

2019



Tekkatho Foundation

TRUSTEES' REPORT
& ACCOUNTS



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1. Khan Academy on a Sea
2. Natural Selection and the Sea
3. The process is still going on
4. The process is still going on





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TEKKATHO FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

WHAT WE DO

The Foundation uses digital technologies to support educational change across Myanmar. We build free, self-contained digital libraries of educational resources that the current generation of students can use right away.

Our local hosting model means that people can dependably access the eTekkatho library content at high speed from within the library building even when connectivity is poor. In this way, we provide young people with fast and easy access to a wealth of learning opportunities.

Our mission is to advance the education, particularly but not exclusively, of the people of Myanmar (Burma), including by:

(a) providing digital libraries and other education infrastructure in areas of limited or no internet connectivity;

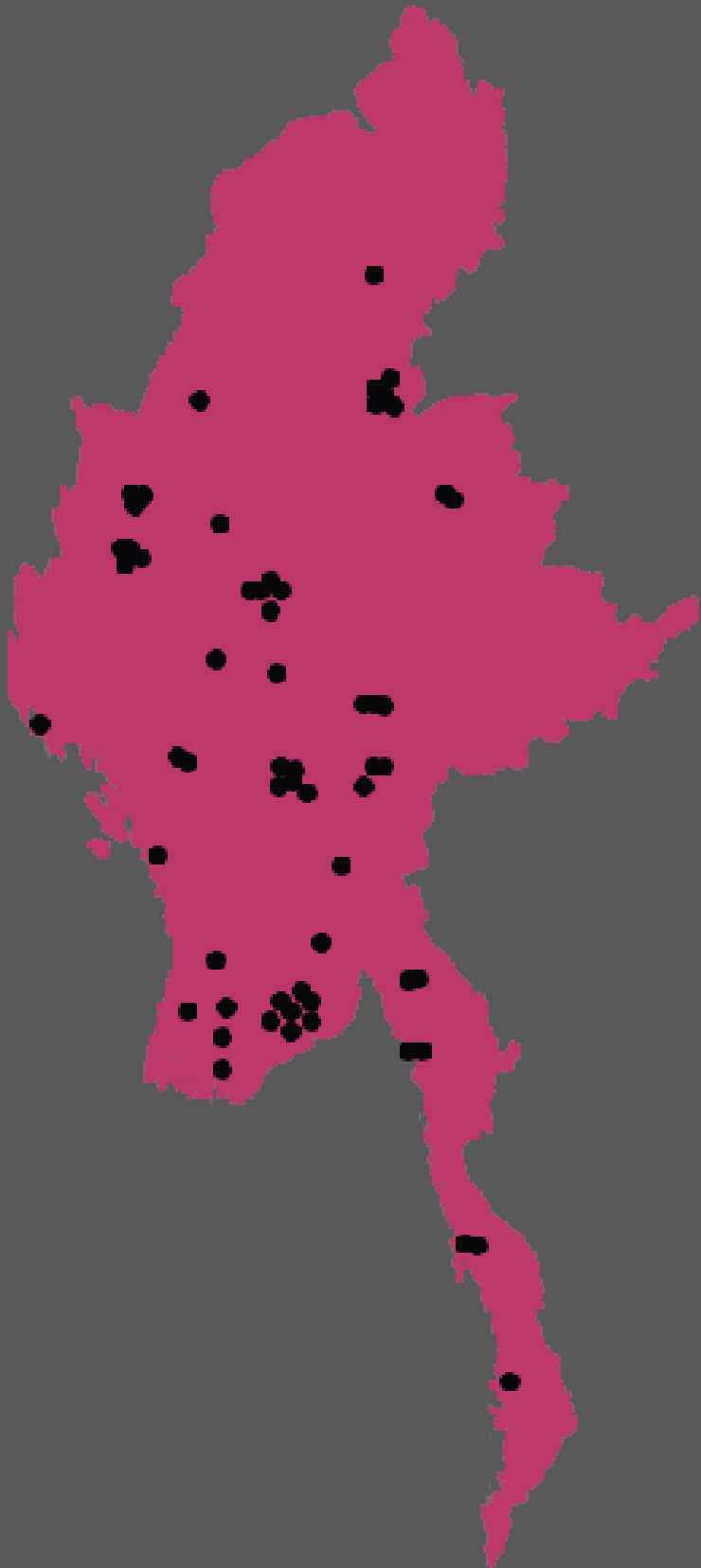
(b) promoting exchanges, teaching placements and research partnerships between educational institutions and international partners.

