



STAND UP 4 ELEPHANTS



July
2026

MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 2026 OVERVIEW

1. Overall

July 2026 marked both the close of the Nepali fiscal year 2082/83 and the beginning of an extraordinary new chapter for Stand Up 4 Elephants. While daily sanctuary life continued at its usual steady and dedicated pace, the month brought a series of exceptional developments: a landmark Supreme Court ruling on elephant welfare in Nepal, the finalisation of preparations for the Great Elephant Jam – SU4E's very first large-scale fundraising event – a new partnership with the Benevity Causes Portal, a pivotal multi-stakeholder meeting on Ramu's future, and the arrival of a new mahout, Kiran Kumal, who joins the SU4E family with great enthusiasm. The team enters the new fiscal year 2083/84 with renewed energy, pride, and a deep sense of purpose.

2. Veterinary & Husbandry Updates

July 2026 was a calm and uneventful month on the veterinary front – which, as always at SU4E, is the very best kind of news. Eva and Lhamo continued to thrive throughout the month, benefiting fully from the lush natural abundance that the monsoon season brings to their enclosure. Grass, vines, browse and leaves remained plentiful, supporting both their nutritional needs and their natural foraging behaviours, with minimal need for purchased food.

- Daily structured feeding routines, foot care, body-condition monitoring, and behavioural observation continued without interruption. All welfare indicators – foot condition, skin condition, weight progression, and behaviour – remained within normal ranges.
- Health logs and welfare observations were recorded and added to the individual elephant health records, as per the standardised monitoring protocol.
- Sleeping-behaviour data continued to be collected daily as part of the long-term international research collaboration.
- The team remained attentive to the specific welfare requirements of the monsoon season, with particular attention paid to skin and foot condition to prevent any moisture-related issues.
- No veterinary interventions or health concerns were recorded this month.

The month of July confirmed once again what daily observation consistently shows: Eva and Lhamo are thriving under SU4E's care. Their wellbeing remains the team's unwavering first priority, whatever else may be happening around them.



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3. Community & Field Activities

Community and field activities continued at their usual pace throughout July, with the team maintaining its regular presence in the Amaltari area and sustaining existing relationships with local farmers, conservation partners, and community members. The monsoon season naturally slows some field movements, but the team's engagement with the local community – including the farmers who supply food for the elephants – remained consistent and warm. SU4E's local agricultural network, spanning more than 20 farmers across three villages, continued to operate as one of the foundational pillars of the sanctuary's food supply and of the organisation's economic footprint in the community.

4. Volunteering & Intern Program

- As is typical during the monsoon season, no new volunteer or intern intake took place in July 2026. Volunteer accommodation remained closed and maintained, ready for the next cohort expected in October 2026. But in July, the organization did a call for volunteers and 5 nepali forestry students and naturalist guide contacted us and were interested for august and september.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS !

**You want to be part of our aventure ?
We are recruiting volunteers for 2027 !**

(Availability in decembre 2026)

Your missions :

- Taking care of the daily needs of the elephants
- Daily maintenance and improvements of the camp
- Keep records of the elephants up to date
- Help the organization to promote its actions
- Various extra tasks

Conditions :

- Minimum duration: 1 month
- Financial contribution
- Speak English
- Good physical condition

More informations on www.su4e.org,
section "TAKE ACTION - VOLUNTEER PROGRAM"


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5. SOS Elephant – Ramu

July 2026 was a pivotal month in the long and complex story of Ramu, the 40-year-old male elephant held in Sauraha, Chitwan, whose situation SU4E has been working to improve since September 2023.

Stand Up 4 Elephants has taken the difficult but necessary decision to pause the direct funding allocated to Ramu's care while a comprehensive multi-stakeholder process is initiated to define the path forward for this elephant. SU4E has been funding Ramu's food, veterinary care, and his mahout Sujan's salary and food since 2023. While this support has ensured his daily welfare is consistently maintained, the broader situation – in particular the stagnation of any progress toward his transfer to an ethical sanctuary – requires a more structured and collective approach.

To this end, a formal coordination meeting was convened in July, bringing together a broad coalition of parties with knowledge of and responsibility for Ramu's situation:

- Chitwan National Park (CNP) authorities
- The National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC)
- Representatives from the Buffer Zone Community User Group
- The owner – the Rijal family
- Animal Nepal
- Jane Goodall Institute Nepal

The meeting provided a structured forum for all parties to share their perspectives, assess available options, and begin building a coordinated strategy for Ramu's future. SU4E presented the full history of its intervention, the welfare documentation accumulated over three years, and its commitment to supporting a positive outcome – including a potential transfer to an ethical sanctuary. The conversations were frank and constructive, and the process is ongoing.

The team remains fully committed to Ramu's wellbeing and is grateful for the engagement of all parties in this process. SU4E holds hope that this new, collective approach will produce a resolution that serves Ramu's long-term welfare.



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6. Partnerships, News

July 2026 was a month of exceptional developments on the institutional and communications front.

