



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

Student Scholarships and Financial Assistance Programme

BRIDGING TALENT AND OPPORTUNITY

IMPACT REPORT 2025





“

When we educate an individual, we do not merely confer a personal asset that can never be taken away; we set in motion a powerful ripple effect that extends to families and communities.”

Chancellor, His Highness the Aga Khan
AKU Convocation, Pakistan, 2026

Making Quality Education Accessible



In 2025, 836 students graduated from our campuses in Pakistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and the United Kingdom, joining a global community of over 21,000 AKU alumni.

They now step into the world ready to serve - as doctors, nurses, educators, researchers, academics, and professionals in many other vital fields - carrying with them the knowledge, compassion, and purpose that define an AKU education.

For so many, reaching this milestone was possible because of the kindness and generosity of our donors. Your support didn't simply help them complete their studies; it gave them the chance to build a future they once only hoped for. Their achievements carry your belief in them, and the impact of that belief will be felt in the communities they go on to uplift.



The Impact of Your Generosity

What Your Contributions Made Possible in 2025

2,583 Students

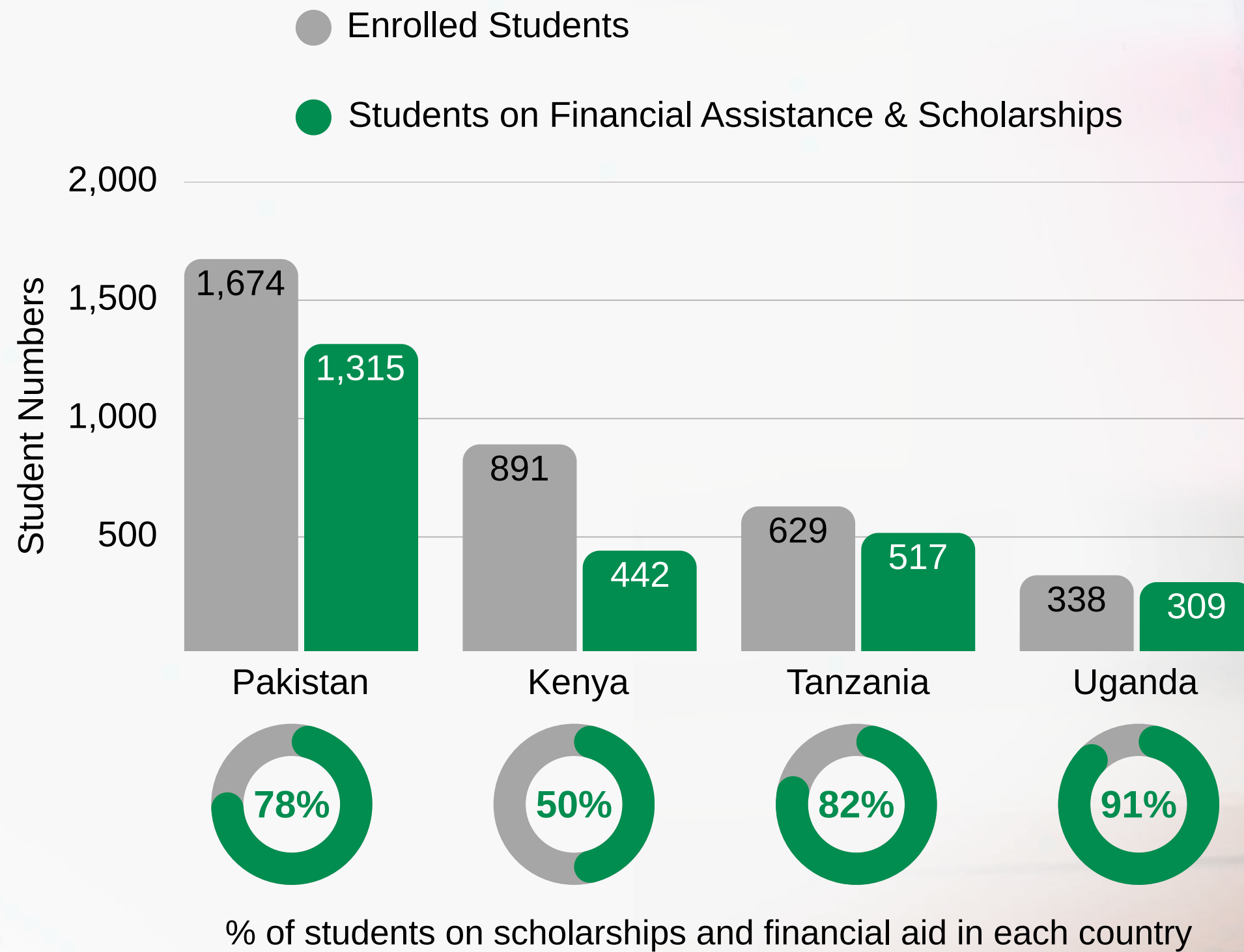
benefited from full or partial support,
across our campuses in Pakistan,
Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and the UK.

USD 8.8 million+

provided in financial aid and scholarships -
funded by the generous contribution of our
donors and the University's own resources.

The Impact of Your Generosity

The Difference Your Generosity Made in 2025





of the students who received financial aid and scholarships in 2025 across all our campuses were women.

The Impact of Your Generosity

Lema Edna Apaifura Realised Her Dream Career

I grew up in a humble but loving home, where my parents' unwavering dedication shaped everything I believed was possible. Living close to a hospital, I often accompanied my father to his medical check-ups. As I watched the nurses move with such kindness and purpose, something stirred in me. I remember thinking, "One day, I want to wear that white dress and cap. I want to care for my father and for anyone who needs me."

Years later, while working at a hospital, I applied for admission and was accepted into the BScN programme at AKU's School of Nursing and Midwifery in Tanzania with a scholarship. It felt like a privileged opportunity and the best decision I had ever made.

The journey at AKU, however, was not easy. It was a whirlwind of hope, fear and determination. There were moments of doubt, but I held tightly to my vision of a better life for my child and the chance to serve others,

As I progressed, AKU continued to shape not only my skills but also my confidence. Clinical rotations and diverse coursework sharpened my critical thinking and deepened my passion for patient care. One of the most defining moments of my academic journey came during my final semester elective project, when I developed an innovative monitoring tool to improve the care of children with cancer experiencing haemorrhagic cystitis. Seeing it bring meaningful change at my workplace reaffirmed my belief in creativity and practical problem-solving in nursing.



As I look to the future, I aspire to pursue a master's degree, lead quality improvement projects in my hospital, and give back to my community.

In Gratitude



Zahra Somani
Chief Advancement
Officer

Your generosity does far more than fund an education - it changes the entire trajectory of a young person's life. By lifting the financial barriers that stand in the way of talented students, you give them the chance to discover their potential, to dream bigger, and to step into futures they once thought were out of reach. Because of you, AKU is able to nurture compassionate, capable leaders in medicine, nursing, education, media and communication, social and economic development, and so many other fields that urgently need their brilliance and commitment.

The impact of an AKU education is profound. It doesn't stop at the student; it radiates outward - to their families, their communities, and the generations that will follow. Every life they touch carries a piece of your kindness forward.

We are deeply and sincerely grateful to you - our donors - for standing with the University in its mission to uplift humanity. Your belief in these students is a gift that echoes far beyond the classroom, shaping lives and strengthening communities in ways that will benefit them and also, future generations.

Thank you

Your continued support matters as more than 70% of AKU students rely on financial aid.

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