

Tariq Cheema, MD

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Tariq H. Cheema is a renowned philanthropist & social innovator who 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 capacities. During the course of his career, he designed and incubated several successful social initiatives, managed mid to large size grant programs, and accumulated extensive experience in working with world leaders, grant-makers, and entrepreneurs to advance strategic giving and impact investing.

In the recent years, 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.

Assignments

- **Chief of Party** | 2018 - Present
Educating One Million Out-of-School Children Program, Pakistan
- **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 Leadership Program** | 2017 - 2018
SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell University, United States
- **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
- **Intermediate Education** | 1980 - 1982
Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan

Awards

- The Muslim 500
[2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014]
- U.S. Congressional Commendation
- Louis T. Delgado Social Justice in Philanthropy Award
- Northwestern Univ. Kellogg Entrepreneurship Award
- APPNA Presidential Award
- Indo-Pak Peace Building Award
- Asian American Community Service Award
- Pride of Pakistan - Hall of Fame

Affiliations

- 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
- UNAOC Global Expert
- Director, Finocracy
- Co-founder, Diversity Forums
- Co-founder, Social Action Consortium
- Founder, Pakistan Alliance for Girls Education
- Trustee, Momina Cheema Foundation
- Trustee, Kashmir Education Foundation
- Trustee, Doctors Worldwide Trust Hospital
- Trustee, Pakistan Children Heart Foundation
- Founder, Medical Tourism Association of Pakistan
- Trustee, Taaleem Foundation

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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