

Navitas Education Trust Partner Summary FY20

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A year of far-reaching impact

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 AUD2.2 million.

FY20 was a significant year for the NET. Three new partnerships were created, to fund projects that closely align with the Navitas purpose. Funding was also provided to five current partners. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the second half of FY20 saw each one of our partners demonstrate true agility in the face of new and challenging circumstances.

We committed to sharing the stories of our NET partners more broadly with our staff in FY20. We also posted regularly to our Social Media feeds to inform our partners, students and the larger community. A highlight of the year was in January, when two Navitas teachers visited Cambodia to attend the opening ceremony of a NET-funded school. A remarkable year of impact and achievement.

The total amount provided in grants in FY20 was

\$388,647

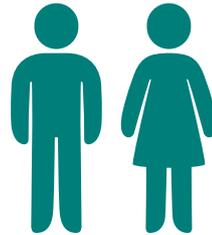
Funding has meant **better access to education** for over **1670 people**, and **resources developed** assisting many more.



CHILDREN

1,561

(Leprosy mission) 150 + (Adara) 272 + (Assisi) 338 + 370 (Indigo), 431 scholarships (COH)



ADULTS

100

women in skills development training (Indigo)

RESOURCES DEVELOPED:

(Adara) 34 learning units, multiple audio-visual resources (Sharing stories foundation).

VOCATIONAL TRAINING GRADUATES:

10 (KOTO)

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY:

Little Seeds House (Lille Fro), three schools (Classroom of Hope), two schools (Adara)



1353 HOURS

of mentoring with community language workers and cultural leaders (Sharing Stories)

TWO NAVITAS TEACHERS

(one from Australia, one from Canada) travelled to Cambodia for a school-opening ceremony (Classroom of Hope)



Indigo Foundation, Assisi Aid Projects and Lille Fro

Adara Development and Leprosy Mission Australia

Classroom of Hope

KOTO Sponsorship

Sharing Stories Foundation

FY20 NET Partners

Leprosy mission NEPAL

Project: Socio-Economic Rehabilitation (SER) scholarships – providing education for children affected by leprosy or disability who would not otherwise have any access.

In FY20, the scholarship program supported by the NET provided education support to 150 children from nine districts in Nepal. All 150 students have progressed to a higher level of education. Out of 150 students, 86 are boys and 64 are girls.

Assisi Aid projects INDIA

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

Up until March 2020, evening tuition classes in maths, Tamil, English, and life skills were conducted as planned across 15 tribal hamlets, involving a total of 338 children in regular classes. An integral part of the project is the engagement of parents through parent groups, and by employing women as the children's class tutors. Due to COVID-19, tuition centres were closed in March. Classes have been reformatted to be COVID safe and respond to the schools closing.

Know One Teach One (KOTO) Vietnam

Project: KOTO turns the lives around of disadvantaged and at-risk youth in Vietnam via its holistic hospitality training program.

In FY20, 10 hospitality trainees graduated from the KOTO training program. The trainees come from significantly disadvantaged backgrounds and the KOTO program provides a genuine opportunity for these young people to break the poverty cycle, given they leave the program as skilled hospitality workers. Since the start of the NET agreement with KOTO, NET funding has helped 10 trainees to participate and complete the program each year.

Lille Fro INDIA

Project: Construction of Little Seeds House; a community hostel providing access to education for children from the remotest parts of Zaskar, India.

Construction of Little Seeds house, including toilet facilities is currently underway.

Sharing stories

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 brought together in audio-visual formats. The collaborative efforts of the organisation have provided mentoring with community language workers and cultural leaders, with a focus on long term community engagement and employment.



Classroom of Hope

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 12 schools built and 431 scholarships granted to children in remote areas of Cambodia.

COH is partnered with local NGO Children's Action for Development (CAD). The CEO of CAD is THY Bunrith (Racky). In November 2019, Navitas held a special event, attended by Classroom of Hope founder Duncan Ward and CEO Scott Jones. Racky presented his story of how escaping the Khmer Rouge in the 1970s led him to his commitment to improving the futures of Cambodian children through education.

In January 2020, Navitas paid for two teachers to attend a school opening ceremony in Cambodia. The teachers were selected from expressions of interest submitted as part of a World Teacher's Day celebration initiative.

Indigo Foundation INDIA

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

Activities in the after-school tuition centres commenced in 2019, creating a space for up to 370 children and young people to study, and training classes for up to 100 women to improve their skills and open up better employment opportunities.

Due to COVID-19, Indigo's partners on the ground have established communal handwashing stations and are providing education about hand-washing and social distancing. Work is also being done for students while face to face programs were suspended, such as setting up WhatsApp groups.

Adara Development NEPAL

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

Headed by CEO Audette Exel OA, Adara has proven to be a remarkable new partner. At July 2020, a total of 272 students have been enrolled across seven schools in the Ghyangfedi district. 59% of students are girls. 34 learning units have been established for children to access while schools are closed, and all students have been provided with at-home learning kits. Toilet block construction has continued throughout lockdown and construction at two schools is almost complete.





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