



OCTOBER 2025

2025
REPORT



MONTHLY REPORT

LATEST INFORMATION TO THE
EXISTING STATUS OF THE PROJECT

OCTOBER 2025 OVERVIEW

1. Elephant Care and Sanctuary Operations

Eva and Lhamo continued to show excellent overall health throughout October. Their daily welfare routine – including foot care, visual body checks, enrichment activities, and foraging – progressed without incident. Both elephants remained active, displayed stable appetites, and required no veterinary interventions this month.

October marked the beginning of the annual hay season, a critical period for preparing the elephants' food supply for the upcoming dry months. For the next two months, the team is fully engaged in acquiring and storing hay for the year. This process involves not only the purchase of hay but also the prior groundwork undertaken during the planting season: four months earlier, head camp manager David Tashi Lama negotiated with local farmers to ensure that high-quality rice varieties were planted without the use of chemicals. This proactive approach guarantees a nutritionally safe and reliable hay source for Eva and Lhamo.

Thanks to the continued and full support of the Brigitte Bardot Foundation, all food and veterinary expenses for Eva and Lhamo remain funded throughout the year. Their contribution again ensures that the elephants receive optimal care without interruption.

2. SOS Elephants Program – Ramu

The SOS Elephants Program maintained its focus on Ramu, the elderly male elephant in Chitwan District. His general health and behaviour remained stable, and he continued to benefit from the attentive and compassionate care of his mahout, Sujun, whose salary is once again supported by Call to Conserve, a U.S.-based non-profit organisation.

October was also hay season for Ramu. Following the same selection process applied in the sanctuary, Rajendra Neupane (SU4E board member based in Chitwan) oversaw the choice of hay fields to ensure maximum quality and chemical-free production. SU4E secured four bighas of hay for Ramu this month, fully funded by the Brigitte Bardot Foundation. This ensures food security for the coming year and reduces procurement pressure during the dry winter months.

The stable behaviour of Ramu, combined with continuity in his daily routine and mahout care, confirms an encouraging state of physical and psychological well-being.

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3. Volunteer Program

October was marked by the valuable participation of Nina, a volunteer from Germany who joined SU4E for the entire month. Professionally trained as a teacher, she actively contributed to daily operations and supported the team in multiple areas. Her commitment, patience and collaborative spirit were deeply appreciated, and her involvement reinforced the added value that dedicated volunteers bring to SU4E's mission.

4. Partnerships and Awareness Activities

Public outreach and partner engagement took a temporary step back in October, as the team was fully mobilised for the hay season as well as the administrative preparation required for the renewal of the NGO at the Social Welfare Council and district authorities. No major awareness or tourism-related events were organised during this period, which is consistent with the seasonal workload at the sanctuary.

Despite a quieter month externally, partnership relations remain intact, and preparations underway will support future public-facing activities once the hay storage phase is completed.

Conclusion

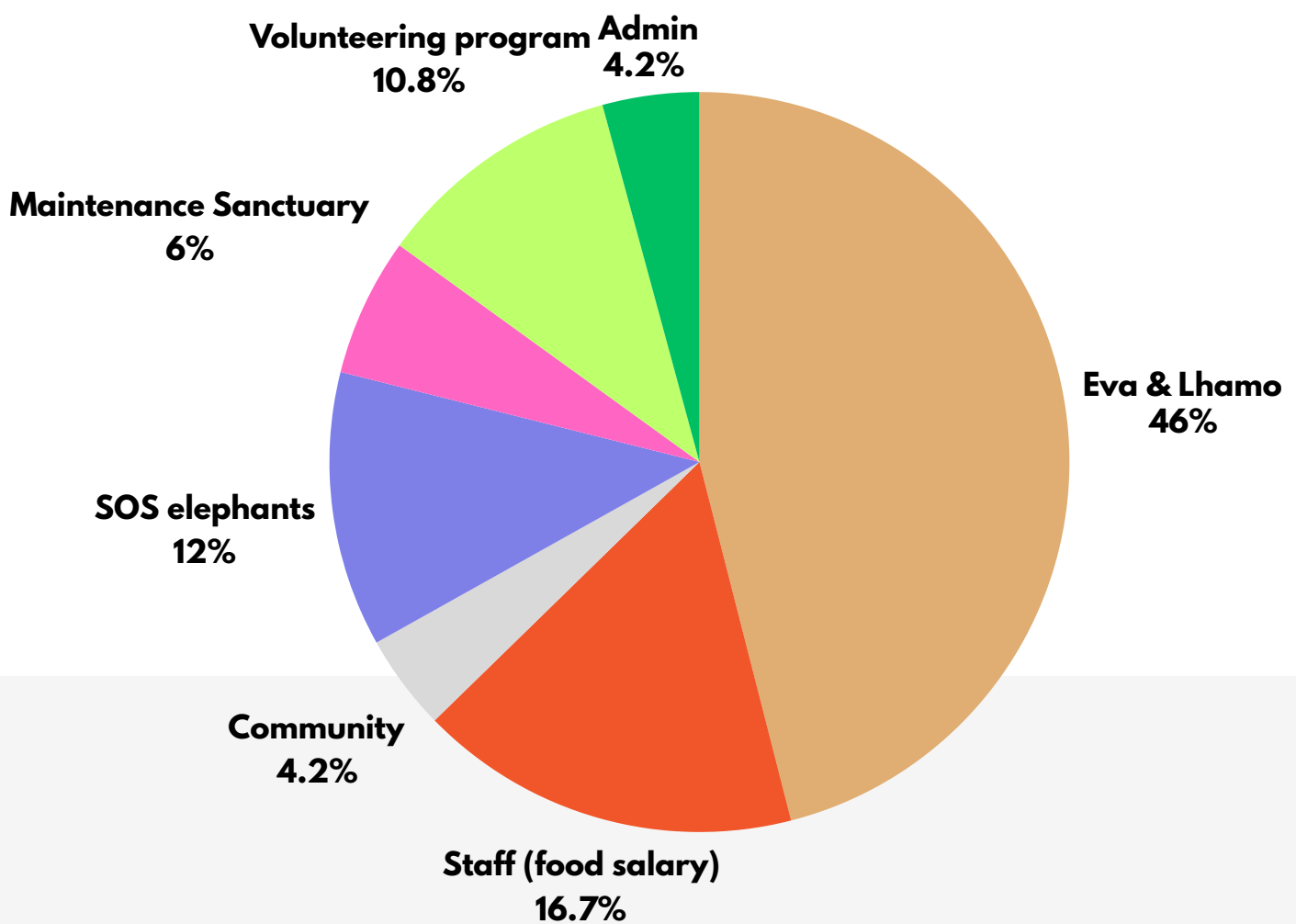
October 2025 was characterised by intense logistical effort dedicated to securing year-round food supplies for both Eva and Lhamo, and for Ramu through the SOS Elephants Program. Thanks to the support of the Brigitte Bardot Foundation and Call to Conserve, SU4E once again demonstrated strong compliance with donor expectations, operational consistency, and long-term welfare planning.

The month also benefited from the meaningful involvement of volunteer support while ensuring that both sanctuary and SOS elephants maintained excellent health conditions. Administrative preparations for NGO renewal further contributed to reinforcing organisational resilience and continuity.

THE STATISTICS - EXPENSES

Financial Overview – September

The NGO is satisfied with the overall expenses for the month of September. The total expenditures remained within the planned budget.



PHOTOS OF OCTOBER 2025

The all team celabrating Tihar with Nina the volunteer