We also run programmes of face-to-face training to introduce librarians and students to the availability and content of digital resources and build their IT and information literacy skills.

Today's students, who will play such a key role in the economic, social and political future of Myanmar, often struggle to gain a relevant education in institutions that lack the tools they need to deliver a strong learning environment. Our projects deliver quick, effective solutions to this problem.

We believe that improved access to resources in education will transform minds and opportunities, powering society and enabling more fulfilling lives. eTekkatho can be a driver of change right across Myanmar. We aim to strengthen education across the whole country so young people can benefit from the opportunities digital technologies bring wherever they study.

DIGITAL LIBRARY LOCATIONS



TRUSTEES' REPORT

IMPACT

For the year ended 30 September 2019

TEKKATHO FOUNDATION IN KACHIN STATE



Pinnya Tagar Academy provides high school and pre-college education for 80 local Kachin students, including students who have been displaced from their homes by conflict in the region. We set up a MyLibrary at the Academy in April 2019. The students love using the post-16 vocational content to prepare themselves for university and employment, such as the *Life and Learning Skills* materials from Mote Oo Education and the *Learn English* videos from the British Council.

Here, where there is no internet, a teacher describes how the MyLibrary has impacted the students' learning:

Students became self-reliant learners, and they are now in control of their own destined learning goals toward greater vision in their lives. Both students and teachers are now working together to quench the thirst for wisdom; both have been learners, and the relationship of both teachers and students are now more meaningful and reciprocal."



MyLibrary training event at Pinnya Tagar Academy, April 2019



MyLibrary training event at Yay Kyaw Toe high school

TEKKATHO FOUNDATION IN AYEYARWADY REGION

Yay Kyaw Toe high school is in the Ayeyarwady Delta Region of Myanmar. It is only accessible by boat and not accessible at all during the rainy season. The school has around 150 students from surrounding villages. Teachers use MyLibrary to explore subjects in more depth. For example, a science lesson might be followed by a session in a virtual lab, Khan Academy videos and textbooks from CK-12. For geography, students use the Touchable Earth videos, games and quizzes. A teacher told us: *"It is very useful for students. We teach them without laboratory in Physics. With MyLibrary, students can see the result with simulation."*

Education in the region has been traditionally based on memorization and rote learning. MyLibrary enables teachers to adopt a more student-centred approaches to learning. The head teacher was initially concerned that students might be distracted from curriculum material and exams but now sees how much students learn from the resources in MyLibrary – and have fun too. He said that MyLibrary has given the students *"a whole new dimension to their learning"*.

The school children are from remote rural villages and one challenge that concerned us was that they would struggle using tablets to explore, navigate and open resources. In fact, they have found the interfaces intuitive and easy to use, and this has not been a problem!

As there is no internet in the area, the students were unfamiliar with using digital technologies such as browsers and touch screens. MyLibrary is designed for low-tech literacy with intuitive, user-friendly interfaces and has enabled the students to develop these key skills for their future.

TRUSTEES' REPORT ACTIVITY

For the year ended 30 September 2019



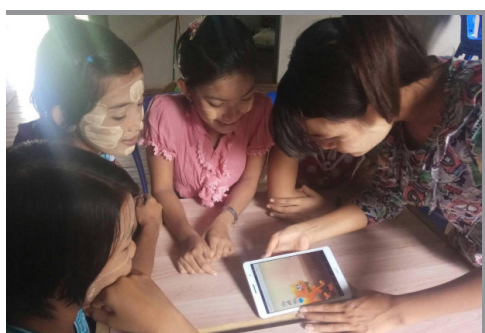
Group of students using eTekkatho at Dawei University
July 2019



Learning with eTekkatho at Hakha Millennium Centre
June 2019



Minister for Education, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, with Head of IT, May Thet Khine Nyein & eTekkatho MyLibrary Device
June 2019



Students learning phonics with eTekkatho, Yae Kyaw Toe village, Ayeyarwaddy Region
July 2019

During the reporting period, we are pleased to report that, with the support from Omidyar Network and Learning Equality, we have continued to scale up our work to reach 29 new locations, nearly twice as many as before.

