



# Mid-term action plan 2019-2024

Since 1981, Shanti has consistently believed that education is essential for creating a sustainable future. To contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), SVA develops new projects based on the mid-term action plan.

## ◆ 4 categories SVA puts effort into ◆

### 1. Enhance specialty and develop new overseas projects

**Goal:** Strengthen specialty in reading promotion and life skill education, based on picture books and storytelling.

- 1) Integrate SVA's library activity experiences and make them into packages. Utilize them in non-formal education projects.
- 2) Engage more in emergency humanitarian relief projects.
  - In 2019, SVA started a new emergency humanitarian relief project in Afghanistan.
- 3) Promote project plans in new countries and regions.
  - In 2019, SVA established Myanmar Border Project office in Karen state, Myanmar and started a new project in Karen state.

### 2. Promote new domestic projects in Japan

**Goal:** Support children living in poverty and foreign residents in Japan.

### 3. Strengthen advocacy and partnership

**Goal:** Contribute to the exercise of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- 1) Cooperate with companies and organizations which implement reading promotion. Assess projects and publish the studies cooperating with them.
- 2) Make a policy paper that promotes reading activities and is included in our target countries' educational goals.
- 3) Promote participation of more people by conducting exchange programs. Strengthen communication with citizens and between staff.
- 4) Promote domestic campaigns in Japan to achieve SDGs target 4 cooperating with other organizations.

### 4. Internationalize the organization (SVA)

- 1) Strengthen the organizational foundation.
- 2) Develop the capacity of staff members and raise leaders for the next generation.
- 3) Place "international staff members" and create a flexible system for various working styles.
- 4) Expand financial resources by making SVA recognized more both in Japan and overseas.