



World
Partnership
Walk

2025 Impact Report



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Thank You for Stepping Forward

Each year, the World Partnership Walk brings Canadians together to take meaningful steps in the fight against global poverty. In 2025, at a time of divisive and disruptive global forces, that collective spirit was a beacon of hope — uniting thousands of fundraisers, donors, and partners from coast-to-coast-to-coast. Together, we raised more than \$6.5 million to help build a brighter future.

Your commitment fuels opportunities that open doors to education, strengthen healthcare, and support livelihoods around the world. Every dollar raised represents hope — helping families, teachers, and entrepreneurs create lasting change in their communities, like Dr. Ashraf and Lalao, whose stories you can read about in this report.

Your compassion and commitment remind us of what’s possible when Canadians come together for a common purpose. The impact of the Walk continues to grow — inspiring new changemakers and strengthening communities today and in the days ahead.



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The World Partnership Walk is one of the top ten largest peer-to-peer fundraising programs in Canada, and the only campaign in support of global development.

About the World Partnership Walk

In 1985, a group of women in Vancouver came together to raise funds to support the work of AKFC. All had come from Africa or Asia and wanted to give back to the communities they left behind. They persuaded 1,000 other Canadians to join them in a walk to fight global poverty and raised \$55,000. That first walk grew into an annual event, held in cities across Canada with the support of tens of thousands of volunteers, corporate sponsors, and participants. Forty years later, the World Partnership Walk has raised more than \$151 million — making it the largest event in Canada in support of international development.



\$150+ million
Since 1980



\$850+ million
Since 1980

Your dollars go far.
Funds raised through the Walk are key to unlocking contributions from Global Affairs Canada.



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About Aga Khan Foundation Canada

Focus Areas:

-  Agriculture and Food Security
-  Climate Resilience
-  Civil Society
-  Early Childhood Development
-  Education
-  Health and Nutrition
-  Work and Enterprise

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

Since 1980, we have helped create strong community institutions in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East that support sustainable, locally driven initiatives to improve the lives of millions of people. In Canada, we strengthen our global connections by bringing together passion, expertise, and support.

With our partners, in Canada and globally, we are building a future where we all thrive together.



AKFC and the UN SDGs

AKFC takes a holistic approach to global development. Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, AKFC works across sectors to support individuals and communities in their pursuit of a better quality of life.

Where We Work

Rooted in the communities where we work, Aga Khan Foundation's global staff have unique insights into the complex challenges people face today, as well as opportunities for tomorrow. By combining local knowledge with global best practices, we strive to bring about transformative and long-lasting improvements to quality of life.

This map shows some of the places where AKFC works with communities to build a future where we all thrive together.



Learn more about AKFC's programs:



A Champion for Newborn Care



Dr. Ashraf works at the Skardu Regional Hospital in northern Pakistan.

With no specialized care for newborns at the hospital, many did not survive the first few critical days after birth. But after attending workshops on newborn care, Dr. Ashraf led an effort to revive the hospital’s neonatal intensive care unit. Today, the unit is saving lives. He and his team also train staff at other hospitals in the region, so that more babies will get the support they need to survive and thrive.

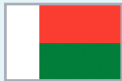
“When I returned [to Gilgit-Baltistan] after my studies, there were only three child specialists in Baltistan. Now, there are ten in my department.” - Dr. Ashraf



Watch Dr. Ashraf's story



Threads of Hope



Lalao is an artisan in Madagascar.

After her husband passed away, Lalao struggled to support her three children. Through a community organization, Lalao learned how to craft raffia bags, which are sold by a local fashion brand. With a stable income, Lalao plans to support her daughters’ education and to purchase land to build her own home. She also hopes to continue refining and expanding her textile skills and share her learnings with other women in her community.

“I believe in the importance of empowering and uplifting fellow women, and I see this as an opportunity to contribute to the growth and success of others.” - Lalao



Dr. Ashraf’s and Lalao’s training programs were funded by Global Affairs Canada and AKFC — with support from people like you.



2025 in Numbers

Number of volunteers

2,000+

Number of participants

3,455

Number of teams

276

Funds raised in 2025 (so far)

\$6.5M

Funds raised since 1985

\$151M



Walk Day across Canada

Families, friends, coworkers, and volunteers across the country came together on June 1, 2025, to walk for change. In Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, and communities country-wide, Canadians united to build a brighter future for all — a true reflection of the power of collective action.

Your support is helping make the world a better place. Walk Day was more than a celebration — it was a reminder that we are strongest when we step forward together.

