

Shanti Volunteer Association Annual report

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One book
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The Karen people are skilled weavers known for their distinctive bead embroidery. Their clothing is simple, with beads often sewn onto blouses. They spin cotton, dye threads with natural materials, and weave on handlooms. These garments are also worn in daily life with cotton pants or skirts.

Over 25 years in Myanmar (Burma) refugee camps. Standing by children to keep the light of learning alive.

As division and conflict spread across the world,
we reflect on the importance of building a
peaceful society where people can live and
learn together. Our work in
Myanmar (Burma) refugee camps has continued for
over 25 years, and we remain committed to
supporting every child's future.

The smiles of children remind us that learning and
culture can bring light even in difficult times.

With your support, our efforts continue to
grow as hope for children.

Greeting from President

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support of SVA's activities, both in Japan and overseas. Amid ongoing conflicts and divisions around the world, our work continues to face many challenges. Yet even in difficult circumstances, hope can emerge. At the "Refugee Children's Cultural Festival" held in a Myanmar (Burma) refugee camp along the Thai border, children from 14 ethnic groups proudly shared their traditions. Their performances showed how culture, tradition, and learning can become a light of peace and uphold human dignity, even in harsh conditions. Since our founding in 1981, SVA has worked toward a society where people can live and learn together. In December 2026, we will mark our 45th anniversary. While challenges evolve over time, our commitment to protecting the dignity of every individual, beyond all differences, remains unchanged. We believe that a single book can empower a life. We will continue striving toward a future where each person's "Shanti" (peace) is protected. We sincerely ask for your continued support and cooperation.

若林恭英

Rev. Kyoei Wakabayashi



Public Relations for Myanmar (Burma) refugee camps



To mark 25 years of work in Myanmar (Burma) refugee camps, we featured this milestone in our PR Magazine *SHANTI* and held an event on the Thai-Myanmar border. We shared our achievements, including library programs and the "Refugee Children's Cultural Festival," as well as ongoing challenges.

2025 Highlights

"Refugee Children's Cultural Festival" returns after seven years.

On November 6, 2025, we held the "Refugee Children's Cultural Festival" in a Myanmar (Burma) refugee camp along the Thai border. After several years of suspension, the event returned for the first time since 2018. Since 2009, this festival has been an important initiative to help children preserve their cultural traditions and deepen mutual understanding among diverse ethnic communities. The video shows children in traditional dress performing dances, songs, and plays they have practiced. It offers a glimpse of how children in the camps build pride in their heritage and learn to respect others as they shape their future.



Watch the "Refugee Children's Cultural Festival" video here.



In Memory of Mr. Katsumasa Yagisawa, SVA's Board Member

Mr. Katsumasa Yagisawa, a member of our board, passed away on January 7, 2025, at the age of 66. We extend our sincere gratitude for his kindness and contributions during his lifetime. A farewell gathering was held in January, followed by a memorial gathering in March.



Watch a video about the life of Mr. Katsumasa Yagisawa.



Turning sorrow into strength for the future.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support in 2025. For SVA, and for me personally, the year began with an immeasurable loss—the passing of Mr. Katsumasa Yagisawa, a board member who helped build SVA and embodied its mission in the field.

Losing such a vital presence who had long supported our work left us with deep uncertainty about the future. However, through opportunities to reflect on his life, including a memorial gathering, all staff—both in Japan and overseas—were able to reaffirm the value of what we have built together over the past 45 years.

“We cannot remain in sorrow and uncertainty forever.” With this strong resolve, we moved forward and began implementing a new six-year mid-term plan in 2025. Among our staff in the field, SVA’s spirit—passed down through Mr. Yagisawa—continues to live on. We have renewed our commitment to delivering hope to every child facing difficult circumstances.

With continuity in mind.

In 2025, our work in Japan and overseas led us to reflect deeply on the meaning of continuity. While our support in Myanmar (Burma) refugee camps along the Thai border marked 25 years, this prolonged assistance also reflects challenges that remain unresolved—it is not something to celebrate. To help children growing up in the camps build their future, adults must continue to open paths and stand by them. We reaffirmed that this persistent commitment—to stay engaged once we begin—is at the heart of Shanti’s mission.

As global divisions deepen, we have seen how conflict can arise suddenly, even in stable regions. During tensions between Thailand and Cambodia, we relied on SVA’s network to assess the situation calmly and act with clarity.

In Japan, we continued recovery support following the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake. In partnership with the Wajima City Library, we donated a mobile library to help people restore a sense of normalcy through books, though recovery is still ongoing.

We also strengthened our support for foreign residents in Japan, drawing on our experience in overseas education programs and working closely with experts.

Localizing operations and allowing for flexibility.

In the next mid-term plan started in 2025, we will further accelerate the localization of operations, with leadership led by overseas staff. The planning process also moved beyond a Japan-led approach, bringing together leaders from all offices online for careful and collaborative discussions.

In this mid-term plan, we intentionally left room for flexibility. By avoiding overly fixed goals and embracing change from the field, we aim to support Shanti’s continued growth.

Strengthening our foundation is essential to deliver quality programs. We are advancing digital transformation in HR and accounting to improve efficiency and compliance.

Our work is made possible by the generous support of those who share our vision. Whatever challenges or divisions may arise, we will continue taking steps toward a society where people can live together and learn together.

In a divided world, we reflect on SVA’s origins and enduring commitment.



Farewell Gathering for Mr. Katsumasa Yagisawa



Activities at the "Refugee Children's Cultural Festival"



Joint Training for Staff and Board Members

Mid-Term Strategic Plan (2025–2030)

Since SVA was founded in 1981, the organization has built a broad network, which it continues to expand and strengthen. By promoting educational and cultural activities, it enhances its response to increasingly complex and diverse humanitarian and social challenges.

- 1. Expand educational and cultural support to strengthen resilience in crisis-affected communities.**
- Strengthen emergency humanitarian aid and crisis-responsive education/culture/library programs
 - Promote culturally respectful development through education, culture, and library initiatives
 - Promote cross-border initiatives toward an inclusive society
 - Promote Emergency Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Risk Reduction Efforts within Japan
 - Strengthen organizational foundations and knowledge management to ensure high-quality program implementation, with a focus on the humanitarian–development nexus.

- 2. Strengthen partnerships and advocacy to promote rights and foster an inclusive, peaceful society.**
- Actively participate in collaborative networks to contribute to the resolution of social issues
 - Strengthen participation in local collaborative networks.
 - Establish a strong foundation for effective policy advocacy.
- 3. Increase the organization's domestic and international visibility while securing funding.**
- Expand the organization's recognition both domestically and internationally.
 - Foster public participation through events, workshops, and global citizenship educational materials.
 - Strengthen relationships with existing supporters.
 - Diversify and expand funding sources, including the development of new revenue-generating initiatives.

- 4. Rebuild the organizational structure to uphold the founding principles and ensure that essential programs can be implemented and sustained stably.**
- Restructure office functions and roles.
 - Strengthen internal controls.
 - Strengthen the foundation to uphold the organization's founding principles.
 - Strengthen the foundation for internationalization and streamline administrative operations
 - Develop skilled personnel for active engagement in civil society.

For more than four decades, SVA has engaged in activities at eight regions in Asia. Essential supports differ from place to place due to social circumstances. Staff with expertise live locally and support continuously. Collaboration with local people, they are cultivating a culture of learning.

