



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

# KAMPALA CAMPUS

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Dear Donors and Friends,

We express our deepest gratitude for your incredible generosity and are delighted to provide you with the latest updates on the progress of the AKU Campus in Kampala. Exciting news awaits as the first phase of the Campus has achieved significant milestones within the initial six months of 2024.

The University Centre and Student Residence's structural work is now complete, with ongoing internal and external finishing touches being carried out in both buildings.

An important development includes the transformation of the mock-up hospital building into a fully operational ambulatory care centre, now known as “The Aziz and Zubeda Manji Nakawa Specialty Medical Centre.” This marks the inauguration of the first facility on the new campus, signifying the start of healthcare services while paving the way for the construction of a 101-bed integrated teaching hospital, scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2025.

Inaugurated in the presence of Uganda’s State Minister for Health Hon. Margaret Muhanga in April this year, the Centre has become fully operational, offering specialised healthcare in diverse areas of critical need.

It is through your continued support that we are able to realise our Chancellor, His Highness the Aga Khan’s bold vision for empowering the people of Uganda and the region through world-class education and healthcare services.

Your generosity towards the development of this new campus is an investment in a brighter future for the people of Uganda, and the entire AKU community is appreciative of your contribution.

Warm regards,

Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin  
President

Zahra Somani  
Chief Advancement Officer





## University Centre

Construction of the University Centre is expected to be completed by the end of January 2025. The Centre is expected to become operational by the first quarter of 2025.

- The structural works have been completed.
- Erection of structural steel members for the Atrium area is 90% complete.
- External plastering works are ongoing and internal finishing activities are underway.
- Second-fix engineering works and plant room works are in progress.



Upon completion, the six-storey University Centre will serve as the academic hub for the Faculty of Health Sciences, catering to more than 700 graduate and continuing education students. This dynamic facility will feature a 100-seat auditorium, eight classrooms, a case study room, laboratories equipped with technology-based simulated teaching areas, a library, and administrative offices.

# Student Residence

The construction of the 6,057 m<sup>2</sup>, Ground+ 9-storey Student Residence, expected to finish by the end of 2024, is advancing according to schedule.

- The structural and external plastering works have been completed.
- Internal finishing works are ongoing.
- Plant room works and the second-fix for engineering works are underway.

The facility is projected to be operational in the first quarter of 2025. Designed with students in mind, the Residence will house 184 students in single and double occupancy rooms. It features four guestrooms, a gymnasium, a kitchen, a dining hall, a prayer room, and various essential amenities.



The Student Residence at the AKU's Kampala campus is vital for recruiting students, especially women, from remote areas in Uganda and East Africa.

Providing an enabling environment and a better quality of life, the Residence is designed to be a prime contributor towards the holistic development of students.

More importantly, it will allow women from remote areas for whom the lack of safe housing becomes a barrier in accessing quality education and pursuing their dream careers.



# Inauguration of The Aziz and Zubeda Manji Building

The mock-up hospital facility “The Aziz and Zubeda Manji Building” was inaugurated on April 27 as a full-fledged specialty medical centre.

As the first facility on the upcoming AKU Kampala campus, The Aziz and Zubeda Manji Nakawa Specialty Medical Centre offers chemotherapy, dialysis, and diagnostic imaging such as CT scans, mammography, neurophysiology and ultrasound.

It also offers access to an array of specialists including gynaecology, paediatrics, cardiology, neurophysiology, oncology and endocrinology, among others. Physiotherapy, mammography, dentistry and laboratory and pharmacy services are also available.

We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Aziz Manji and their family for their generous donation towards the establishment of the Specialty Centre.



# The Aziz and Zubeda Manji Nakawa Specialty Medical Centre

## Bringing specialised care closer to home



Present at the inauguration of the Centre, Uganda's State Minister for Health Hon. Margaret Muhanga, lauded the Aga Khan University for its continued investment in the country's health and education sectors.

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The opening of the Nakawa Specialty Centre will boost access to specialised quality healthcare to our people and reduce the need to travel abroad,” said Hon. Muhanga. “The government is committed to providing quality healthcare to all citizens and we are happy to walk this journey with our worthy partners like the Aga Khan University. We look forward to the completion of the Main Hospital in a few years’ time.”



# Construction of the Kampala Campus Main Hospital Building



Rendering of a private room in the main hospital

Based on the learning from the mock-up hospital building, the concept, schematic, and detailed design work for the main 101-bed teaching hospital have been refined and completed. Construction work is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2025. Currently, the project team is engaged in preparing tender documentation for the construction works.

The Hospital in Kampala will offer both outpatient and inpatient services. It will be a private, multi-specialty, tertiary care facility dedicated to providing top-quality healthcare services. The Hospital, guided by the core principles of Impact, Quality, Relevance, and Access, will have a patient welfare programme to ensure that individuals from low-income backgrounds can access high-quality medical treatment. This initiative will facilitate a substantial expansion of the University's existing School of Nursing and Midwifery in Kampala and will also allow the University to commence training medical specialists in various fields. The Hospital will cater to patients in nearly two dozen specialties.



Rendering of the Kampala Campus

Thank you for your generous and constant support towards the development of the AKU Kampala Campus. We sincerely appreciate your dedication and commitment to this ambitious project, which, in the words of Princess Zahra Aga Khan, “will make a huge difference for Uganda, for the region, and for medical care around the world.”

If you would like to learn more about the project or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Stewardship Team at: [stewardship@aku.edu](mailto:stewardship@aku.edu)