

Phan Foundation

Annual Report and Accounts 2015-2016

The Phan Foundation was founded by the four children of Padoh Mahn Sha, the General Secretary of the Karen National Union, and Nant Kyin Shwe, in their memory.

The Phan Foundation is a Charitable Incorporation Organisation, registered charity number 1154658. Our government document is the constitution of the Phan Foundation

Charitable objects

- (1) TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY IN BURMA,**
- (2) TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY (INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL NEEDS) OF REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS, MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM BURMA.**
- (3) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES FROM BURMA.**
- (4) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECTS OF ETHNIC KAREN CULTURE, HISTORY AND TRADITIONS**
- (5) TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS (AS SET OUT IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUBSEQUENT UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS AND DECLARATIONS) AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURMA AND SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT.**

Board and advisors:

Trustees:

Nant Bwa Bwa Phan

Nant Zoya Phan

Mark Farmaner

Stephen Bates

No new trustees were appointed during this reporting period

Advisors:

Saw Say Say Phan

Saw Slone Phan

Benedict Rogers

Charity registration number: 1154658

Registered Office:

28 Charles Sq, London N1 6HT

Bankers:

The Co-operative Bank

1 Balloon St

Manchester

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Our work in 2015-2016:

Grants made in 2015 – 2016

KESAN Students	596.30
KWO yearly support including supporting 1 student	400.00
KED Teachers salaries	1,000.00
LMTC final year students	400.00
Karen Students Network Group's Magazines	1,744.47

These five grants all further the charitable objectives of the Phan Foundation and are undertaken for the public benefit of these objectives. We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Examples of impact and achievements:

During this reporting period the Phan Foundation has sought to provide grants to local community organisations in Burma and Thailand.

LMTC Youth empowerment

The LMTC programme provides education and support to young people from remote ethnic areas of Burma where there is often conflict and displacement and a lack government provision of services. These areas have very high levels of poverty and disease and low level of education and development. LMTC students receive basic education and training in community development. In the final year of this course students are required to do practical training and experience in community development in the field. Existing donors for this course are unable to provide funding for the additional costs of this field work, and this is where Phan Foundation provides support. At the end of the course students have practical skills and experience to return to their own communities or assist other communities in addressing the challenges in education, health, and development of their villages to help tackle poverty.

Education for internally displaced and refugee children

Local community organisations face significant problems in obtaining funding, and receiving long-term commitments for funding. Children in parts of Burma where there is conflict or no government provision of education, especially higher level education, rely on local community organisations to find funding for them to travel for education in another part of Burma, or neighbouring Thailand. This also requires the provision of boarding schools for these children, and full support for their food and clothing needs.

During this reporting period the Phan Foundation, working with Karen Womens Organisation, KESAN, and the Karen Education Department, sought to help these students receive an education. We did this through support for nursery schools, support for individual students, and support for teacher salaries.

Our support for the Karen Students Network Group's magazine meets several of our objectives, including advancing the education of people in Burma, advancing the situation of the public on Karen culture and advancing the education of the public on human rights in Burma. Members of the Karen Students Network Group have their skills and education enhanced by learning to produce the magazine.

Grant-making approach and policy

The founders of the Phan Foundation, being from the ethnic State of Karen State Burma, have particular experience, knowledge and expertise in both the needs of the people, and the organisations which are providing effective assistance to them.

Based on this experience, the Phan Foundation seeks to apply principles in grant making which many charities working in the same area, in particular larger charities, do not apply. We seek to make long term commitments to the work of our grantees so that they have a more secure income, and are therefore able to be more efficient and effective in implementing projects and assisting beneficiaries. We are also willing to consider making smaller grants to local community organisations in remote areas which can make a significant different to those local communities.

Grants can be considered based on applications made to the Phan Foundation, or on the recommendation of Trustees.

Financial review and accounts:

The trustees approved the accounts on 15th October 2016.

The income that the Phan Foundation received during this reporting period was from individual donations and one grant.

NOTE: For administrative reasons including ensuring proper reporting and due to the difficulties some organisations face in the challenging operating environment of Burma and Thailand, some grants that would normally have been made during this financial year were delayed until the following financial year. This led to the apparent imbalance of income and expenditure during this financial period.

Phan Foundation Annual Account Apr 2015 - Mar 2016

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No .	Descriptions	Money Out £	Money in £	Balance £
1	Opening Balance		12,451.70	
2	Grants	4,140.77	-	
3	Young Leader's Award	-	-	
4	Travel expenses	-	-	
5	Transfer Fees	69.50	-	
6	Expenses	-	-	
7	Website Development	237.60	-	
8	Petty Cash	-	-	
9	Appeals		-	
11	Standing Order		360.00	
12	General Donations		2,875.12	
13	Events		-	
14	Bank interest		4.79	
15	Grants		10,000	
16	Others income		-	
	Total	4,447.87	25,691.61	21,243.74



Zoya Phan
Trustee



Mark Farmaner
Trustee