Achievement (As of the end of 2025)

① The Books and Activities needed for study

	2025	Total
Publication of Picture Book	11 titles	698 titles
Picture Books Delivered	18,109 books	437,460 books
Users of Libraries	0.46 million	17.66 million



② Developing human resource

	2025	Total
Training participants	123 times, 2,836 people	1,567 times, 65,300 people



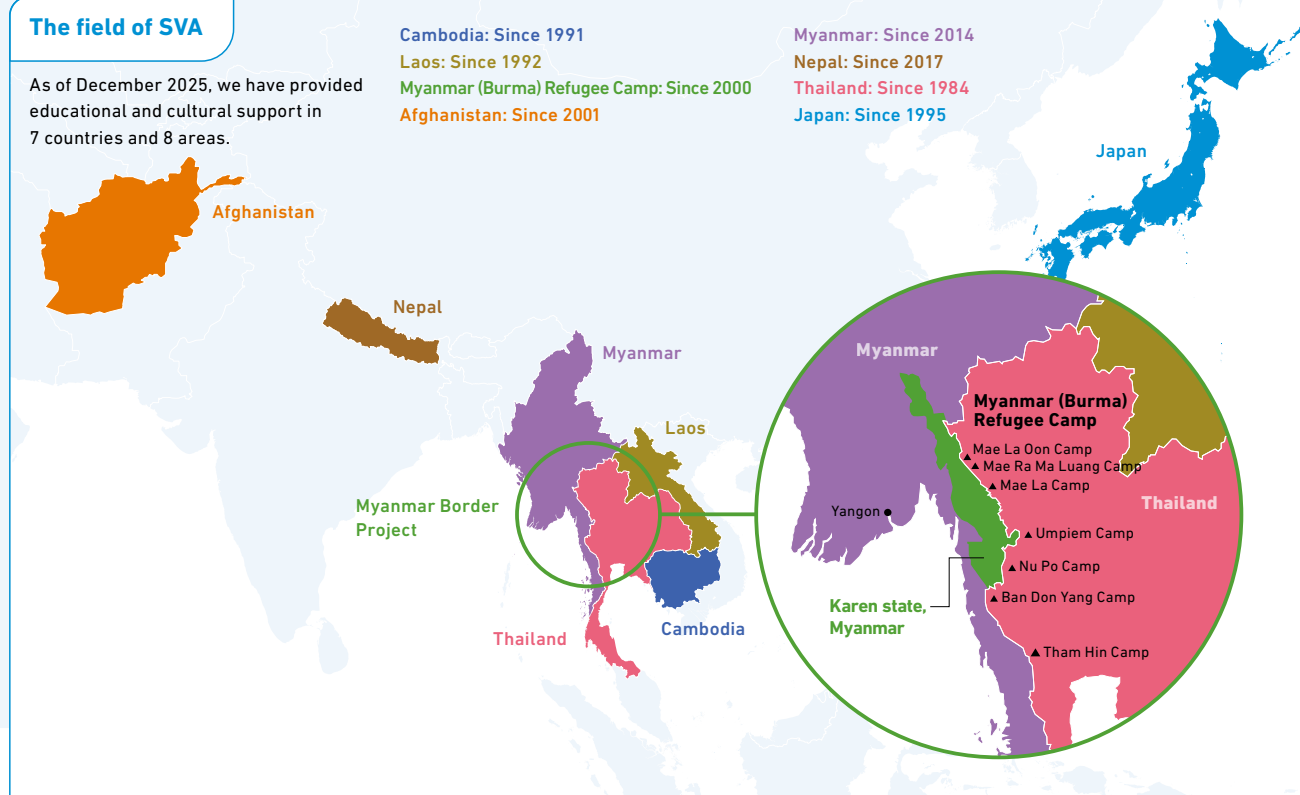
③ Place where people can learn safely

	2025	Total
Schools constructed	10 schools	475 schools
Libraries / Library rooms opened	25 libraries / rooms	1,096 libraries / rooms



④ Humanitarian Response

	2025	Total
Numbers of response	9 • Overseas: 7 • In Japan: 2	126 • Overseas: 89 • In Japan: 37



Thailand

Provide educational support in slum areas and communities of migrants and ethnic minorities

For Thailand, 2025 was a year in which society faced major challenges, including natural disasters, political instability, and border conflicts with Cambodia. Amid an uncertain outlook, we were able to continue improving educational opportunities through our scholarship programs and promote reading through our mobile library activity. Going forward, we will continue our efforts in these programs to support the growth and education of children and young people.



The activities in Thailand are conducted by the Sikkha Asia Foundation (SAF), the former SVA Thailand office. SAF is a partner of SVA and the two organizations work together in project management.

Achievements

Library Activity participants:
7,207 people
Student who received scholarships:
298 people
Support for migrants in Border Areas
Participants in training sessions:
101 people
Schools Constructed:
2 schools



Support Through the Sikkha Asia Foundation



Support Through the Sikkha Asia Foundation



Support Through the Hsa Thoo Lei Foundation



Support Through the Sikkha Asia Foundation

1. Project to Improve Educational Opportunities

- We awarded scholarships to a total of 298 students: 278 middle school and high school students (23 in Bangkok, 97 in Phayao, and 158 in Tak) and 20 university students. In February, staff conducted home visits in the three target regions to select scholarship recipients. The first scholarship award ceremonies were held in June, and the second in November, in Bangkok, Phayao, and Tak.
- An exchange work camp for scholarship students was held in Phayao in October, with 100 scholarship students from the province participating.

2. Reading Promotion Project through Mobile Library Activities

- We provided a total of 96 library activities in 26 areas covering slums in Bangkok and Samut Sakhon Province and one migrant school in Nakhon Pathom Province with 6,749 children and 458 teachers participating.
- Teacher training sessions were held once each in the Bangkok slum areas and in Mahachai community, Samut Sakhon Province, with a total of 58 participants (26 in Bangkok and 32 in Mahachai).
- We continued to support the school library in Mahachai community.

Message

Ms. Nareerat Tangcharoenbamsuk
Sikkha Asia Foundation (SAF)
Secretary General



The year 2025 was a tumultuous one. In January, we were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our advisor, Katsumasa Yagisawa. In late March, an earthquake with its epicenter in central Myanmar was felt in central Bangkok, causing the collapse of buildings under construction and claiming over 100 precious lives. Political unrest continued, and domestic political tensions in Thailand escalated to military confrontations with Cambodia, resulting in numerous civilian casualties and forcing residents near the border to evacuate. In late November, severe flooding occurred in nine southern provinces, with Songkhla Province, the economic hub of the south, particularly hard hit. Although social challenges remain numerous, we continue to support children and carry out our programs as small steps toward addressing these issues.

Support Through the Hsa Thoo Lei Foundation

In Tak Province, with many migrants from Myanmar, SVA partnered with the Hsa Thoo Lei Foundation on the following initiatives.

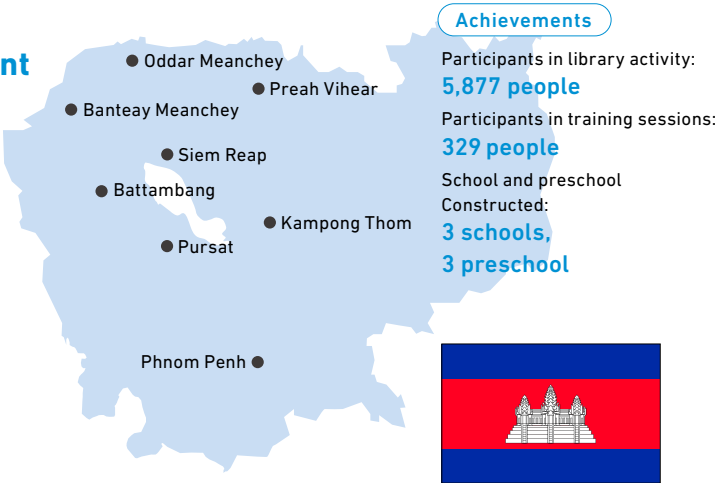
1. Improving the Learning Environment of Primary Schools Project for Children Attending the Migrant School

- At the migrant school in Thasongyang District, two school buildings, two dormitories, and two toilet blocks were completed or renovated, with 519 students using the school buildings and 85 students and teachers using the dormitories.
- A library was established in the new school buildings, equipped with furniture, 2,869 books, and supplies, and used by 930 students and 62 teachers.
- School library management and activity trainings were conducted, with 20 teachers and 34 teachers and students participating, respectively.
- Two workshops were held to develop a school management manual for the migrant school, with 32 teachers participating.
- Facility maintenance training was held at the target school constructed in 2024, with 15 teachers and school committee members participating.

Cambodia

Provided emergency education support along with improvements to the learning environment

In Cambodia, military clashes along the Thai border in July and December displaced hundreds of thousands of people and led to the closure of up to 1,300 schools, temporarily disrupting children’s access to education. While model schools meeting Ministry standards are being promoted, rural and remote schools remain underserved, making improvements in learning environments, including access to reading, an urgent priority.



Projects

1. Improving the quality of early childhood education in public preschools in the north-west region of Cambodia

- SVA built a school building, set up a restroom (toilet) and feet and handwashing station, and created a playground area at three public preschools in Preah Vihear Province.
- Two preschool study tours and training sessions on play-based learning were conducted for education stakeholders in the province, with a total of 87 participants.
- Outreach on the importance of early childhood education was conducted for parents using informational leaflets, while social media and notice boards were utilized to enhance communication between teachers and parents.

2. School Construction

- We constructed three new classroom buildings at three primary schools in Pursat and Battambang Provinces.
- Trainings on school site planning and building maintenance were conducted, along with tree planting activities.

