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Australia

## **Statement on Ethics, Pluralism and Human Rights**

The work of Aga Khan Foundation Australia (AKF Australia), as part of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) and the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), is guided by an ethical framework based on a set of universal values, including respect for human dignity, compassion and solidarity with the less fortunate, self-reliance, service to humanity, and pluralism—understood as tolerance, openness and understanding toward other peoples' cultures, values and faiths.

Grounded in these values, AKF Australia understands dignity, equality, participation, and inclusion as central to the realisation of human rights, which are interconnected. As such, AKF Australia respects, protects and promotes human rights for all, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, age, displacement, caste, gender, gender identity, sexuality, sexual orientation, poverty, class, or socio-economic status.

Consistent with its values, AKF Australia advances human rights through inclusive and participatory approaches that enable people to influence decisions affecting their lives, strengthen institutional responsibility and accountability, and promote openness, transparency, and trust, while being applied in ways that are sensitive to local contexts and designed to ensure safety, effectiveness, and community ownership.

These approaches reflect AKF Australia's multi-dimensional understanding of development, recognising that human rights are interconnected and that poverty, exclusion, and vulnerability require social, economic, cultural, and institutional factors to be addressed together to support equitable and sustainable development outcomes.

Oversight of this commitment rests with AKF Australia's Board and senior management.