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IMPACT REPORT 2021



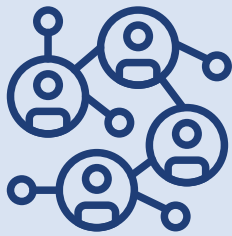
**World  
Partnership  
Walk**

An initiative of:



**AGA KHAN FOUNDATION  
CANADA**

# OUR 2021 CAMPAIGN RESULTS



**205**

NUMBER OF TEAMS



**1,915**

NUMBER OF  
FUNDRAISERS IN TOTAL



**\$5,983,350**

TOTAL RAISED FROM FUNDRAISERS  
AND SPONSORS IN 2021



**\$130+ million**

TOTAL RAISED BY THE WORLD  
PARTNERSHIP WALK SINCE 1985

## Through the continued uncertainty of 2021, World Partnership Walk was a shining example of what it means to truly be global citizens.

As the world continued to wrestle with what “post-pandemic” might look like, Canadians from across the country joined us for a second World Partnership Walk Virtual Voyage. Together, we visited Africa and Asia to see how Walk funds have helped strengthen communities and build resilience in the face of growing global challenges like COVID-19, gender inequality, and climate change.

The events of the past two years have reminded us how connected the world is, and how much we do – and have to – rely on each other. The Walk continues to show us that Canadians are ready to respond to the reality of our interdependence, not only in attitude, but also with concrete acts of generosity, service, and leadership in our homes, schools, and communities. In 2021, our supporters raised a remarkable \$6 million to support our ongoing work to improve quality of life in Africa and Asia. This brings our total fundraising to more than \$130 million since 1985, supporting more than 180 initiatives in 15 countries.

These achievements would not have been possible without the many volunteers, fundraisers, sponsors, and donors whose generosity continues to make an impact in the communities we serve around the world.

Thank you for choosing to be generous through us, and expressing your values of peace, prosperity, and pluralism by supporting our work. As you browse this Impact Report, please know that none of this would be possible without you.

We look forward to a time when we can thank you in person and celebrate all we have achieved together. Until then, we wish you and your loved ones good health and spirits.



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



**Zen Tharani**  
National Chair  
*World Partnership Walk*



# WHO WE ARE

**Aga Khan Foundation Canada** (AKFC) is an international development organization and registered charity. AKFC partners with Canadians and communities, businesses, and governments across Africa and Asia to promote inclusive development. Since 1980, AKFC has helped millions of women and men to unlock their own potential to build a better life.

An initiative of AKFC, **World Partnership Walk** is a way for Canadians to act locally and have an impact globally. We launched the World Partnership Walk Virtual Voyage in 2020 to continue empowering women and men in the communities we serve around the world in light of the global pandemic.

## AREAS OF FOCUS



Education



Health & nutrition



Gender equality



Work & Enterprise



Agriculture & food security



Early childhood development



Civil Society



Climate Resilience



## OUR 2021 JOURNEY

At the end of the campaign, we gathered for the Homecoming Celebration. With more inspiring stories from the field and uplifting messages from our supporters from coast to coast, we celebrated our collective achievements with our host, Zulekha Nathoo.

**Zulekha Nathoo**

You can relive the full Virtual Voyage and watch the Homecoming Celebration [here](#)



# FIRST STOP PAKISTAN

Adiba is from a rural community in northern Pakistan, where traditional gender roles often prevent women and girls from making decisions about their lives. As part of a youth group, Adiba and her peers discuss issues related to gender equality and develop public theatre performances on topics such as gender discrimination, gender-based violence, and women’s roles in decision-making.

Canada’s first global collaboration with AKFC was in 1981, supporting the creation of the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery in Pakistan. Thousands of healthcare professionals have since graduated from the school’s programs and have gone on to provide lifesaving care in their communities, particularly in rural and remote areas.