3. Promote Reading Habits among Children

- Reading promotion activities, including events, were conducted in collaboration with the National Library and local reading promotion organizations.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Environment, trainer training on environmental issues using picture books was conducted.
- Mobile library activities were carried out at community learning centers (CLCs) and primary schools supported through previous projects, as well as at shelters for people displaced by military clashes along the Cambodia–Thailand border, reaching a total of 5,877 participants.

4. Emergency Response

- Needs assessments were conducted at evacuation sites to identify support needs arising from military clashes along the border.
- Emergency relief packages, including food and hygiene items, as well as educational supplies such as stationery, were distributed at evacuation sites.

Message

Ms. Ayano Kikuchi
Cambodia Office
Director

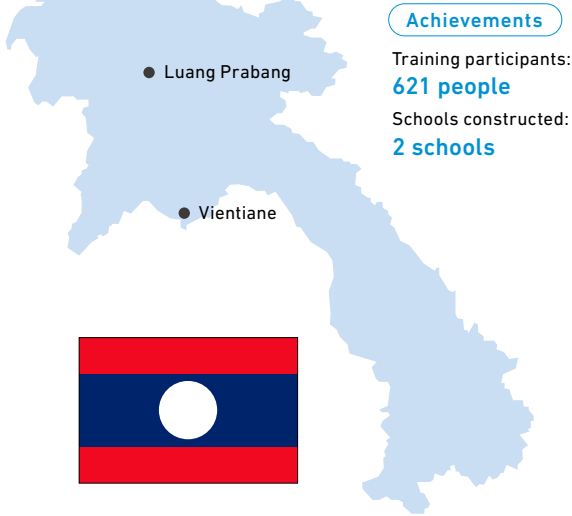


In Cambodia, while economic growth and poverty reduction continued, 2025 was marked by two military clashes along the Thai border. Improving education quality remains a priority, particularly in rural areas. Following a leadership transition among national staff, the Cambodia office began operating under a new structure. Despite temporary disruptions, activities continued with a focus on safety, including early childhood education, school construction, reading promotion, and emergency assistance. We will continue to support children’s learning in response to evolving needs.

Laos

Continuing Support in Challenging Educational Conditions

In Laos, the education environment remains challenging, as seen in the deployment of military personnel as teachers in remote areas. In response, the Laos office has scaled up its 2024 project to improve learning environments in ethnic minority communities, continuing efforts through training for Village Education Development Committee and teachers.



Projects

1. School Construction

- We conducted an inspection of the two primary schools we built in 2024, eight months and then one year after the completion of construction. SVA also provided training in facility maintenance and management and hygiene at two of the schools we built in 2024.
- Inspections (50%, 100%, and eight-month post-completion) were conducted for two primary schools built in 2024, along with training on facility maintenance and management and hygiene.
- Seven candidate schools for construction were identified through a needs assessment.

2. Reading Promotion through Mobile Library Activity

- Trainings on school library and reading corner management were conducted for 22 schools in February and March, reaching 383 teachers and community members.
- “A total of 2,200 culturally adapted picture books (two titles) and 250 kamishibai (one title) were reprinted.”
- Targeted support was provided to teachers to

enhance reading activities in target schools.

3. Improvement of teaching and learning environment for ethnic minority children in primary education

- Trainings for 22 Village Education Development Committees (177 participants) were conducted from May to July, focusing on planning capacity and roles and responsibilities.
- A planning meeting for teacher training was held in September with education authorities and teacher training college staff.
- Teacher trainings (61 participants) were held in November and December to strengthen Lao language teaching skills through practical and mock lessons.

Message

Mr. Kiyotaka Tamari
Laos Office
Acting Director



In rural Laos, many ethnic minority children do not fully understand Lao, the official language, which affects their ability to follow lessons and read textbooks. Teachers also face various challenges, including language barriers, multi-grade classes, and adapting to a new curriculum. In this context, activities to improve teaching and learning environments for ethnic minority children, launched in 2024, continued in 2025. By combining reading promotion, teacher training, and community engagement, efforts were made to support children’s Lao language learning in a comprehensive manner. Assessments for school construction and discussions regarding future project directions were also conducted. We will continue to promote education in rural areas so that children in challenging conditions can expand their future opportunities through learning.

Afghanistan

Continuing Library Activities to Nurture Children's Hope

Four years after the political change in August 2021, secondary education for girls has yet to resume. Prolonged international isolation and declining aid have resulted in insufficient support for the education sector. Through library-based activities, we aim to mitigate learning loss and continue providing safe spaces where children can gather, learn, and nurture their dreams and hope in their daily lives.

Achievements
Library Activity participants:
165,660 people



Projects

1. Expanding and Improving Local Learning Opportunities through Library Activities

- Preparations were made for library construction and infrastructure development in three districts, while operational support was provided to one children's library in Jalalabad and two public libraries in Kabul.
- Two libraries in Kabul recorded 58,929 users and 53,059 books borrowed, while the Jalalabad children's library recorded 41,872 users and 10,146 books borrowed. Events and mobile library activities were also conducted.
- Temporary classroom construction in Kunar Province was completed, followed by an inauguration ceremony.

2. Operation of Children's Libraries

- The Children's Library managed by SVA was open for 251 days and used by 51,768 children (of which 11.9% were internally displaced children, orphans, and children with disabilities, etc.).
- To promote reading, we held 7 events that were attended by 1,061 children. Since the political change, an increasing number of out-of-school children, mainly girls and internally displaced people, have been using the facility.

3. Library Promotion Project in Nuristan Province

Three public libraries and child-friendly spaces were established on a pilot basis in Nuristan Province since 2024.

Message

Ms. Eri Yamamoto
Secretary General and
Afghanistan Office Director



In August 2025, Afghanistan was struck by its deadliest earthquake since 1998, heavily affecting Nangarhar and Kunar Provinces where SVA has long operated. With increasing needs, instability persists, including internet restrictions by the de facto authorities and increasing limitations on women. Returning refugees continue to face displacement, and many unaccompanied children are observed at border areas, raising serious protection concerns. In response, SVA has provided emergency assistance such as food support, while also creating safe learning spaces through library activities. Despite ongoing challenges, support efforts continue, with strengthened collaboration with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the encouraging return of former beneficiaries as community contributors.

Myanmar

Continuing educational support to empower children's futures

Four years after the 2021 political upheaval, severe conditions persist across all sectors, with access to education increasingly limited due to conflict and economic hardship. Through mobile libraries and the publication of picture books and paper theater (KAMISHIBAI), we continue to provide children in difficult environments with opportunities to learn.

Achievements
Library activity participants:
1,894 people
Training participants:
26 people



Projects

1. Mobile Library Activity

Mobile library activities were conducted at nine monastic and nunnery schools in the West Bago Region, reaching 1,894 children over 17 sessions. Each school was visited twice over six months, offering storytelling sessions using picture books, paper theaters (KAMISHIBAI), and panel theater, along with reading time. Teachers also actively engaged in storytelling, and follow-up guidance was provided to strengthen their skills. The program not only gave children enjoyable reading experiences but also enhanced teachers' understanding of library activities.

2. Picture book and Paper Theater (KAMISHIBAI) Publication

In collaboration with the Children's Book Publishing Committee, 2 picture books and 2 paper theater (KAMISHIBAI) titles were published. Based on consultations, the 2025 themes—imagination, tradition and culture, courage, and adventure—were selected. Drafts were developed by the committee and refined with input from Japanese experts in picture books and paper theater (KAMISHIBAI).

In December 2025, 2,600 picture books and 350 paper theater (KAMISHIBAI) sets were printed. Distribution to libraries in 92 target primary schools across West Bago Region, Kayin State, and Yangon Region is scheduled for January 2026.

3. Strengthening the Foundation for the Promotion of School Libraries

Library training was conducted for 26 teachers from two integrated primary and lower secondary schools in Nay Pyi Taw. In post-training evaluations, over 90% of participants reported a clear understanding of the content and gained knowledge on school library management and operations.

Message

Ms. Aki Nakahara
Myanmar Office
Director



Four years after the political upheaval, Myanmar's situation has continued to deteriorate, further compounded by the impact of a major earthquake, leaving people increasingly exhausted. Children who had never known war are now affected by conflict, making it ever more important to maintain safe spaces where they can feel at ease and continue learning. In response, the Myanmar office implemented mobile library services and the publication of picture books and paper theater (KAMISHIBAI), alongside humanitarian efforts to improve library and learning environments. Providing opportunities for storytelling and access to books reaffirmed the importance of creating joyful spaces for children. However, activities remain difficult in some areas. Flexible approaches tailored to changing conditions are essential, and we will continue these efforts in 2026.

