambitious experiment in Northern Pakistan, one of the poorest areas in the developing world. The Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) heralded a new approach to development using community participation and nurturing local institutions. The program helps families relying on subsistence agriculture to improve incomes with savings and credit, enterprise development, natural resource management and infrastructure. Now an internationally renowned flagship program, AKRSP has expanded to nine other countries and has directly benefited some 3 million people.



“Development is sustainable only if the beneficiaries become, in a gradual manner, the masters of the process.”

His Highness the Aga Khan, Amsterdam, September 7, 2002

CIVIL SOCIETY

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are created to increase local grassroots participation, paving the way for a community's self-reliance. Distinguished from government and business institutions, CSOs provide public service and support to its citizens. CSOs constitute a wide array of social and civic institutions including NGOs, unions and human rights organizations as well as advocacy, village and women's groups. In Tajikistan, an AKF project benefited 500,000 individuals and created 2,500 jobs by encouraging self-reliant village organizations to repair and rebuild schools, clinics and infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENT

Poor and marginalized communities are on the front lines of climate change, at risk from melting glaciers in Tajikistan, salt water intrusion in Bangladesh, and prolonged drought in Kenya where food security and famine hang in the balance. AKF's solutions to environmental problems link natural resource management and alternative energy with community development. For example, AKF introduced 60 different environment-friendly technologies to communities in Northern Pakistan, saving trees, reducing air pollution, creating jobs and improving the health of families and children.

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Be an Agent of Change

Over 3 billion people – almost half of the world – live on less than \$2.50 per day. As a supporter, sponsor, donor or volunteer of Partnerships*InAction*, you are joining a worldwide community committed to the vision of ending global poverty. Solutions are within reach.

View our donors and supporters at www.PartnershipsInAction.org



What can I do to help?

Partnerships*InAction* initiatives offer many ways for you to get involved and help create a safer and more equitable world for all children and families. The Foundation leverages every dollar received through matching grants from leading donor agencies and partners, including the U.S. government, to create a multiplier effect that stretches resources and amplifies the impact of every donation.

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Quick tip

You can multiply your contributions! Find out if your company offers a matching gifts program for employee donations.

Some organizations that AKF USA collaborates with include:

American Institutes for Research	William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	Rockefeller Foundation
American Red Cross	Johns Hopkins University	South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund
CARE	Johnson & Johnson	United States Agency for International Development
Citigroup Foundation	Microsoft Corporation	United States Department of Agriculture
Flora Family Foundation	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	United States Department of State
Ford Foundation	Omidyar Foundation	United States Environmental Protection Agency
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Pfizer Inc.	



Where does my contribution go?

Improving lives abroad reduces the risk of humanitarian crisis worldwide. Just \$50 per American per year above current government efforts could cut world hunger in half. With the right investments, we can create a real force for change in overcoming hunger and poverty, promoting democracy, protecting children, and advancing women's rights, among many other positive results. **100% of the funds raised at Partnership Walk and all net proceeds from Partnership Golf tournaments go directly to projects supported by the Foundation.**

is equivalent to the cost of...

\$125

supplying an entire class of children in Kenya with school supplies for a year

\$250

immunizing 15 children with vaccines protecting them for life from preventable diseases

\$500

reconstructing a seismic-resistant home for a displaced family in rural Afghanistan

\$1,000

providing health supplies to 14 health care workers in India

\$5,000

purchasing and installing water pumps serving 6 villages in rural Kenya

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www.PartnershipsInAction.org

“Even in the poorest and most isolated communities, we have found that decades, if not centuries, of angry conflict can be turned around by giving people reasons to work together towards a better future—in other words, by giving them reasons to hope. And when hope takes root, then a new level of tolerance is possible.”

His Highness the Aga Khan, Tutzing, Germany, May 20, 2006

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The Foundation is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network, a group of private development agencies founded by His Highness the Aga Khan, with mandates ranging from health and education to architecture, culture, microfinance, disaster reduction, rural development, the promotion of private sector enterprise and the revitalization of historic cities. The Network's agencies work for the common good of all citizens, regardless of gender, origin or religion, and its underlying impulse is the ethic of compassion for the vulnerable in society.



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