We have run 62 training courses during the reporting year, directly reaching over 4 thousand learners, educators and librarians at eTekkatho partner institutions.

We completed our first library specifically for people displaced by conflict. Maina IDP camp, outside Myitkyina in Kachin State, provides shelter to some of the 100,000 displaced people in northern Myanmar. Amongst the thousands of educational resources now available to those living in the camp is content specifically tailored for displaced populations, including peace and reconciliation, basic healthcare and sanitation, and rebuilding resources.

Our year-on-year grant income has decreased by £65k reflecting a 2-year grant received in the previous year. For the same reason, our balance sheet has reduced by £32k as this grant is used up. We have worked to diversify our income and have had seen a substantial increase in non-grant income (up £12k) and have seen a significant strengthening in our unrestricted fund.



Students learning to use eTekkatho at Maina IDP Camp

EDUCATION

TRAINING ATTENDEES

4,199

In the reporting year, we held 62 training courses attended by 4,199 students, teachers and librarians.

ACCESS

NEW LOCATIONS

+97%

In the reporting year, we added 29 new libraries to our network. These include 14 community libraries, 4 universities, 2 primary schools and 1 high school.

REACH

DIGITAL LIBRARIES

60

Including locations from previous years we now have 60 digital libraries operating. There is an Tekkatho Foundation digital library in every state in Myanmar. Locations include universities, schools, IDP camps and community libraries.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

GOVERNANCE STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 September 2019

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Account and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

ENSURING OUR WORK DELIVERS OUR AIMS

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year to ensure they benefit the groups of people we are set up to help. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work over the 12 month period 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019.

When reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities, we have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of education.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

The power of appointment and removal of trustees is vested in the existing trustees.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 June 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



P A Murphy - Trustee

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES



DR CELIA RUSSELL

Chair of Trustees

Celia has a longstanding interest in how digital technologies can be used to advance education in developing regions, having previously worked for Jisc and the University of Manchester building digital infrastructures for the higher education community.



PAUL MURPHY

Trustee and Company Secretary

Paul leads on the technical strategy and the development of the technology behind eTekkatho. He is also Head of Digital at Co-operatives UK, holds an MSc in Technology Management and is a member of the British Computer Society.



DR KHIN MAR MAR KYI

Trustee

Khin Mar Mar Kyi is a documentary filmmaker and anthropologist specialising in issues of gender equality, sustainable development and peace.



ED NASH

Trustee

Ed is International Strategy Officer for the University of Oxford. He previously worked international communications roles, and prior to that as a journalist in the UK and China. He holds an MA from the University of St Andrews and an MSc in Comparative Public Policy.



MAY THA-HLA

Trustee

May Tha-Hla is a co-founder and trustee of Helping the Burmese Delta. She has extensive experience in running practical projects that bring about change on the ground and over the years her work has helped improve the life chances of tens of thousands of people in Myanmar.

TEKKATHO STAFF



MAY THET KHINE NYEIN

Head of IT

May Thet joined the eTekkatho team determined to improve access to education in Myanmar. She has a B.C.Sc (Hons) and Master of Computer Science from the University of Computer Studies, Yangon. May Thet runs the training eTekkatho programme and sets up the local installations at universities and community libraries.

ASSOCIATES

Our work is also supported by 8 British Council Millennium Centre staff members. The Millennium Centres are physical libraries scattered across the country and the British Council staff run eTekkatho training and promotional events at 13 nearby institutions, namely the universities at Laisho, Myitkyina, Bhamaw, Taunggyi, Taunggyi Medicine, Sittwe, Taunggok, Loikaw, Mawlamyine, Hpa-An, Dawei, Kalay and Hakha.