Myanmar (Burma) Refugee Project

Keeping Libraries as Safe and Comforting Spaces for Communities

In 2025, refugee camps faced severe challenges due to significant cuts in international support. Essential services such as healthcare and food distribution were largely suspended, and third-country resettlement programs were put on hold. While the Thai government newly allowed refugees to work outside the camps for up to one year, only a limited number have been able to do so, and the overall impact remains uncertain. Amid growing uncertainty about the future, SVA continued operating libraries as spaces of comfort and emotional support.

Achievements

Library Activity participants:
235,069 people
Training participants:
145 people
Picture book / paper theater (KAMISHIBAI) published:
1 title (2 languages)
2,000 copies



Projects

1. Community Library Management

- We are supporting the operation of community libraries in refugee camps in Thailand. The annual number of users was a cumulative total of 235,069 people (156,875 children and 78,194 adults) for the 15 libraries in seven camps. The number of users has been increasing since 2024.
- We provided the 15 libraries with 6,810 books and periodicals (newspapers, magazines, novels, etc.) for adults, 5,455 picture books (in Karen and Burmese languages) for children, and 2,055 reference books. The number of books distributed for adults in Burmese has fallen due to an increase in prices.
- We published 2,000 copies of one picture book (in Karen and Burmese languages) and distributed them to the libraries.
- We used mobile library boxes to lend books to a total of 97 schools and organizations working in refugee camps. This service was used a total of 527 times.
- At seven refugee camps, we held training on how to read books out loud and play games for library staff and youth volunteers. A total of 145 people (42 men, 103 women) participated in the training.

- We repaired aging library facilities, including roofs, fences, doors, and toilets, to improve the learning environment.
- Quarterly and annual meetings were held across seven camps, bringing together 538 participants (203 men and 335 women), including members of library and education committees. These meetings focused on sharing activity plans, progress, and challenges to improve services.
- In 2025, marking the 25th year of activities, the "Refugee Children's Cultural Festival" was held for the first time in seven years, contributing to mutual cultural understanding within the camps.



Staff of the Myanmar (Burma) Refugee Project Office

Message

Ms. Chiraphorn Rawirung
Myanmar (Burma) Refugee Project Office
Deputy Director



We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your tremendous support and cooperation over the past 25 years. In 2025, refugee camps faced increasingly severe conditions due to major reductions in humanitarian aid and food distribution following policy changes in the United States. Third-country resettlement programs were also suspended. However, there have been some developments. In response to reduced international assistance, the Thai government has newly allowed refugees to work outside the camps for up to one year. While this marks a step toward greater self-reliance, opportunities remain limited due to administrative requirements. Amid ongoing uncertainty, many refugees continue to struggle with anxiety and an unclear future. We remain committed to our mission and, drawing on our accumulated experience, will continue to do our utmost to protect children and sustain education and cultural support activities, even on a small scale.

Nepal

Libraries as a Hub of Community Development

In Nepal, 2025 was a year of upheaval, marked by the "Gen Z protest" the collapse of the government, and the establishment of an interim government. Social issues such as inequality, youth unemployment, and low-quality education remain serious. Amid these conditions, our ongoing community library initiatives have steadily shown results, evolving into a hub of community development where people can safely learn—ranging from reading promotion and literacy education to vocational training based on local needs.

Achievements

Training participants:
1,715 people
Library users:
39,244 people



Projects

1. Community Library Project

- This program aims to create learning opportunities for local residents, including youth and women, through the Community Library and Resource Center (CLRC). Now in its third year, it has begun to yield tangible results, such as increased income and expanded employment opportunities among participants. It has also encouraged young people to set future goals and actively engage in community activities.
- As part of the program, two libraries under construction were completed this year, and full-scale training has commenced at both facilities. Vocational training tailored to local needs—such as electrical work, plumbing, and appliance repair—was provided to 85 participants, who are actively developing practical skills to expand employment opportunities and increase their income.

- In addition, life skills and empowerment training for women and youth reached 304 participants, covering topics such as women's rights, leadership, goal setting, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills.
- IT skills training was also conducted at all three centers, including the first facility completed in 2024, with 416 participants gaining skills ranging from basic digital literacy to practical applications. Furthermore, agricultural training engaged 579 participants, helping them deepen their knowledge and address various farming challenges.

Message

Ms. Hiroko Hagihara
Nepal Office
Director



In 2025, Nepal experienced a year of upheaval, marked by the "Gen Z protest" led mainly by youth advocating against corruption, which led to the resignation of the government and the establishment of an interim government within just one week. Amid these changes, the Nepal office entered the third year of its Community Library and Resource Center project, implementing a range of activities at three community libraries in Koshi Province, including literacy education, empowerment of youth and women, and vocational and technical skills training. From 2026, the program plans to start basic and early childhood education project in indigenous communities. While instability continues in Nepal and around the world, we believe that steadily addressing local challenges and working together across ethnic and national boundaries will form the foundation of a peaceful society. We remain committed to continuing community-based initiatives rooted in local needs.

Japan

Promoting Support for Foreign Residents and Disaster Preparedness in the Community

The number of foreign residents in Japan continues to increase. In response, we provided community-based support in Toshima and Nerima City, including consultation services and food assistance, while sharing insights with local government officials and education professionals. In disaster preparedness, we collaborated with a temple and the Social Welfare Conference in Shinjuku City to conduct disaster preparedness walking tours helping participants learn about local resources and the importance of mutual community support during disasters.

Achievements

Food pantry and consultation events for foreign residents

Events:

14 times

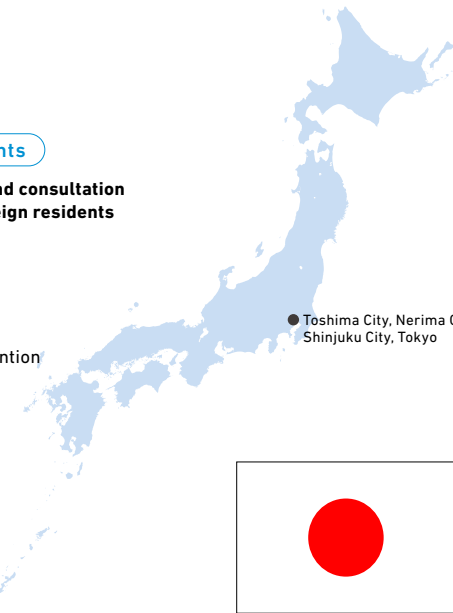
Participants:

351 people

Disaster Prevention

Activities:

1 time



Domestic Projects

1. Inclusive Support Project for Foreign Residents

With the aim of strengthening support systems for foreign residents in local communities, we implemented activities centered on food pantries, consultation services, and the training of support staff.

- In Toshima City, Tokyo, activities were carried out under the name “Toshimaru,” where 11 food pantry and consultation sessions were held, reaching 291 participants. In Nerima City, similar activities under the name “Nerilink” began in March 2024, and this year three sessions were held, reaching 60 participants.
- In addition to monthly consultation sessions, we operated the “Toshimaru Foreign Resident Consultation Desk” three times per month.
- We also organized events responding to high-demand needs, such as seminars on obtaining Specified Skilled Worker status for stable residency, and support sessions for applications to public housing lotteries.
- In Toshima City, collaboration with the local government was strengthened through training sessions for ward staff on residence status and case studies from “Toshimaru.” In Nerima City, we also held an exchange of opinions with education professionals in the district.

Domestic Humanitarian Response

1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Program

In collaboration with a temple in Shinjuku City and the Shinjuku Social Welfare Conference, we organized the “Shinjuku Children’s Disaster Preparedness Walk.” Families and high school students from the ward participated, exploring the local area using maps and photos. Participants discovered disaster preparedness resources in a quiz-like format and completed a disaster map while enjoying the activity. After the walk, all participants prepared and tasted “Kinugasa donburi”, a simple rice bowl dish made with egg and fried tofu using emergency food supplies. Through this hands-on experience, they learned the importance of everyday preparedness and the value of community mutual support in times of disaster.

