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## **Navitas Education Trust expands its reach to help the world's most vulnerable**

Navitas is proud to announce that five new not-for-profits will join the Navitas Education Trust (NET) family in 2018, receiving grants to deliver programs that will help the world's most vulnerable access quality education.

**Oaktree, Leprosy Mission Nepal, Assisi Aid Projects, KOTO, and Sharing Stories** will partner with the NET to improve educational standards, access, and quality for young people and their communities around the world.

The new programs will deliver needed work in parts of the world previously unreached by the NET. Existing partners **Classroom of Hope** and **Plan International** have also received NET funding for new programs in 2018.

The grants made by Navitas in 2018 will:

- **Oaktree**: Run the *Inspiring Young Learners through Quality Education* program to improve teaching quality and learning environments for high school students in Timor-Leste;
- **Leprosy Mission Australia**: Extend the *Socio-Economic Rehabilitation Scholarship Project* to provide access to education for Nepalese children affected by leprosy or disability;
- **KOTO**: Transform the lives of disadvantaged and at-risk youth in Vietnam through a holistic hospitality training program, aimed at employment and improved language skills;
- **Sharing Stories Foundation**: Implement innovative, community-based digital storytelling programs for the promotion of indigenous culture and language across Australia;
- **Assisi Aid Projects**: Increase education levels and life skills for 450 disadvantaged children, skills training for parents, and community development in rural Cambodia and India;
- **Classroom of Hope**: Provide 10 scholarships for young women from rural parts of Cambodia and Thailand to complete two-year tertiary-vocational degrees in STEM disciplines; and
- **Plan International**: Extend the *Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities* program funding to provide infrastructure, training, and resources so that children with disabilities can learn alongside their able-bodied peers across ten schools in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Navitas Group CEO, Rod Jones, said funding for these new programs will extend the great work done by our partners to date to improve education for disadvantaged learners.

“Our NET grants have helped our partners achieve tremendous education outcomes in communities around the world, delivering hard classroom infrastructure, teaching resources, scholarships, mentoring support and teacher training programs, to highlight just some of this work.

“I am proud to again be partnering with organisations that share our passion and belief in the transformative power of education and we look forward to seeing these programs come to life over the next few years,” Rod said.

The NET is Navitas’ philanthropic vehicle for supporting charitable bodies and activities. It has operated since 2013 and since that time has provided over \$1 million in funding to charities around the world.

Every year Navitas contributes \$500,000 to the NET with a portion used to fund education-based initiatives delivered by not-for-profits and the remainder invested to generate interest for future use.

Programs supported by the NET have been delivered around the world by organisations including Classroom of Hope, Room to Read, the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN), Hagar, Plan International, and the Chiedza Child Care Centre.

Charities focussed on or delivering education programs that address learning gaps are encouraged to apply for the next round of NET funding through the Navitas [website](#).

Applications open annually in December and submissions are due by the following February.

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