

Year End Report for PAWA - 2017 (to be read as a follow up to the 2017 mid-year Report)

As at 31 December 2017

Charity:	Harinder Veriah Trust
Project:	Assunta Secondary School Girls Tuition Programme
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Total number of girls benefiting from the overall project:	8 (one of the original 9 has consistently been missing from the classes and has refused further help from HVT/PAWA).

Financial Report.

During the course of 2017, HVT UK received the total amount of £3,692.

The total amount utilised towards the approved Form 5 tuition programme is RM10,730. Please see the monthly tuition fee breakdown attached hereto as Attachment 1.

That amount translates to approximately £1,987. We have a balance of £1,705 that can be applied towards and set off against the PAWA grant for 2018. The weakening of the Malaysian Ringgit has allowed us to stretch the funds we received further than expected.

Progress of the PAWA sponsored girls.

As previously reported, whilst we had 9 students under Form 5 who are registered with us to be sponsored by PAWA, only 8 of the girls attend on a regular basis. We have discovered that the absentee comes from a broken home and has been living with a grandparent when her mother remarried about 2 years ago.

The names of these girls are attached as Attachment 2.

Each of the 8 girls come from families where the parents have been very supportive of our efforts despite their very difficult financial circumstances. We have regular meetings with the parents to discuss their daughters' progress.

We have during the course of the year been able to build a somewhat close relationship with the girls. They had each indicated that they will be looking for temporary employment whilst awaiting their SPM examination results, which is expected no earlier than end-February 2018. We will be following up with each of them to discuss their future plans to see where we can be of further assistance or provide guidance. They all have aspirations to pursue higher education in local colleges or universities. Based on their SPM trial exam results, we expect at least 4 of the 8 girls will be able to further their studies in local colleges offering higher education. With the others we will probably assist them to gain some vocational training.

Please see some photos of seven of the girls with Zehan Albakri on her visit to the school on 4th November 2017.



From left to right : Nivashini, Ummul Sharifah, Nur Intan Shafina, Puteri Mainur, Zehan, Saleeha Barveen, Nurul Azila and Nurfarzana Aida (Missing: Nuraina Adiba)



Has the programme gone as planned?

Apart from the slow start (February) due to difficulties in sourcing for tutors, the programme has been running smoothly for the rest of the year. We will be making contact with the 2017 Form 5 girls during the course of January or February 2018 to find out more about their progress and to discuss further action that may need to be taken to help them get to the next level of their lives. Through 2017 we have seen some positive developments in the academic performance of the students in the subjects that we tutor them in, although there is still a lot to do to raise their level of performance to anywhere near satisfactory.

Lessons Learnt

With most, if not all, of our girls the following are our main concerns:

1. Poor Level of English Language

It has been noted for quite a while that most if not all of the HVT students (and the PAWA girls are no exception) have very little command of even the most basic level of the language. We feel that this is mainly due to the lack of exposure and encouragement at home from their younger years. Very little help was also given when they were in their primary school years. As the girls move on to secondary school, very little progress is seen in their ability with the language. To make the most difference, this should be tackled at the younger levels and not just at the secondary level. We at HVT discussed the need to put together at least an English language reading class at both the primary and secondary levels. We are looking to add English Language workshops for the girls and this will include the PAWA girls moving forward for 2018.

2. Low morale/lack of self-confidence

It has also been noted that there is generally low morale amongst the girls and a lack of motivation to want to improve on their academic performance. We've had conversations with the girls through the year and we've seen some improvement in their outlook on life and also ambitions or future plans for themselves

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ATTACHMENT 1

Month	Amount
February and March	RM600.00
April	RM900.00
May	RM750.00
June	RM840.00
July	RM1,360.00
August	RM1,240.00
September	RM1,560.00
October	RM1,760.00
November	RM1,720.00
Total:	RM10,730.00

ATTACHMENT 2

STUDENT LIST FOR YEAR 2017 (SECONDARY FIVE)

	Name of Student	Year In 2017
1.	Nurul Azila Binti M Syafri	F5
2.	Saleeha Barveen Bt Zakaria	F5
3.	Nur Intan Shafina Bt Abdullah	F5
4.	Nuraina Adiba Bt Roaizad	F5
5.	Nabilla Bt Muhamad Noor	F5
6.	Ummul Sharifah Bt Mohamed Ibrahim Ali	F5
7.	Puteri Mainur Nabilah Bt Mior Shahrir	F5
8.	Nivashini a/p Selvaraj	F5
9.	Nurfarzana Aida Binti Mohd Idris	F5