Message

Ms. Saki Ishizuka
Manager
Domestic Project Division



The number of foreign residents in Japan reached approximately 3.96 million at the end of June 2025, marking a record high. In Toshima Ward, Tokyo, where Shanti operates, more than one in ten residents is now a foreign national. People with foreign roots living in Japan face a wide range of challenges, including employment, language, housing, and healthcare. Through consultation services, we have observed that many individuals experience multiple, overlapping difficulties rather than a single issue. Addressing these challenges requires collaboration among various stakeholders and mutual support within the community. We will continue to strengthen our support system in cooperation with social welfare councils, lawyers, support coordinators, and local governments. In addition, in response to frequent natural disasters, it is essential to build face-to-face relationships in peacetime and prepare for emergencies. In 2026, we will continue disaster response activities while further promoting community-based disaster preparedness in collaboration with partner organizations.

Humanitarian Response

In the immediate aftermath of disasters and conflicts, we distribute daily necessities needed for immediate survival. To protect the educational opportunities of children, we also perform educational support activities. In situations where people are forced to live in shelters for an extended period of time, SVA conducts activities in accordance with international standards for the protection of basic human rights.

Activities outside Japan

Myanmar

Learning Center Construction

Following widespread school closures, we built learning centers at two community schools, providing books, equipment, and training. The centers have been in use since June and July as learning and reading spaces for children.



Learning Centers

Emergency Response to the Myanmar Earthquake

The March 28, 2025 earthquake (M7.7) in Myanmar caused over 3,600 deaths and 5,000 injuries, worsening existing vulnerabilities. Support included food distribution, relief items, and housing reconstruction.

Shelter and NFI Distribution

The earthquake in Myanmar damaged over 40,000 buildings, creating a severe housing shortage. To support recovery, temporary shelters and essential non-food items (NFIs) were provided.

School Building Repair

More than 2,600 schools were damaged by the earthquake, disrupting education. Repairs are underway to restore safe learning environments.

Pakistan

Flood Relief in Pakistan

Heavy rains in June 2025 caused widespread flooding in Pakistan, affecting provinces including KP and Punjab. We and a local partner distributed food and essential supplies to 750 households.

Afghanistan

Emergency Response to the Earthquake in Eastern Afghanistan

A magnitude 6.0 earthquake in eastern Afghanistan on August 31, 2025, caused over 2,200 deaths and 3,600 injuries. We responded with needs assessments and shelter support in the most affected areas. Food and essential items were distributed to 980 households in Kunar Province.



A child receiving assistance in Afghanistan

Cambodia

Emergency Response for Displaced People along the Cambodia–Thailand Border

Clashes along the Thailand–Cambodia border in 2025 displaced up to 640,000 people. We provided emergency aid and mobile library services at evacuation sites in three western provinces.



Mobile Library Activities at Evacuation Sites in Cambodia

Activities in Japan

Emergency Response to the 2024 Noto Earthquake

In Wajima City, mobile library activities were conducted with the city library, reaching 1,158 people across 158 sessions in FY2025, supporting recovery and community rebuilding through books.



Mobile Library Activities

Emergency Response to the August 2025 Heavy Rain in Aira City, Kagoshima

After severe flooding damaged many books, children’s books and reference materials were provided to a children’s club in Aira City to help restore a safe space for children.



A child enjoying new picture books



絵本を届ける運動

Campaign to Deliver Picture Books

Japanese picture books with translation stickers are delivered to children across Asia. Open to individuals and groups, the program marks its 26th year in 2025.

Connecting with Asian Countries through Picture Books

18,109 Translated Picture Books Delivered to Children in Asia

Over 430,000 translated picture books have been delivered through the project. In 2025, 18,109 books (37 titles) were distributed across Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Myanmar(Burma) refugee camps and migrant schools along Thai border.

Themes of Picture Books Delivered to Project Areas

Picture books are carefully selected based on project activities, children's ages, and cultural contexts, with advice from librarians, teachers, and publishers. The selection includes books that introduce different professions to inspire children's future aspirations, as well as interactive titles such as pop-up books featuring moving dinosaurs. In response to requests from conflict-affected areas, books on the themes of war and peace are also included to encourage reflection on the value of peace.

Expansion of Translation Picture Book Workshops

In 2025, a total of 55 workshops were held at companies, organizations, schools, and libraries, with 2,022 participants. At companies, workshops were conducted as part of employee volunteer activities and training programs, while some were designed for families and children as summer holiday projects. Participants shared positive feedback, noting that the experience helped them feel connected to countries across Asia.

Achievements

Participation

18,109 books

1,828 applications

Number of titles

37 titles

Cooperation Publishing house

19 publishing houses



Children holding a Picture Book

CRAFT
AID

Fairtrade Project

Craft Aid is SVA's Fairtrade project that sells handmade products created with care and dedication by women from around the world. Collaborating with local partner organizations, these women preserve and pass down traditional cultural techniques such as embroidery and weaving. Through this project, we proudly introduce their crafts to people in Japan.

Carrying the Creators' Hopes

Review of Craft Aid Project

In 2025, Craft Aid streamlined its product range and introduced new items from Nepal, including the revamped "Elephant Happiness Mascot." Despite rising costs and sourcing challenges, collaboration continues to ensure quality products that preserve local traditions.

Activities Connecting People with Producers

In 2025, a sales event was held featuring Hiromi Yasui, a representative of the Afghan producer group Silk Road Bamiyan Handicraft, aiming to deepen understanding of the situation in Afghanistan, the production process, and the work of women artisans. The event highlighted how women continue to refine their craftsmanship under challenging conditions, with displays of works inspired by murals of the Bamiyan Buddhas, which date from the 3rd to 7th centuries.

From January to June, Craft Aid received a total of 389 orders through individual online sales and 16 orders through wholesale. The products were sold at 25 venues, and there were 12 consignment sales conducted in collaboration with schools and companies. We will continue to serve as a bridge between producers and customers while expanding Craft Aid activities.

Achievements

Retail Outlets

16 shops

Limited-Time Sale

25 times

Number of Supporters

445 people



The New "Elephant Happiness Mascot"



Afghan Product Sales Event



Donation: Monthly Supporter

Asian Library Supporter

This program provides continuous support for granting opportunities to read books and a place where children enjoy learning safely and peacefully. Your support will help children develop to nurtures and enhances the future.

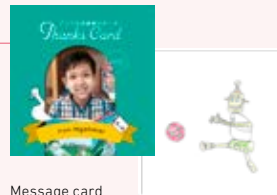
20 Years of Expanding Connections

Since its launch in 2005, the program has reached its 20th year. The network of supporters has steadily expanded, reaching 2,428 participants by the end of 2025. To mark this milestone, a booklet was published featuring the program's history and messages from supporters, along with designs of message cards from children shared over the years. Supporters expressed heartfelt appreciation, noting how the children's joyful messages and smiles are encouraging and help them feel connected. The 2025 cards were created in collaboration with the designer aurinco, who has supported the project for over a decade. Messages and photos were received from children in six regions—the largest number to date—reflecting the program's growth. Ongoing support from Asia Library Supporters, who contribute without being limited to specific project sites, continues to sustain our activities and support children striving to learn in challenging environments.

Achievements

New Supporters

250 people



Message card

Media coverage

Mobile Library Activities for the Noto Earthquake Response

The activities were featured in 161 media outlets, including 124 newspapers, 24 magazines, and 13 other publications such as newsletters. Coverage included the passing of Katsumasa Yagisawa and mobile library activities for the Noto Earthquake response, with reports focusing on field conditions and program activities.

Selected media outlets:

Yomiuri Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Mainichi Shimbun, Tokyo Shimbun, Sankei Shimbun, Chugai Nippō, Buddhist Times, Bunkajiho, etc.

Events

25th Anniversary Event of the Myanmar (Burma) Refugee Program Office

Seven events were held with 464 participants. The 25th anniversary of the Myanmar (Burma) Refugee Program Office and memorial events for



Contribution Project

Excess accessories, brand-name items, gift vouchers and marked postcards can be sold to our partner companies who will donate the assessed value.

Items to create opportunities for learning

In 2025, donations exceeded 5.7 million yen through items contributed by participants. In collaboration with companies, used book collection boxes were also installed at selected bookstores. A notable number of new participants joined during the year. In addition, donations of unused postcards and stamps were received from respondents to the Shanti Magazine reader survey. These funds are carefully used to support learning opportunities for children across Asia.

Achievements

Books, CDs, video game software

1,036 items

Total:
1,444 items

Gift / cash vouchers, miswritten postcards, and other valuable items found at home

408 items

Total amount:
5,702,607 yen

Examples of items donated

Books, CDs, video game software

books, comic books, CDs, DVDs, Blu-rays, video game software, video game consoles

Gift and cash vouchers

nationwide gift certificates, beer/ rice coupons, book vouchers/card, miswritten postcards, unused stamps and postcards

Other valuable items found at home

gold, platinum, precious metals, jewelry, brand-name items (bags, plates, and watches), old coins, old paper money / gold coins, coins, camera and lenses, musical instruments (guitars and wind instruments), etc.



