

Phan Foundation

Annual Report and Accounts 2017-2018

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 2017-2018:

Grants made in 2017 – 2018

Sa Khant Thu Hlaing - 2016 Young Leader Award	£1,592.60
Karen Education Department – Teacher Salaries 2017	£1000
Emergency salary Kler Lwee Htoo community Teachers	£600
Karen Student Network Group Magazines 2017	£1,735.12
KESAN Education programme	£762
Karen Student Network Group Magazines 2018	£3,435
Karen Education Department – Teacher Salaries 2018	£1000

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.

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 KESAN, and the Karen Education Department, sought to help these students receive an education. We did this through support for education programmes, support for individual students, educational magazines and support for teacher salaries, including stepping in to provide emergency support for teachers in Kler Lwee Htoo where a crucial grant had been lost.

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 20th August 2018.

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

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No.	Descriptions	Money Out £	Money in £	Balance £
	Opening Balance			20731.85
1	Grants	10,124.72		
2	Travel expenses	398.00		
3	Transfer Fees	81.50		
4	Other expenses	-		
5	Website Development	237.60		
6	Standing Order		350.00	
7	General Donations		-	
8	Donation from Paypal		505.95	
9	Grants		17,000.00	
10	Others		49.24	
	Total	10,841.82	17,905.19	
	Closing Balance			27,795.22



Zoya Phan
Trustee



Mark Farmaner
Trustee