

## **Phan Foundation**

### **Annual Report and Accounts 2016-2017**

**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**

**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**

**M60 4EP**

## **Our work in 2016-2017:**

### **Grants made in 2016 – 2017**

<b>KESAN - IDPs students</b>	<b>£709.47</b>
<b>KWO Nursery teachers salaries</b>	<b>£5,020.00</b>
<b>KED Teacher salaries</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>
<b>KHRG Equipment for documentation support</b>	<b>£1,132.00</b>
<b>Delta flooding support</b>	<b>£2,103.55</b>
<b>Land rights</b>	<b>£1,057.56</b>
<b>LMTC Field trip for final year students</b>	<b>£340.74</b>
<b>YLA 2014 Hsa Moo</b>	<b>£1,654.00</b>
<b>YLA 2015 Sa Shine</b>	<b>£1654.00</b>
<b>He Ma Weng (Medical care Kachin injured children)</b>	<b>£530.00</b>

These 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.

## **Expanding our support**

### **In Kachin State**

This year Phan Foundation provided our first grant in Kachin State, helping to fund lifesaving emergency medical care for Kachin school children injured in an attack by the Burmese military.

We provided IT equipment to a farmers group seeking to educate people about the problems of land rights and the problems of poverty and human rights violations lack of land rights creates.

And we responded to appeals for assistance after a devastating flood in the Delta region left people homeless, without crops, and without food and safe clean water.

### **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 difference 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 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

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.

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No.	Descriptions	Money Out £	Money in £	Balance £
1	Opening Balance		21243.74	
2	Grants	15,201.32		
3	Travel expenses	98.50		
4	Transfer Fees	211.22		
5	Website Development	237.60		
6	Others expenses	412.71		
7	Appeals		-	
8	Standing Order		360.00	
9	Grants		14,900.00	
10	Donation from Paypal		389.46	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,161.35</b>	<b>36,893.20</b>	<b>20,731.85</b>



Zoya Phan  
Trustee



Mark Farmaner  
Trustee