Examples of items donated



Boxing the items

Achievements

Media coverage

161 media channels

Events

7 events /

464 people

Lectures

97 lectures /

5,827 attendees

SVA's activities are also shared on YouTube. Please see here. ▶



Support and Cooperation in 2025

In 2025, activities were supported by donations from individuals and organizations, as well as collaborative projects to improve educational environments, with broad support from many partners.

Support and Cooperation (As of December, 2025)

Monthly Supporters

New Support Members	250 people
Total :	2,428 people (As of December, 2025)

Donation

Individual Supporters	6,124 people
Organizational Supporters	1,315 organizations

Volunteers at Tokyo office

Campaign to Deliver Picture Books	18 people
CRAFT AID Division	7 people

Internship Program

Public Relations and Donor Relations Division	3 people (Including 1 student from Toyo University and 1 student from Tsurumi University)
Programme Support Division	1 person (NGO Overseas Training Program)

Support members

aurinco
Mr. Masanori Iwasaki
Ms. Emiko Kiyohara
Mr. Takaharu Eto
Ms. Asuka Takahashi
Ms. Aya Takahashi
Ms. Yuuri Mikami
Mr. Yoshifumi Kawabata
Mr. Takuya Hoda
Mr. Hajime Wada

Collaboration with relevant organizations

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MoFA)
“The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects”
Nepal

- Project for the Employment Support of Youths and Women through Community-based Vocational and Technical Skill Development
- The development project to expand and improve local learning opportunities through library activities
- Improve the access and quality of Early Childhood Education of the public preschools in Oddar Meanchey Province
- Improve the access and quality of Early Childhood Education in the public preschools in Preah Vihear Province
- Promotion on Social Inclusion in Kamienna Gora

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
“Partnership Program”
Laos

- Improvement of teaching and learning environment for ethnic minority children in primary education
- Data collection Survey on Providing Alternative Education for Girls Through Library Activities in Nuristan Province in Afghanistan

Japan Platform (JPF)
Afghanistan

- Distribution of Food and Daily Necessities in Kunar Province
- Distribution of Food and Daily Necessities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province
- Emergency Rapid Assessment and Humanitarian Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons in Three Western Provinces of Cambodia

Local government
Wajima City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan
Mobile Library Project (2024 Noto Earthquake)

Japan Network for Public Interest Activities (JANPIA)
Utilization of Dormant Deposits Program
Japan

- Toshima City, Tokyo / Nerima City, Tokyo
- Japan Center for International Exchange (JICE), Japan Platform(JPF) “Outreach-Based Self-Reliance Support Project for Residents with Foreign Backgrounds”
- Building a Self-Reliance Support System for Residents with Foreign Backgrounds through Community Empowerment

Support for our activities
“Campaign to Deliver Picture Books” “Monthly Supporter”

- Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- Japan Library Association (JLA)
- Japan Council for Promoting Book Reading

About SVA

For more than 40 years, SVA has been conducting educational and cultural support activities in Asian countries and regions. We believe that “education has the power to change lives”, and we are engaged in library activities, school construction, and human resource development while valuing local culture and dialogue.

Our identity

We Live Together and Learn Together

Around the world, there are a great many children who are unable to get a proper education because of conflicts, poverty, natural disasters, or other such factors. SVA is engaged in activities intended to create opportunities to learn in comfort, even under difficult circumstances.

Our Mission

We aim to bring about a peaceful (Shanti) society that has respect for human dignity and diversity, and allows people to “live together, learn together”.

Our Vision

SVA, as an NGO seeks to solve the problems of society and everyday life together with local people, by supporting the power of people to think and to create.

To Create Safe and Secure Environment for Children to Study

SVA’s goals are to create a culture of reading and to enhance the quality of education. To achieve the goals, books and teaching materials to learn, staff to teach, classrooms to study safely, and opportunities to learn are essential.



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) That We Seek to Achieve by 2030

These goals were adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015, following discussion among the countries of the world. There are 17 goals that both developed and developing countries are meant to strive for by 2030, with the shared goal of achieving sustainable development. Toward the achievement of the 4th goal, SVA is engaged in various efforts toward not just solving the problems of education but the achievement of all of the goals outlined in the SDGs.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Goals of SDGs that SVA is engaged in

Organizational Profile

Organization Name	Shanti Volunteer Association
Establishment	December 10, 1981
Registered Date of Incorporated Association	August 19, 1999
Registered Date of Public Interest Incorporated Association	January 4, 2011

Advisor

Rev. Hojun Abe	Resident Priest, Koujuin Temple, Miyagi prefecture
Mr. Masahiro Onoda	Chairman, Shizuoka Volunteer Association
Ms. Kayoko Kozu	President of KOZU style Co.,Ltd.
Mr. Takashi Shiraishi	Advisor, Arakawa Ward Staff Labor Union Chairman, Non-profit Organization Japan Laos Children's Future
Rev. Kenshi Fueoka	Resident Priest, Kofuku-ji Temple, Shizuoka prefecture
Rev. Gido Sambe	Representative of Mogami Local production for Local consumption Energy, Resident priest of Shorin-ji temple, Yamagata prefecture
Rev. Bunmei Hayasaka	Resident priest of Tokuhon-ji temple, Miyagi prefecture

Counselor

Rev. Shusei Hattori	President of Sotoshu Shumucho
Rev. Shodo Kobayashi	Administrator of Eiheiiji
Rev. Keiji Watanabe	Administrator of Sojiji

Board of Directors, Auditor

President	
Rev. Kyoei Wakabayashi	President of Satoyama Kyoiku Kiko Co., Ltd., Former resident priest of Anraku-ji temple, Nagano prefecture

Vice Presidents	
Rev. Shunko Chino	Director of Niwano Peace Foundation, Resident Priest of Zuisho-ji temple, Nagano prefecture
Mr. Tatsuya Hata	Senior Advisor, Duang Prateep Foundation / Vice President, Sikkha Asia Foundation

Executive Director	
Rev. Wako Okamoto	Representative of Kazusa Nature school, Resident Priest of Shinko-ji temple, Chiba prefecture

Managing Directors	
Rev. Kando Matsunaga	Resident Priest of Soutokuin temple, Shizuoka prefecture
Rev. Shunken Yokoyama	Lecturer, Sotoshu Comprehensive Research Center, Resident Priest of Antouin temple, Fukushima prefecture

Board Members	
Ms. Sachiko Asano	Visiting Researcher, Institute for Sustainable Community and Risk Management, Waseda University
Rev. Shiro Arima	Secretariat of Andenet, Resident Priest of Genkou-ji temple, Yamaguchi prefecture

Mr. Hiroyasu Ito	Representative, Earth Label LLC/ President and CEO, AI Network Solution Co., Ltd./ Advisor, Eisu Gakkan Educational Institution / Part-time Lecturer, Okayama University
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Ms. Mami Sato	Representative of Earth Company Japan
Ms. Yumi Yasaka Schultz	Expert of Japan International Cooperation Agency
Rev. Ryuki Sekine	Priest of Koshu-ji, Saitama prefecture
Rev. Taiten Toukai	Resident President of Shanti Tohoku, Resident Priest of Shogen-ji temple, Miyagi prefecture Secretary General, Miyagi Prefederation of Volunteer Probation Officers

Ms. Riyo Naoi	Lecturer, Professional Institute of International Fashion / Affiliate Lecturer, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University
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Rev. Hakuga Murayama	President of the World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth Resident Priest of Toun-ji temple, Osaka prefecture
Ms. Eri Yamamoto	Secretary General of Shanti Volunteer Association

Auditors	
Prof. Masayuki Nakayama	Professor in Graduate School of Globalizing Asia, Kokushikan University
Mr. Shigeru Nonaka	Nonaka Certified Public Accountant Office / Managing Partner

Technical Advisor

Dr. Noriyuki Amano	Director, Amano Clinic
Mr. Toshiyuki Osuga	Lecturer, Soto Institute for Buddhist Studies
Ms. Sachiko Kamakura	CEO, Kamakura Sachiko Co.
Mr. Hirotsugu Takata	General Manager, News Production Center, NHK Global Media Services, Inc.
Mr. Koji Tezuka	Advisor, Buddhist Institute, Ministry of Cult and Religion Kingdom of Cambodia
Mr. Takeshi Fujitani	Visiting Professor of International Cristian University, Senior Editor of "with Planet", The Asahi Shimbun
Mr. Takafumi Miyake	Specially Appointed Professor of College of Arts, Rikkyo University

