

Tariq Cheema, MD

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Tariq H. Cheema is a renowned philanthropist & social innovator who has founded the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists and Global Donors Forum. Since his career switch from surgery to philanthropy in 1997, Dr. Cheema has been serving in various nonprofit management and consulting roles. During the course of his career, he has put his mark on numerous successful development initiatives, managed medium to large grant programs, and accumulated extensive experience in working with world leaders, grantmakers, and entrepreneurs to advance effective & accountable giving and impact investing.

His trend-setting efforts towards institutionalizing Muslim Philanthropy worldwide has earned international acclaim. Dr. Cheema ranks among the 500 most influential Muslims impacting the world today.

Professional Experience

- **Country Representative** | 2013 - Present
American Refugee Committee (ARC), Pakistan
- **Executive Director** | 2006 - 2010
Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America (APPNA), United States
- **Crisis Management Consultant** | 2003 - 2006
Nonprofit Empowerment Group, United States
- **Executive Director** | 2000 - 2003
Doctors Worldwide, United States
- **Civil Society Advocacy Coordinator** | 1999 - 2000
WHO-Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), Switzerland
- **Associate Director** | 1997 - 1999
Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA), United States
- **Principal Shareholder** | 1992 - Present
Southeast Business Group, United States

Fellowships

- **Distinguished Fellow in International Development** | 2013
New Westminster College, Canada
- **Philanthropy Studies** | 2012
Salzburg Global Seminar, Austria
- **Philanthropy and Development** | 2012
The Bellagio Initiative, Italy
- **Advanced Leadership and Management** | 2011
Madinah Institute of Leadership and Entrepreneurship, Saudi Arabia
- **Next Generation Leadership** | 2001-2003
Rockefeller Foundation-NYU Wagner, United States

Academics

- **Executive Education, International Health Leadership** | 2006
The University of Illinois at Chicago, United States
- **Graduate Certificate, Advanced Study in Philanthropy** | 2000 - 2001
Loyola University Chicago, United States
- **Doctor of Medicine** | 1987 - 1993
Cerrahpaşa Tıp Fakültesi, Istanbul University, Turkey
- **Associate Degree** | 1980 - 1982
Forman Christian College, Pakistan

Honors & Awards

- The Muslim 500 [2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014]
- Founder, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists
- Convener, Global Donors Forum
- Co-founder, Doctors Worldwide
- Co-founder, Academy of Philanthropy
- Founder, National Network of Diaspora Giving
- U.S. Congressional Commendation
- UNAOC Global Expert
- Kraft's Louis T. Delgado Social Justice in Philanthropy Award
- Northwestern University, Kellogg Entrepreneurship Award
- APPNA Presidential Award
- Indo-Pak Peace Building Award
- Asian American Community Service Award
- Co-founder, Social Action Consortium
- Pride of Pakistan - Hall of Fame
- Founder, Pakistan Alliance for Girls Education
- Co-founder, Diversity Forums
- Trustee, Kashmir Education Foundation
- Trustee, Pakistan Children Heart Foundation
- Founder, Medical Tourism Association of Pakistan

Publications

- **Global Best Practices for CSO, NGO and other Nonprofit Boards**
BoardSource, Wiley - 2018 (under print)
Co-Author
- **Journal of Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society**
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, IUPUI
Member, Editorial Board - 2016
- **Global Fundraising: How the World is Changing the Rules of Philanthropy**
Wiley, John & Sons - 2013
Co-Author
- **Global Philanthropy: The Past and Present**
Mercator Fund - 2010
Co-Author

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