

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Scholarships for Street Kids

#CHJJKWWM6D submitted on 31 May 2022

1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

This grant will help us to provide blended education (including online, small group tuition, self-study with home visits) to alumni of our non-formal education (NFE) classes who could not transfer to local state schools because of the security situation. The aim is for these children to be able to resume their education once the emergency abates. The requested sum would enable 3 - 5 children to access online education.

1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

S4SK and H4SS provide education at various levels to out-of-school-and-working children (OOSWC) in Myanmar. OOSWCs are difficult to reach because their earnings contribute to family income, so they do not have the opportunity to attend school. Our strategy to release them from this trap is to combine accessible education with social work, compensation for lost earnings while children are in class, a savings scheme to help parents get out of debt, and whatever interventions are necessary (payment of medical bills, repair of housing, income generating projects etc) to keep families stable.

Following the military coup, education has become a frontline issue, with many schools closed or barely functioning. Wealthier parents can hire private tutors, something beyond the reach of our families. The beneficiaries would be former non-formal education students who had expected to transfer to formal school this year, but now cannot. All the beneficiaries of this grant will come from rural villages with sparse provision of electricity, so solar panels and power banks are necessary.

The impact on these children would be that they could keep up with the curriculum they would have studied were they in school, and so will be able to re-join school with confidence, and without too much disadvantage.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

A - Quaker work and witness

E - Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

1.3a Quaker work and witness

Our work began in 2007, with help for a beggar family in Yangon, and an NFE class for street kids. S4SK registered as a UK charity in 2009, all trustees being Keighley Friends. By 2013, there was a strong team in Myanmar and we established a local NGO which, in 2016, registered as H4SS. I serve as Chief Adviser.

1.3e Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

Our families are mostly illiterate, forgotten through decades of military dictatorship. They live on land liable to flooding from which they can be moved at any time. Some have moved because of poverty, while others have moved to escape conflict.

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

Myanmar (MM)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

Yes

1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

When we take on a student we look to provide successive opportunities for education and training, the aim being to bring real change to their lives. We will extend the same care to these beneficiaries, and will of course cover the costs of their education from general funds. Also, the budget includes capital investment (solar panels, power banks and tablets) which will be there to benefit future students.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

H4SS has two Monitoring and Mentoring staff who visit every class, collect data, and feed back any queries to senior management. We use both formative and summative assessment, with regular exercises to check learning each month, and tests at the end of each school year.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Cost of initial orientation meetings with families, quarterly meetings to review progress, purchase of 26 phones/tablets, data charges for students and teachers, solar panel + battery + inverter, stationary, and tutor honorarium	£11,122	For provision to 35 students: see accompanying budget
Option 1: 3 student places requested from EM Ellis CT	£954	For provision to 3 students
Option 2: 5 student places requested from EM Ellis CT	£1,589	For provision to 5 students
TOTALS	£13,665	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
General S4SK funds	£0	£0	We will get as many students as possible online, drawing from general funds to do so.
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£0	£0	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£1,589

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

Yes

2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application

Most years, April 2015,

2.4c Was this previous application successful?

Yes

2.4d How much did you receive?

£750

2.4e When did you receive the grant?

August 2015

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£83,368

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/A-S4SK-Inspected-Accounts-2021.pdf>

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

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3.1 Your name

John A McConnell

3.2 Your contact telephone number

0778 650 6141

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Managing Trustee, S4SK

3.4 Your email address

john.s4sk@gmail.com

3.5 Organisation name

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3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK Charity No. 1131559

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

We provide education at successive levels to out-of-school-and-working children in Myanmar, coupled with various social protection measures for their families. Our aim is to bring real change to their lives.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

S4SK

72-74 Sun Street

Haworth,

Keighley,

BD22 8AH

3.9 UK telephone number

07786506141

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1131559

3.11 Year established

2009

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<http://www.s4sk.org.uk>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

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4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Directory of Quaker & Quaker-related grant-making trusts

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust