



AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

Portugal



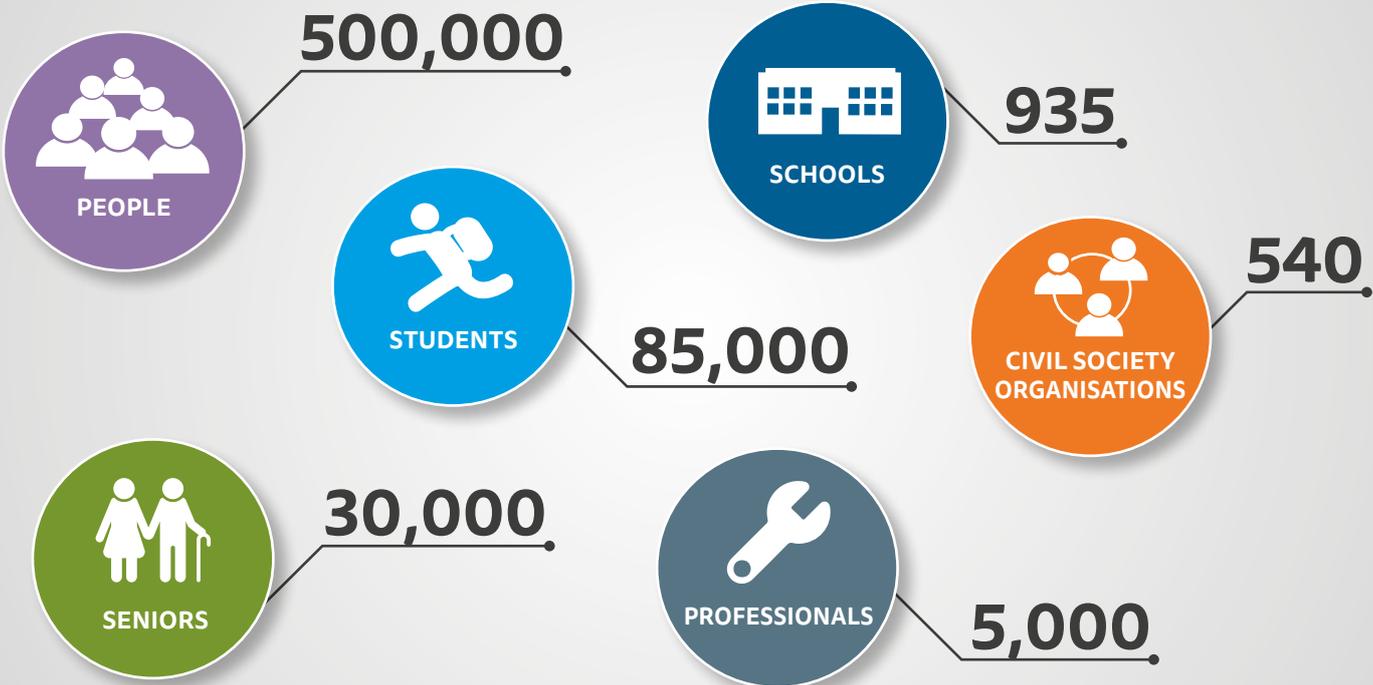
The Aga Khan Foundation is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network