FINANCIAL REPORT **STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

For the year ended 30 September 2019

The trustees (who are also the directors of Tekkatho Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 30 September 2019

		Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2019 Total funds (£)	2018 Total funds (£)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Donations and legacies		12,929	4,747	17,675	70,253
	Total		12,929	4,747	17,675	70,253
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities	General		7,529	42,252	49,780	19,349
	Other		-	-	-	239
	Total		7,529	42,252	49,780	19,588
NET INCOME			5,400	(37,505)	(32,105)	50,665
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	Total funds brought forward		1,615	50,551	52,166	1,501
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			7,015	13,046	20,061	52,166

The notes form part of these financial statements

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

At 30 September 2019

		Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2019 Total funds (£)	2018 Total funds (£)
FIXED ASSETS	Tangible assets	5	-	4,229	4,229	1,191
CURRENT ASSETS	Cash at bank and in hand		7,015	8,817	15,832	50,975
NET CURRENT ASSETS			7,015	8,817	15,832	50,975
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			7,015	13,046	20,061	52,166
NET ASSETS			7,015	13,046	20,061	52,166
FUNDS	Unrestricted funds	6			7,015	1,615
	Restricted funds				13,046	50,551
TOTAL FUNDS					20,061	52,166

The notes form part of these financial statements

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

1. Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
2. Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 June 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:



C Russell - Trustee

FINANCIAL REPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 September 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2019 (£)	2018 (£)
Depreciation - owned assets	-	239

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2019 nor for the year ended 30 September 2018.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

During the year travel expenses were paid to trustees C Russell and M Tha-Hla in respects of travel to/within Myanmar, and P Murphy in respect of UK travel.

In the previous year expenses were paid to trustees P Murphy and C Russell in respect of travel to/within Myanmar.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2019	2018
Project Staff	2	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Equipment (£)
COST	Additions	15,416
	Disposals	12,378
DEPRECIATION	Charge for year	-
NET BOOK VALUE	At 30 September 2019	4,229
	At 30 September 2018	1,191

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		At 1/10/18 (£)	Net movement in funds (£)	At 30/9/19 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	1,615	11,431	13,046
RESTRICTED FUNDS	Restricted fund	50,551	(43,535)	7,015
TOTAL FUNDS		52,166	32,105	20,061

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

		Incoming resources (£)	Resources expended (£)	Movement in funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	12,929	7,529	5,400
RESTRICTED FUNDS	Restricted funds	4,747	42,252	(37,505)
TOTAL FUNDS		17,676	49,781	(32,105)

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - CONTINUED

Comparatives for movement in funds

		<i>At 1/10/17 (£)</i>	<i>Net movement in funds (£)</i>	<i>At 30/9/18 (£)</i>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	1,501	114	1,615
RESTRICTED FUNDS	Restricted fund	-	50,551	50,551
TOTAL FUNDS		1,501	50,665	52,166

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

		<i>Incoming resources (£)</i>	<i>Resources expended (£)</i>	<i>Movement in funds (£)</i>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	114	-	114
RESTRICTED FUNDS	Restricted funds	70,139	19,588	50,551
TOTAL FUNDS		70,253	19,588	50,665

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

		<i>At 1/10/17 (£)</i>	<i>Net movement in funds (£)</i>	<i>At 30/9/19 (£)</i>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	1,501	11,545	13,046
RESTRICTED FUNDS	Restricted fund	-	7,015	7,015
TOTAL FUNDS		1,501	18,560	20,061

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

		<i>Incoming resources (£)</i>	<i>Resources expended (£)</i>	<i>Movement in funds (£)</i>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	13,043	7,529	5,514
RESTRICTED FUNDS	Restricted funds	74,886	61,840	13,046
TOTAL FUNDS		87,929	69,369	18,560

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 30 September 2019

		2019 (£)	2018 (£)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
Donations and legacies	Donations	12,928	113
	Grants	4,747	70,140
Total incoming resources		17,675	70,253
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities	Staff and consultants	28,851	13,360
	Digital library equipment	12,378	-
	Travel expenses	2,597	2,188
	Other expenses	2,696	325
Total		46,522	15,873
Other	Equipment depreciation	-	239
Support costs Management	Administration costs	819	955
	Insurance	1,845	1,729
	Equipment	594	792
	Total	3,258	3,476
Total resources expended		49,780	19,588
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(32,105)	50,665

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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