

Navitas Education Trust Impact Report FY21

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A year of extraordinary adaptability

Our purpose of transforming lives through education extends beyond the experiences we offer our students. The Navitas Education Trust (NET) is a vital element of support that brings about educational change where it is most needed.

Since 2013, Navitas has contributed annual funds to the NET; assisting numerous world-wide education-based projects. These projects, in turn, have helped many people gain better access to education, improved the quality of offerings, and contributed to teacher training and infrastructure. So far, the NET has allocated over AUD2.5 million.

In FY21, our partners met the ongoing challenges presented by COVID in numerous ways, adapting to provide learning at home materials, and online and radio lessons, as well as emergency food distribution and hygiene supplies.

One important aspect of the NET is to find volunteering opportunities for Navitas staff. In FY21, staff members volunteered their time to assist Sun Books, with uploading content to the tablets. Given restrictions to movement in FY21, this was the ideal opportunity, as staff were able to assist 'virtually' from anywhere in the world.

We congratulate our NET partners for their extraordinary adaptability in what was a very difficult year for so many.

The total amount provided in grants in FY21 was

AUD299,017



Better access to education for 1760 people, and resources developed to assist many more.



In response to COVID-19:

Partners provided much-needed personal protection and hygiene products, COVID-safe training, food distribution and study-from-home learning packs.



ONE SCHOOL BUILDING
and toilet blocks constructed

40

**SOLAR-POWERED
EDUCATION TABLETS
PROVIDED, AND
300 EBOOKS
CREATED**



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**PARENTS
GROUPS
FORMED,**

to advocate for the
importance of girls education



60

**SCHOLARSHIPS
PROVIDED**

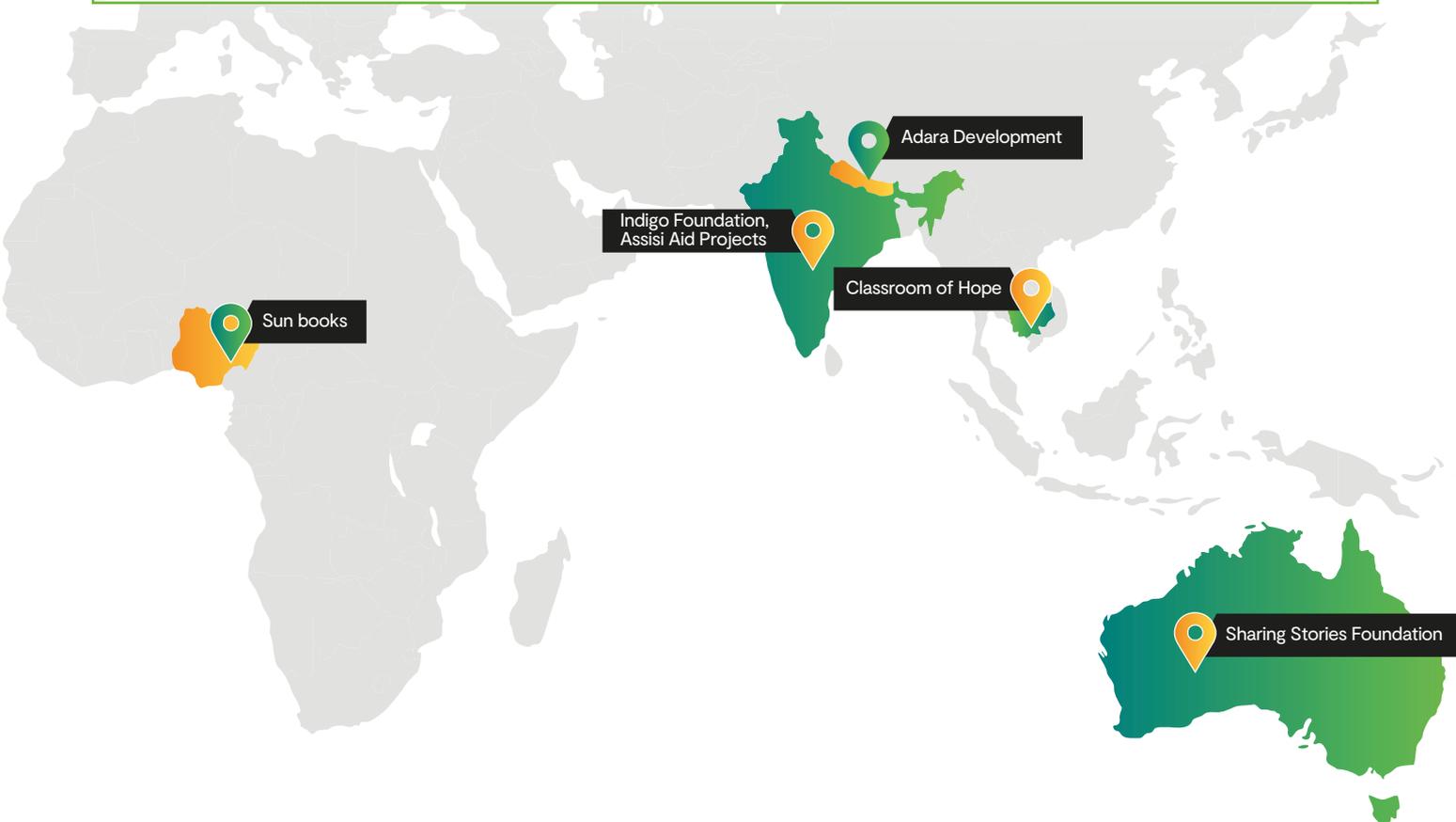
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STUDY GROUPS FORMED



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**NAVITAS STAFF
MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED**
their time to assist with content
for new partner Sun Books.