www.akdn.org

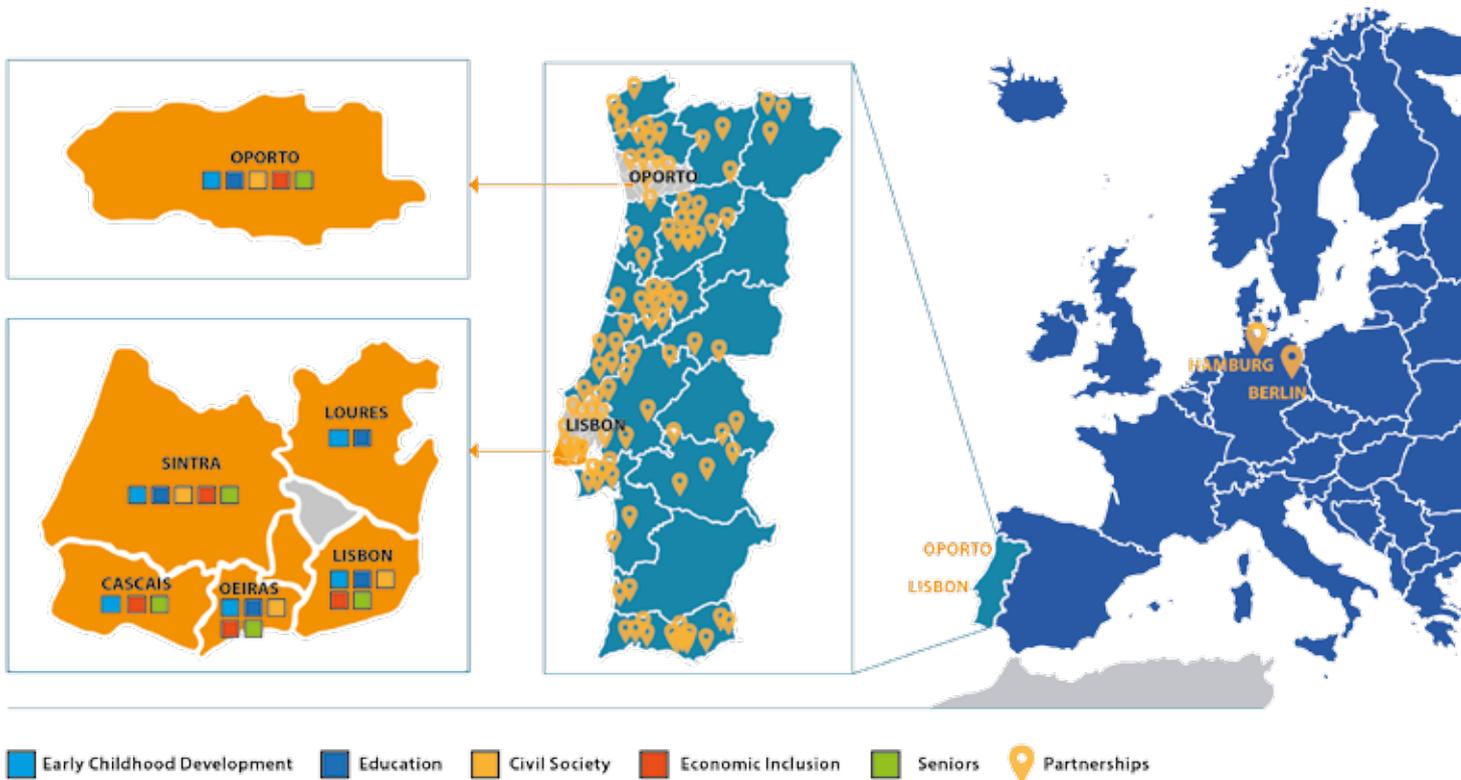
AGA KHAN FOUNDATION IN PORTUGAL

The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is a private non-for profit international development agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), which brings together a number of profit and non-for profit agencies that work primarily to improve livelihoods and the quality of life of vulnerable populations, mainly in Asia and Africa, irrespective of their race, religion, ethnicity or gender. Each agency carries out its own mandate and all of them work together within the Network so that their different activities interact and mutually strengthen each other. The interventions are designed to add value and critical mass to the economic, social and cultural development of each region, both in rural and urban areas.

In Portugal, the Foundation works in areas such as early childhood development, education, civil society, economic inclusion and seniors with an action-research approach. This methodology seeks to enhance the development of networks, innovative community-driven solutions and models addressing global challenges. The Foundation works through intellectual and financial partnerships within the public and private sectors and with civil society organisations that share the same principles.