Award History

2023	Ockenden International Prize
2021	Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award
2021	International Activities of 25th Earth RINRI Promotion Award
2021	28th Yomiuri International Cooperation Prize
2020	Kamenori Special Award
2019	Letter of gratitude from Commissioner of Japan Sports Agency
2015	ESD Okayama Award Global Prize
2011	Letter of gratitude from Miyagi Council of Social Welfare
2008	7th Iue Memorial Foundation Asia Pacific Culture Prize
2005	Letter of gratitude from Governor of Hyogo Prefecture
2004	Minister of State for Disaster Management Award
1995	Letter of gratitude from Toshima Ward, Tokyo
1994	Mainichi International Exchange Award
1988	Foreign Minister's Commendation
1985	Soroptimist Japan Foundation Award
1984	Matsutaro Shoriki Award

Network

Overall

Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE) "Board members" /
Global Book Alliance / The Asia Disaster Reduction & Response Network (ADRRN)

Cambodia

Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) /
Japanese NGO Worker's Network in Cambodia (JNNC) /
NGO Education Partnership (NEP)

Laos

Japanese NGO Meeting (JANM) / International NGO Network(INN)

Myanmar (Burma) Refugee Project Office

Committee for Co-ordination of Services to Displaced Persons in Thailand (CCSDPT)

Afghanistan

Agency Coordinating Body For Afghan Relief (ACBAR)

Myanmar

INGO Forum / Japan NGOs Network – Myanmar (JNN-Myanmar)

Nepal

Association of International NGOs in Nepal (AIN)

Japan

Actions for Afghans (AFA) /
Development Education Association and Resource Center (DEAR) "Board members" /
Disaster Connection Japan Network / Japan Afghan NGO Network (JANN) /
Japan Campaign to Ban Landmines (JCBL) /
Japan Civil Network for Disaster Relief in the East Japan (JCN) /
Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs /
Japan CSO Coalition for Disaster Risk Reduction (JCC-DRR) /
Japan Forum for UNHCR and NGOs / Japan Fundraising Association /
Japan Library Association / Japan NGO Action Network for Civic Space (NANCiS) /
Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC) /
Japan NGO Initiative for Safety and Security, JaNISS "Directors" /
Japan NGO Network for Education (JNNE) "Secretary General"/
Japan NPO Center / Japan Platform (JPF) /
Japan Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (JVOAD) /
KAMISHIBAI Culture Promotion Council / Multicultural Toshima Network /
Niwano Peace Foundation "Director" / NGO-JICA Council "Coordinator" /
NGO-MOFA Regular Meetings / NGO NO WAR NETWORK /
NGOs-Labor Unions International Collaboration Forum/
The Buddhist NGO Network of Japan (BNN) "Vice Chairman / Executive Director" /
Tokyo Volunteer Network for Disaster Relief "Deputy representative" /
World Conference Religions for Peace (WCRP)

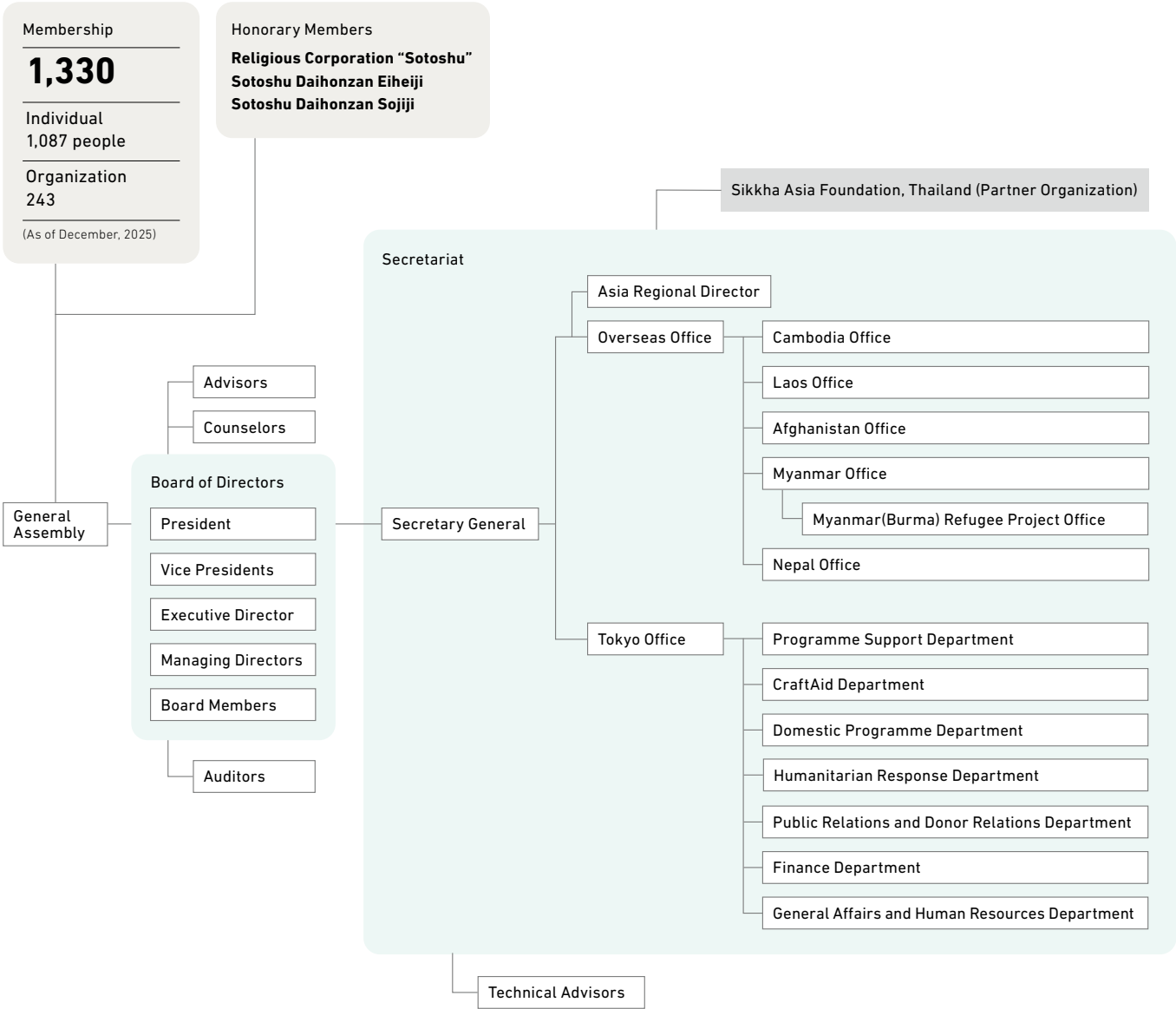
Organizational Chart

Staff total: 145 (Not including SAF, Intern)

Staff in Japan: 41

Staff in other than Japan: 104

(As of April 1, 2026)



Financial Report

Balance Sheet
(as of December 31, 2025)