FY21 NET Partners

World Literacy Foundation Sun Books Project NIGERIA

Project: Sun Books NIGERIA

This project supports literacy development by bringing 21st Century technology to classrooms commonly described as 'off the grid'. Sun Book Tablets are powered by solar panels and pre-loaded with local and international content, providing a low-cost solution that addresses the needs of teachers and children.

In FY21, funding from the NET was used to provide 40 Sun Books tablets to Ireti Girls Primary School in Lagos, Nigeria. In June 2021, the school received a visit from the Australian High Commission, to learn about use of the Sun Books tablets in classrooms.

Blog links:



[Learning via 21st Century Technology: our new NET partner Sun Books](#)



[Sun Books Schools hosts Australian High Commission visit](#)



Virtual volunteers

Sun Books provided a volunteering opportunity to staff, despite restrictions to movement brought about by the pandemic in FY21. Navitas staff members became 'virtual volunteers for Sun Books, volunteering their time online from anywhere in the world to assist with content for the innovative tablets.



[Blog link: Volunteers from all over Navitas step up to help Sun Books](#)



Assisi Aid projects INDIA

Project: Education and Skill Development provision of tuition classes for children in disadvantaged communities in India.

Assisi works to best serve the educational needs of children in tribal hamlets, strengthen their communities, and address gender inequality.

At May 2021, Government schools in the villages had been closed for over a year, and project activities have required adaptation as a result of COVID-19. Traditional subjects such as English, Tamil, and maths are being maintained as much as possible, along with COVID-19 awareness-related activities on the importance of hygiene and other safety measures. Home-based activities have enabled the children to develop skills while safely engaging with their communities.



[Blog link: NET partner project participants make masks for India.](#)

Classroom of Hope CAMBODIA

Project: Building for Education - Battambang Province.

NET has been funding Classroom of Hope (COH) projects since 2014. In that time, COH has been an outstanding partner. The dedication shown by this organisation, in combination with NET funding has seen 13 schools built and 611 scholarships granted to children in remote areas of Cambodia.

Schools in Cambodia have had to close off and on in FY21. Classroom of Hope worked with their local partner, Children's Action for Development to ensure as many students as possible could gain access to learning materials through online lessons, distance learning and the delivery of materials to students' homes.



[Blog link: A brighter future for Classroom of Hope Scholarship students.](#)



Indigo Foundation INDIA

Project: Education for Empowerment – establishing after-school tuition centres and adult skills training for marginalised children and women

At the height of COVID outbreaks in FY21, government restrictions impacted some face-to-face programs. Fortunately, the local partner in India was able to shift some programs online, run more classes with fewer numbers to comply with social distancing, and tutors engaged with students through WhatsApp and home visits. Despite many challenges, Indigo was able to achieve some amazing results, such as 41 students from the tuition centres being admitted to tertiary institutions and 19 admitted to colleges.



Green Apple article:
October 2020, page 14

Adara Development NEPAL

Project: Seven schools in Ghyangfedi – providing access to education for children from some of Nepal's most isolated communities.

In FY21 Adara's remote community development work focused on mitigating and preventing the spread of COVID-19. Adara continued to demonstrate their capability in Nepal, hosting numerous COVID-safe training sessions for community members in Ghyangfedi, providing at home learning kits and stationery, and providing families with emergency food distribution. Adara also reached thousands of children via their distance radio education program.

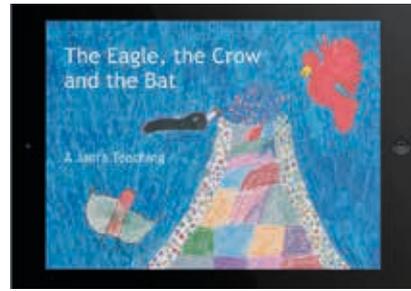
In another remarkable achievement, 100% of the secondary students in Adara-supported schools passed their exams.



Blog link: A world-first in secondary education for NET partner Adara.



Watch the video:
Adara 2020: Year in review



Sharing Stories Foundation AUSTRALIA

Project: Creating comprehensive teacher and student resources to share cultural knowledge so Australians of all backgrounds can build understanding of, and respect for Australia's First Nations.

The NET has been helping to fund projects involving artists, cultural custodians, teenagers and school groups to record and interpret stories that are brought together in audio-visual formats. The organisation provides mentoring with community language workers and cultural leaders, focussing on long term community engagement and employment.

In FY21, Sharing Stories produced four amazing new multi-touch books that are free to download. CEO Liz Thompson received a Pro Bono Award for her incredible efforts.



Free to download! NET partner Sharing Stories launches four new multi-touch books - News Blog



Blog article: NET partner Sharing Stories CEO wins Pro Bono Award - News Blog





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