## Supporter spotlight

“The Walk is a wonderful way for all of us to come together and have a meaningful impact globally. I have been Walking and raising funds every year since 1985, and in 2020 and 2021 I participated in the Virtual Voyage. This year, I very much enjoyed the stop in Kenya showing children attending school. It was emotional for me to see the joy on their beautiful faces. My beloved, late parents were loyal supporters of the Walk and I continue to walk in their memory. I am blessed with an incredibly supportive family and loyal donors who stand with me each year. The pandemic has affected us all worldwide. During such a difficult time, it is even more important and essential that we develop and strengthen our bonds with care, compassion, and support for each other.”

- **Mehru Mitha**, *World Partnership Walk fundraiser*



# NEXT STOP KENYA

The Kenyena hospital is part of Kenya’s public health system, serving Kisii County in south-west Kenya. Canadian support has enabled several upgrades to the hospital: a new operating theatre, renovations to the maternity wing, and training opportunities for staff. These improvements mean that the Kenyena hospital is better equipped to handle acute illnesses and emergencies onsite, reducing potentially deadly delays.



Early learning sows the seeds for future success. Beginning as a pilot project in Mombasa, Kenya, the Madrasa Early Childhood Programme has gone on to help establish over 200 community preschools and teach over 67,000 young learners with Canadian support. The program has also provided thousands of local women with the opportunity to become trained early childhood teachers and caregivers.





# BEM VINDO MOZAMBIQUE

For adolescents in Mozambique, youth health centres are one of the few safe spaces where young women and men can ask questions and get reliable information about their health and well-being. When youth are empowered to make informed health decisions, they and their families typically go on to lead healthier, happier lives. With Canadian support, we're expanding and improving 29 health facilities to accommodate the needs of young Mozambicans.



By working with communities to encourage positive health and nutrition behaviours, improve access to nutritious crops, and integrate nutrition into health systems, we're helping everyone reach their full potential.



## Supporter spotlight

“Every year, volunteers from across Canada step forward with World Partnership Walk, united in a goal of global poverty alleviation through initiatives in education, health care, economy, and environmental sustainability. I’m most impressed by the professionalism of the organizers, the commitment of the participants, and the unwavering generosity of donors. Today more than ever, it is heartening to see thousands of Canadians come together in rebuilding a more equitable post-pandemic world.”

- **Salma Bhaloo**, National Director, HR & Volunteer Engagement  
*World Partnership Walk*



# FINAL STOP ON THE JOURNEY TANZANIA

Dr. Simiyu is the head of the maternity ward at the only hospital on Ukerewe Island in Tanzania. Before, when Dr. Simiyu and her colleagues didn't have the training or tools they needed to help a patient, they had to send the patient to the mainland for treatment. Thanks to training and new equipment supported by Canadians, she and her team can now provide more specialized care to women and children on the island.



When classrooms closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Canadian support enabled us to help students, parents, and educators continue learning beyond the classroom through resources, toolkits, training, and communities of practice.

## Supporter spotlight



The Virtual Voyage campaign helped us understand and discover AKFC's critical work, and support in helping hard-to-reach communities alleviate poverty. With the pandemic, we have become experts in attending myriads of business, family, personal, and entertainment meetings virtually. So, running our virtual Walk campaign was second nature to us. It was a lot of fun meeting people through this platform, and continuing to grow from the Bank of Montreal team's previous success. Giving back to the community is part of BMO's culture and purpose. We are involved because we believe in similar values. We enjoy having people get involved in something that creates good for the community. Our volunteers help us "grow the good" and Walk is a win-win for everyone at BMO.

- **Karim Shivji**, Team Captain, *BMO Corporate Team*



# A SPECIAL THANK YOU

## TO OUR 2021 CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

Your support is helping AKFC engage with Canadians and make a responsible investment towards fighting global poverty.

### TRANSFORMATIONAL



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### VISIONARY



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### CHANGEMAKER



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## LEADERSHIP

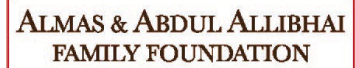
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## IMPACT

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