(Unit JPY)			
	1. Current Year	2. Previous Year	(1-2)
Accounts	As of December 31, 2025	As of December 31, 2024	Gain/Loss
Assets			
1. Current Assets			
Cash, Bank Accounts	106,931,621	181,411,574	-74,479,953
Inventory Assets			
Handicrafts	3,868,132	4,379,810	-511,678
Other Inventories	47,180	40,650	6,530
Account Receivables Sales	8,470,445	2,127,347	6,343,098
Advance payment	0	5,739,333	-5,739,333
Short-term loan receivable	893,155	1,047,250	-154,095
Prepaid Expenses	2,426,206	3,098,043	-671,837
Temporary payment	922,211	3,215	918,996
Total Current Assets (A)	123,558,950	197,847,222	-74,288,272
2. Fixed Assets			
(1) Basic Assets			
Investment to Security (Japanese Government Bond)	50,000,000	50,000,000	0
Total Basic Assets	50,000,000	50,000,000	0
(2) Designated Assets			
Buldings and Facilities	29,322,916	31,184,690	-1,861,774
Land	24,257,015	24,257,015	0
Deposit of Donation Fund	713,123,207	569,031,259	144,091,948
Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO project (Myanmar)	72,852,000	6,716,971	66,135,029
Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO project (Afghanistan)	53,874,584	9,667,721	44,206,863
Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO project (Nepal)	47,288,561	61,658,935	-14,370,374
Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO project (Cambodia)	14,825,766	10,997,821	3,827,945
Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO project (Laos)	1,591,045	1,599,108	-8,063
Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO project (Poland)	1,402,936	44,415,041	-43,012,105
Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO project (BRC)	12,679,287	0	12,679,287
Private Subsidy Funds	93,318,576	19,367,835	73,950,741
Reserve for Basic Asset Fund	112,000,000	112,000,000	0
Fund for Rebuild asset Jibo-Kaikan	64,182,400	58,182,400	6,000,000
Assets reserved for depreciation (formerly Endowment)	31,011,365	31,011,365	0
Fund (Hibi)	7,000,000	7,000,000	0
Assets reserved for depreciation (formerly Designated assets)	1,169,471	1,169,471	0
Arima Human Resource Development Fund	2,926,016	2,926,016	0
National staff Resouce Development Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Asia Children Future Fund	25,885,202	13,133,208	12,751,994
Shizuki Okano Donation Fund	11,700,000	11,700,000	0
Designated Donation Fund for Public Interest Project 1	66,246,995	73,246,995	-7,000,000
Domestic Project Donation Fund	880,757	869,996	10,761
Designated Donation Fund (Cambodia)	42,145,572	16,688,256	25,457,316
Designated Donation Fund (Laos)	1,360,564	15,249,000	-13,888,436
Designated Donation Fund (Afghanistan)	1,120,913	7,373,077	-6,252,164
Designated Donation Fund (Myanmar)	28,314,089	14,630,000	13,684,089
Emergency Relief Donation Fund	13,600,151	41,671,182	-28,071,031
Designated Donation Fund (Thailand)	384,000	0	384,000
Designated Donation Fund (Nepal)	0	885,000	-885,000
East Japan Earthquake Support Donation Fund	4,362,957	5,871,861	-1,508,904
Total Designated Assets	766,703,138	624,472,964	142,230,174
(3) Fixed Assets Others			
Vehicle	13,981,553	2,047,612	11,933,941
Fixtures and Fittings	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Software	39,343,333	0	39,343,333
Intangible assets Software	0	9,900,000	-9,900,000
Guarantee deposits	1,100,380	1,049,286	51,094
Total Fixed Assets Others	59,425,266	17,996,898	41,428,368
Total Fixed Assets	876,128,404	692,469,862	183,658,542
Total Assets	999,687,354	890,317,084	109,370,270

The financial report were audited by the independent auditor, Mr.Yoshiyuki Tanaka, Certified Public Accountant

Profit / Loss in Net Assets
January 1 — December 31, 2025

(Unit JPY)			
	1. Current Year	2. Previous Year	(1-2)
Accounts	January 1 – December 31, 2025	January 1 – December 31, 2024	Gain/Loss
I General Net Assets			
1. Change in General Net Assets			
(1) Ordinary Income			
Basic Asset Investment profit	97,500	97,500	0
Designated Asset Investment profit	995,743	36,185	959,558
Membership fee received	19,163,000	20,423,000	-1,260,000
Donation received	360,260,298	341,583,674	18,676,624
Transfer from designated private fund	169,381,109	154,052,611	15,328,498
Local office received	24,182	68,554	-44,372
Asian Children Fund	70,860,086	68,851,966	2,008,120
For Delivering Japanese Picture Books	60,008,837	60,896,262	-887,425
Asian Library Support [ATS]	54,583,500	53,298,500	1,285,000
For Recycle Book Aid	5,402,584	4,415,781	986,803
Transfer from Public/Private Subsidy received	481,553,938	570,098,569	-88,544,631
Public Subsidy	125,508,413	204,094,621	-78,586,208
Private Subsidy	21,449,742	28,342,665	-6,892,923
Ministry of Foreign Affairs NGO Grant Subsidy	334,595,783	337,661,283	-3,065,500
Project Income	28,236,276	34,899,459	-6,663,183
Fair-Trade Project [Craft Aid]	120,825,007	18,118,236	102,706,771
Overseas office	1,489,231	1,048,799	440,432
Public Relations Project	5,000	0	5,000
Contract Project	9,539,991	11,501,762	-1,961,771
Recycle Book Aid	5,119,547	4,230,662	888,885
Other income	1,589,899	2,449,094	-859,195
Foreign Exchange Gain	0	973,710	-973,710
Interest Income	102,100	207,398	-105,298
Employment Subsidy	0	1,250,000	-1,250,000
Other miscellaneous Income	1,487,799	17,986	1,469,813
Total Ordinary Income (A)	891,896,654	969,587,481	-77,690,827

(2) Ordinary Expense			
Project Expense	876,220,727	923,182,949	-46,962,222
Direct Project Expense	518,235,270	599,080,017	-80,844,747
Purchase of Material	29,658,995	32,879,150	-3,220,155
Personnel Expense	160,239,468	157,428,145	2,811,323
Travel	16,321,822	18,629,319	-2,307,497
Freight & Postage	8,238,149	9,329,497	-1,091,348
Communication	1,311,854	1,256,076	55,778
House & Land rent	466,500	608,657	-142,157
Leasing	1,136,029	1,146,724	-10,695
Public Relations	55,495,463	34,505,778	20,989,685
Consumables Fixtures	1,490,610	1,033,160	457,450
Consumables	1,896,662	3,777,752	-1,881,090
Repair	140,141	970,868	-830,727
Office consumptions	10,314,838	7,025,722	3,289,116
Utility	1,591,729	1,560,576	31,153
Insurance	369,874	470,659	-100,785
Research	1,741,886	1,216,731	525,155
Meeting	57,918	46,064	11,854
Study	128,510	58,610	69,900
Public relation	495,168	253,798	241,370
Site visitors expense	1,545,561	396,112	1,149,449
Handle charge	6,065,671	5,888,986	176,685
Taxes and Public dues	2,497,155	3,034,733	-537,578
Outsourcing	35,338,115	39,043,687	-3,705,572
Depreciation	5,460,712	3,535,078	1,925,634
Foreign Exchange Gain and Loss	15,958,757	0	15,958,757
Miscellaneous	23,870	7,050	16,820
Administration Expense	33,257,291	29,563,635	3,693,656
Personnel Expense	18,963,794	19,153,647	-189,853
Travel	1,896,371	1,478,068	418,303
Freight & Postage	137,717	96,444	41,273
Communication	105,915	100,623	5,292
House and Land rent	410,000	70,763	339,237
Leasing	188,491	191,856	-3,365
Publicity	808,712	0	808,712
Consumables Fixtures	613,217	745,215	-131,998
Consumables	162,539	142,806	19,733
Repair	13,859	90,183	-76,324
Office consumptions	1,535,094	688,053	847,041
Utility	147,496	133,484	14,012
Insurance	36,086	44,471	-8,385
Research	0	101,756	-101,756
Meeting	360,000	608,188	-248,188
Study	462,000	159,000	303,000
Public Relations	231,357	89,081	142,276
Handle charge	491,096	487,334	3,762
Tax and Public dues	522,675	292,620	230,055
Outsourcing	4,283,240	4,591,513	-308,273
Depreciation	498,955	242,030	256,925
Miscellaneous loss	1,388,677	56,500	1,332,177
Total Ordinary Expense (B)	909,478,018	952,746,584	-43,268,566
Current Change in Ordinary Profit without Appraisal	-17,581,364	16,840,897	-34,422,261
Total Gain/Loss on Appraisals	0	0	0
Current Change in Ordinary Gain/Loss (A)-(B)	-17,581,364	16,840,897	-34,422,261
Other Non-Ordinary Income	0	7,083,636	-7,083,636
Other Non-Ordinary Expenses	46,216	14,719,398	-14,673,182
Income Taxes	70,000	70,000	0
I General Net Asset Current Period Increased	-17,697,580	9,135,135	-26,832,715
I General Net Asset Beginning of Period	131,620,141	122,485,006	9,135,135
I General Net Asset End of Period	113,922,561	131,620,141	-17,697,580
II Designated Net Asset Current Period Increased	146,877,973	-144,487,676	291,365,649
II Designated Net Asset Beginning of Period	604,846,027	749,333,703	-144,487,676
II Designated Net Asset End of Period	751,723,970	604,846,027	146,877,943
III Total net asset End of Period (I)+(II)	865,646,531	736,466,168	129,180,363

In Myanmar (Burma) refugee camps along the Thai border, home to more than ten ethnic groups, children performed dances at the "Refugee Children's Cultural Festival" in traditional costumes. Karen, Lahu, and Pa-O attire reflected the rich cultural diversity of each community.



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