A Historic Victory: Nepal's Supreme Court Rules for Elephant Welfare

The most significant news of the month – and arguably one of the most important moments in the history of elephant welfare in Nepal – came with the Supreme Court of Nepal's landmark judgement ordering the protection of captive and wild elephants from cruelty. This historic ruling is a major victory for all those who have worked to advance elephant welfare in this country, and Stand Up 4 Elephants welcomes it with deep pride and gratitude.

This judgement validates and aligns directly with SU4E's core mandate. Every veterinary visit, every welfare record, every positive-reinforcement training session, every advocacy effort, and every partnership built over the past years has been in pursuit of exactly this kind of institutional recognition – that elephants deserve legal protection from cruelty, not just good intentions. SU4E congratulates all those who worked to bring this ruling about and reaffirms its commitment to translating this legal milestone into concrete, daily welfare improvements for Nepal's approximately 180 captive elephants, including Eva, Lhamo, and Ramu.



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The Great Elephant Jam

15th AUG 2026
GATES OPEN: 1 PM,
EVENT: 2 PM
ONWARDS,
EDEN, SANAPA, LTP

SCAN FOR TICKET

TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT
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ALBATROSS

COBWEB

PHOSPHENES

Nattu Shah

Enhancify

Aba Aafai Garau
EDITION 2

A fundraiser music event for the support of Eva and Lhamo, the two rescued elephants at Stand Up 4 Elephants.

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Jane Goodall Institute Nepal

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The Great Elephant Jam – SU4E's First Major Fundraising Event

July saw the team in full preparation mode for what will be a landmark moment in SU4E's history: The Great Elephant Jam, a fundraiser music event scheduled for 15 August 2026 at Eden, Sanepa, Lalitpur, organised in close partnership with the Jane Goodall Institute Nepal. The event – subtitled "Aba Aafai Garau, Edition 2" – will feature a full lineup of Nepali musical acts including Albatross, Cobweb, Phosphenes, Nattu Shah, Enhancify, and Sri, with gates opening at 1 PM and the programme running from 2 PM onward. Tickets are available via kgarira.com.

This is the first time Stand Up 4 Elephants has organised an event of this scale, and the entire team is excited and proud to be bringing the conservation community, music lovers, and elephant supporters together in this way. All proceeds go directly to supporting Eva and Lhamo. The coordination with JGI Nepal has been excellent, and the team extends its warm gratitude to all the artists, partners, and supporters who are making this event possible. The team encourages everyone to buy their tickets, spread the word, and come celebrate – for the elephants!

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New Partnership: La Flèche for Nature

We're honored and deeply grateful to welcome **La Flèche Zoo** as a new partner in the conservation of Asian elephants. Located between Le Mans and Angers, La Flèche Zoo is celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2026 and is home to around 1,500 animals across 21 wooded hectares. Beyond the park itself, the zoo runs its own foundation, Zoo de La Flèche for Nature, created in 2016 to fund in-situ conservation projects around the world. Their decision to extend that support to Asian elephants, and to SU4E specifically, means a great deal to us.

Their financial support for the construction of our new center will make a lasting difference for the elephants we protect in Nepal. This is exactly the kind of long-term infrastructure our sanctuary has needed for years, and having a partner willing to invest in it changes what we can build for the conservation of these animals.

We're equally thankful for their commitment to inviting us to raise awareness among their visitors. Our team spent a full day at the zoo with a booth, selling handicrafts and talking with visitors about elephant welfare and what conservation looks like on the ground in Nepal. It was a genuinely happy day for the team, meeting people who cared, answering questions, and sharing what we do so far from home.

Thank you, La Flèche Zoo, for standing with us. 🐘🙏



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New Partnership: Benevity Causes Portal

SU4E is proud to announce its listing on the Benevity Causes Portal, one of the world's leading corporate social responsibility platforms. Benevity connects thousands of companies – including Visa, Microsoft, Apple, Cisco, Starbucks, Salesforce, and many others – with vetted nonprofits, enabling employees to donate to causes they care about, with their employers often matching those donations dollar for dollar through employer donation-matching programmes. Benevity also compensates volunteers for their time through its "dollars for volunteer hours" scheme.

For SU4E, this listing opens the door to a new and significant stream of funding: corporate employee giving. Any employee of a Benevity-participating company can now donate to Stand Up 4 Elephants directly through their employer's giving portal, and many will have those donations matched by their company. The team encourages all supporters to check whether their employer participates in Benevity – and if they do, to designate SU4E as their chosen cause. Every matched donation goes twice as far for Eva, Lhamo, Ramu, and the elephants of Nepal.

New Team Member: Kiran Kumal, Mahout

The SU4E family grew in July with the arrival of Kiran Kumal, who joined the team as a mahout in mid-July 2026. Kiran comes with solid professional experience working with elephants in Sauraha's working elephant sector, where he developed the practical knowledge and sensitivity that SU4E values. His arrival is not merely about adding a team member – it reflects SU4E's ambition to expand its capacity to train, practice, and demonstrate positive-reinforcement and human-centred mahout techniques with a growing team. The entire team is delighted to welcome Kiran and looks forward to everything they will build together, for the elephants.



THE STATISTICS – EXPENSES

Financial Overview – July 2026

Documentation & Compliance:

All expenditure was documented and reconciled. Health logs, welfare records, and intern programme documentation were maintained to NGO reporting standards.