LOCATION



CHRONOLOGY



THEMATIC AREAS

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



- ECD CENTRE OLIVAIS SUL
- INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD
- CHILDMINDERS
- FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMME (CONTO CONTIGO)
- PREGNANCY SUPPORT & TRANSITION TO PARENTHOOD (GERAR.TE)
- CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Early Childhood Education and Development Programme (ECD) values the early years of life and focuses on the quality of learning to strengthen and build systems/institutions that invest in the development of children, families and professionals. The Foundation began its investment in ECD in the early 1980s, by undertaking hands-on research to develop a child-centred learning model that would transform the pre-school experience valuing participatory pedagogy. In 2009, by invitation of the Government – Institute

of Social Security, the Foundation took over the management of the ECD Centre Olivais Sul, in Lisbon, with crèche and pre-school facilities. This Centre has become a living laboratory for learning and knowledge sharing, inspiring others and advancing programmes that put these principles into practice. It also fosters school-based teacher training and professional development networks that promote the exchange of good practices (community of practices).

EDUCATION



- QUALITY EDUCATION
- YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION
- INTERCULTURAL SCHOOLS STAMP
- INTERCULTURAL SCHOOLS NETWORK
- AESTHETIC AND ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

To help improve the educational system, promote greater student learning achievements and reduce school drop-out rates, the Foundation seeks to include the principles of participation and equity in the professional development of education professionals. The main objective is to improve the environment, integration and educational success of all children and young people from pre-school to secondary

education, as well as to promote inclusive practices that value diversity and the development of positive relationships among all. These elements, including building networks, helps lead to successful transitions between school cycles, and likewise from education to the job market, which in turn contributes to greater social and economic inclusion.



CIVIL SOCIETY



- CAPACITY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS
- PORTUGUESE AS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
- YOUTH INCLUSION
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNITY INNOVATION PROJECTS
- URBAN RENEWAL
- COMMUNITY CO-MANAGED SPACES

Since 2004, the Urban Community Support Programme (K'CIDADE) has helped transform diverse urban neighbourhoods in Greater Lisbon into safer and more socially connected places to live. The programme is currently expanding to Porto. Networking with institutional and local partners while canvassing communities about their perceptions, needs and priorities (Participatory Diagnostics) has

encouraged participation, leveraged local talents and boosted creative energy within communities to respond to global challenges and local needs. The programme's commitment is long-term to ensure quality and sustainability. By working together with others it seeks to strengthen local governance, increase people's self-confidence and resilience, and create better opportunities for everyone.