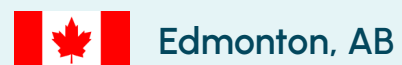


Supporter Stories

“Every step, every dollar, every person you inspire makes a real difference.”
- Aiden

Aiden (third left) with Walk volunteers and AKFC staff at Walk Day in Edmonton.

Empathy and Action



Growing up attending the World Partnership Walk with family and friends, Aiden Mawani learned early that small acts add up. Today, as the Youth Engagement Director for Edmonton’s Walk, he’s turning that lesson into action — leading a team of young volunteers and building community through youth-driven fundraising events like a street hockey tournament.

For Aiden, the Walk is about connection and purpose. “At the heart of it, this movement is about empathy and action,” he says. “Every step, every dollar, every person you inspire makes a real difference.”

His favourite moment from this year’s Walk? Seeing kids at the start line waving handmade signs and chanting “World Partnership Walk!” — a joyful reminder of how each step is helping families worldwide access education, health, and opportunity.



Supporter Stories

“We want Walk participation to become a lasting tradition; It’s now part of our culture of belonging.”
- Jane

Aliza (fourth right) with her Long View team at Walk Day in Calgary. Long View participated in Walk events across Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto, and Victoria.

Leading with Belonging



At Long View Systems, two colleagues are championing Canadian support for global development while fostering a company-wide culture of belonging.

When corporate team captains Aliza Adatia and Jane Crompton invited members of their “Welcome to Canada” Employee Resource Group to take part in the World Partnership Walk, they sparked something more than a workplace fundraising initiative. They created a space for employees new to Canada to find connection and build community around a shared cause.

Support for the campaign grew across the technology company’s locations, aided by a passionate group of team leads and encouragement from their executive team. By the time Walk Day arrived, what began as a localized initiative had become a cross-company collaboration.



Supporter Stories

“I have never known strife or poverty, and I believe it is my responsibility to help others so they can have the safety and security that Canadians are fortunate to have.”

- Nicole

Nicole (second right) with AKFC’s Money Walks team at the Delegation of the Ismaili Imamat in Ottawa.

Walking the Talk



Nicole Wallace works as a Financial Manager at Aga Khan Foundation Canada, playing an integral role in the operations that make the World Partnership Walk possible. But she’s not only behind the scenes — she’s also out front, fundraising and walking the talk as team captain for Money Walks, AKFC’s fundraising team of finance and donor services staff.

For more than 20 years, Nicole has been part of the Walk community, creating a workplace tradition from a shared commitment to global development. From potluck lunches and snack shops to self-organized Walk events, she continues to inspire her colleagues to give back. Among them, she highlights teammate Karim Jafferli, who consistently leads the way as the team’s top fundraiser!

For Nicole, the Walk is about awareness and helping Canadians understand the important work AKFC’s does to build a future where we all thrive together.



Supporter Stories

“Volunteering with the Walk is a chance to grow, build meaningful connections, and make an impact that extends far beyond the event itself.”

- Farah

Farah (fourth right) with Walk volunteers at Walk Day in Toronto.

Grow, Build, and Make an Impact



For Farah Bhanji-Mohamed, Chair of the Toronto World Partnership Walk, the campaign has been part of her life since childhood. What began as a family tradition — walking alongside her parents year after year — has grown into a lifelong commitment to community and the fight against global poverty.

Farah’s involvement and passion for the Walk began as a fundraiser then quickly moved to roles as team captain, city team leadership, national Walk team leadership and her current role as Toronto’s City Chair. And now, Farah is passing on that same spirit of community-building to her own young children.

In 2025, Toronto’s Walk saw a major shift with its move to Downsview Park. Farah and her team reimagined the event from the ground up, creating new ways to engage participants and volunteers. The result was a vibrant celebration of purpose and togetherness that reflected the Walk’s enduring impact.

Transformational Impact



As a longstanding and unwavering transformational sponsor of the World Partnership Walk, the Gulshan and Pyarali G. Nanji Family Foundation has played a crucial role in advancing AKFC’s mission to improve the quality of life globally and deepen Canadians’ engagement with international development.

We honour the life of Pyarali G. Nanji as a visionary philanthropist whose belief in collective action helped define the Walk’s enduring impact. Alongside his wife, Gulshan, and their family, they strengthen the Walk’s ability to unite Canadians around a shared purpose.

Through their extraordinary generosity and leadership, the Nanji family champions the Walk’s spirit — mobilizing Canadians to step forward and contribute to a more equitable world. Beyond their contributions to AKFC, they have enriched countless lives through philanthropy in education, health, arts and culture, and social welfare.

In December 2024, Mr. Nanji was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada — a fitting tribute to a life dedicated to generosity and community. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate a legacy that continues to inspire compassion and hope.

Thank You to Our Partners

Building a future where
we all thrive together.

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