

Phan Foundation

Annual Report and Accounts 2018-2019

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 governing 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:

110 The Bon Marche Centre, 241-251 Ferndale Road London, SW9 8BJ

Bankers:

The Co-operative Bank

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Manchester

M60 4EP

Our work in 2018-2019:

Grants made in 2018 – 2019

2017 YLA Naw Hser Hser	£1,540.46
2017 YLA Saw Eh Tho	£1,540.47
KESAN students	£1,163.00
KCA UK Karen language	£300.00
KHRG	£1,826.99
Shatugaw Social & Health Organisation (Ambulance)	£10006.67
2018 YLA Joseph	£1,586.06

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 provided grants to local community organisations operating in Burma.

Education, health, women, culture, IDPs and human rights education

Local community organisations face significant problems in obtaining funding. We aim to use our limited funding in reaching people and projects which find it hard to obtain support elsewhere. This year we provided grants relating to education, health, women, culture, IDPs and human rights education.

Education

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 parts 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 local communities, sought to help these students receive an education. We did this through support for education programmes, support for individual students, educational magazines, funding for the running of a library, summer camps, a future generation project and support to individual schools.

In the UK we contributed towards a summer school teaching the children of Karen refugees Karen language and culture.

Health

We were able to provide funding for an ambulance vehicle for a community in the Delta where there is no provision for emergency healthcare. The ambulance means that people are able to be taken to hospital when they suffer medical emergencies including problems during childbirth. The ambulance service has already saved lives.

Human rights education

We provided funding for equipment for use by Karen Human Rights Group to use in documentation and education about human rights, benefitting local villagers.

IDPs

We provided funding towards the emergency needs of internally displaced people in Karen State.

Culture

In addition to supporting publications about Karen culture, and the refugee summer school in the UK, Phan Foundation also supported the holding of a traditional wrist tying ceremony in Karen State.

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:

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No.	Descriptions	Money Out £	Money in £	Balance £
1	Grants	17,963.65		
2	Transfer Fees	117.00		
3	Expenses	472.00		

4	Website Development	237.60		
5	Others	0.01		
6	Opening balance			27,795.22
7	Standing Order		336.00	
8	General Donations		243.72	
9	Donation from Paypal		1,489.67	
10	Grants		2,000.00	
11	Others income		36.58	
	Total	18,790.26	4,105.97	13,110.93

The trustees approved the accounts on 20th January 2020.

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

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Zoya Phan
Trustee



Mark Farmaner
Trustee