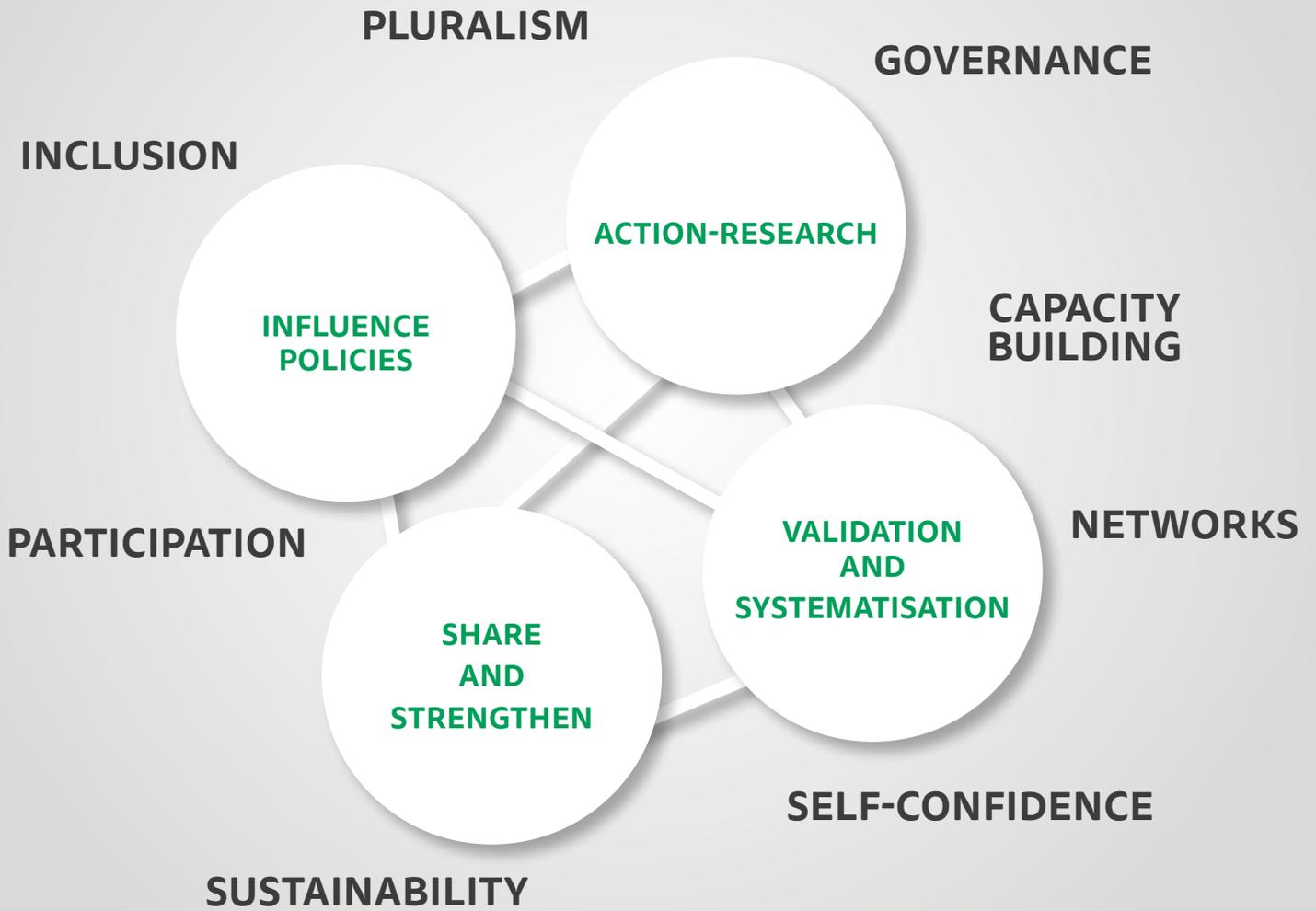


■ ECONOMIC INCLUSION



The Foundation works to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable populations, by contributing to economic integration and financial inclusion, while investing in people's talents and potential, regardless of their individual characteristics. In partnership with other organisations, the Foundation is a key stakeholder of the Portuguese Diversity Charter, which encourages employers to implement and develop policies

to promote diversity in the workplace. The Foundation also seeks to strengthen employability networks by improving vocational training and job placement. To help build local economies that value cultural heritage, initiatives are in place to help create more micro-businesses, improve financial literacy, and increase access to services and commercial support.



SENIORS



Portugal is the 5th oldest country in Europe. Aware of this reality, the Foundation has sought to increase knowledge and understanding of this phenomenon, in order to meet the challenges related to the quality of life of senior citizens. The aim is to ensure the well-being of seniors by strengthening formal and informal primary-care networks; by increasing their participation and representation in

society, including in local decision-making processes; and by valuing seniors as a resource of knowledge and experience in the community. Currently, a national curriculum is being developed for formal caregivers, whose holistic and participatory model seeks to meet the needs both of seniors and professional care providers.

AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) works in over 30 countries worldwide and employs approximately 80,000 people, the majority of whom are based in developing countries. Every year, in collaboration with different partners, AKDN provides quality healthcare to 5 million people. Similarly, more than 2 million students benefit from annual education programmes and 40,000 civil society organisations, with more than 1.3 million members, are strengthened.

AKDN makes a long-term commitment to the places in which it works, to enable communities to take full responsibility for their own future development. Its ultimate aim is to nurture successful civil societies in which every citizen, irrespective of cultural, religious or ethnic differences, can realise his or her full potential.



AGA KHAN FOUNDATION
Portugal

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Aga Khan Foundation Portugal

Rua de S. Domingos 58, 1200-836 Lisboa
Tel.: +351 21 394 9110

e-mail: akfportugal@akdn.org

web: www.akdn.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AKFPortugal/>

Photos: AKDN / Lucas Cuervo Moura; Aga Khan Foundation Portugal; Anaya Galibdin; Sofia Sabjaly