



DECEMBER 2025



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REPORT

# MONTHLY REPORT

LATEST INFORMATION TO THE  
EXISTING STATUS OF THE PROJECT

# DECEMBER 2025 OVERVIEW

## 1. Elephant Care and Sanctuary Operations – Eva and Lhamo

Throughout the month, the daily management and welfare of Eva and Lhamo remained stable and consistent, with no health concerns reported. Both elephants continue to benefit from a structured care routine that includes daily health monitoring, routine foot care, regular medical treatments when required, data recording, and enrichment activities. Food procurement and delivery were carried out as planned to ensure a balanced and appropriate diet.

Eva and Lhamo remain in good physical condition, with regular movement and foraging opportunities that support both their physical and psychological wellbeing. Preventive monitoring continued, and no veterinary intervention beyond routine care was necessary during this reporting period.

A key development this month was SU4E's participation in a new international scientific study focusing on elephant dental health and digestion. The study is based on the following hypothesis:

Scientific hypothesis:

Fecal particle size is an indicator of dental health through its correlation with the grinding surface of the teeth.

Objectives:

- To add field data from semi-captive elephants in Nepal to existing datasets collected in European zoological institutions, accounting for differences in diet and environment.
- To contribute to an innovative, joint analysis combining dental health assessments with fecal particle size measurements.

This collaboration strengthens SU4E's commitment to evidence-based elephant care and contributes valuable data to international research efforts aimed at improving long-term welfare standards for captive and semi-captive elephants.

During the month, SU4E also benefited from the visit of Chloé Paquet, a zoo and wildlife veterinarian from France, in collaboration with the veterinary team from Kawasoti. Thanks to this joint expertise, the ultrasound machine was used to conduct detailed examinations of Eva's and Lhamo's feet. These assessments provided valuable diagnostic information and further strengthened preventive monitoring of their foot health, an essential aspect of long-term elephant welfare.

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## 2. SOS Elephants Program – Ramu

The SOS Elephants Program continued to focus on Ramu, the elderly male elephant in Chitwan District. Ramu's general health remains stable, and his behavior continues to be calm and consistent. His daily care is ensured by his mahout, Sujan, whose engagement and cooperation remain strong, contributing positively to Ramu's wellbeing.

In December, important improvements were made to Ramu's living conditions. His shelter was secured by the installation of an electric fence and energizer, significantly enhancing safety. In addition, the soil within the shelter was replaced, addressing hygiene concerns and improving overall comfort and cleanliness.

SU4E is pleased to collaborate with The Call to Conserve, a US-based nonprofit organization, which is supporting part of the program's expenses. This partnership plays a key role in ensuring the sustainability and effectiveness of the external elephant assistance provided to Ramu.

## 3. Awareness, Education, and Community Initiatives

Beyond elephant care, SU4E continued to expand its social impact at the community level. In December, SU4E successfully identified and engaged five women from the local Tharu community to initiate a handicraft program. These women are now producing handmade items such as bracelets, crochet work, and baskets.

The primary objective of this initiative is to improve household income and overall quality of life by providing additional, sustainable sources of revenue. This program reflects SU4E's holistic approach to conservation, recognizing that animal welfare, community empowerment, and long-term conservation outcomes are closely interconnected.

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## 4. Partnerships, Support, and Organizational Transparency

Partnerships continued to develop positively during the month. SU4E was pleased to welcome three representatives from the French NGO Makigo, including its president. Makigo has supported Stand Up 4 Elephants since its early beginnings, assisting organizations worldwide through volunteer deployment and the provision of essential materials. The Makigo team will remain at the sanctuary for a three-month period, contributing directly to daily operations and support activities.

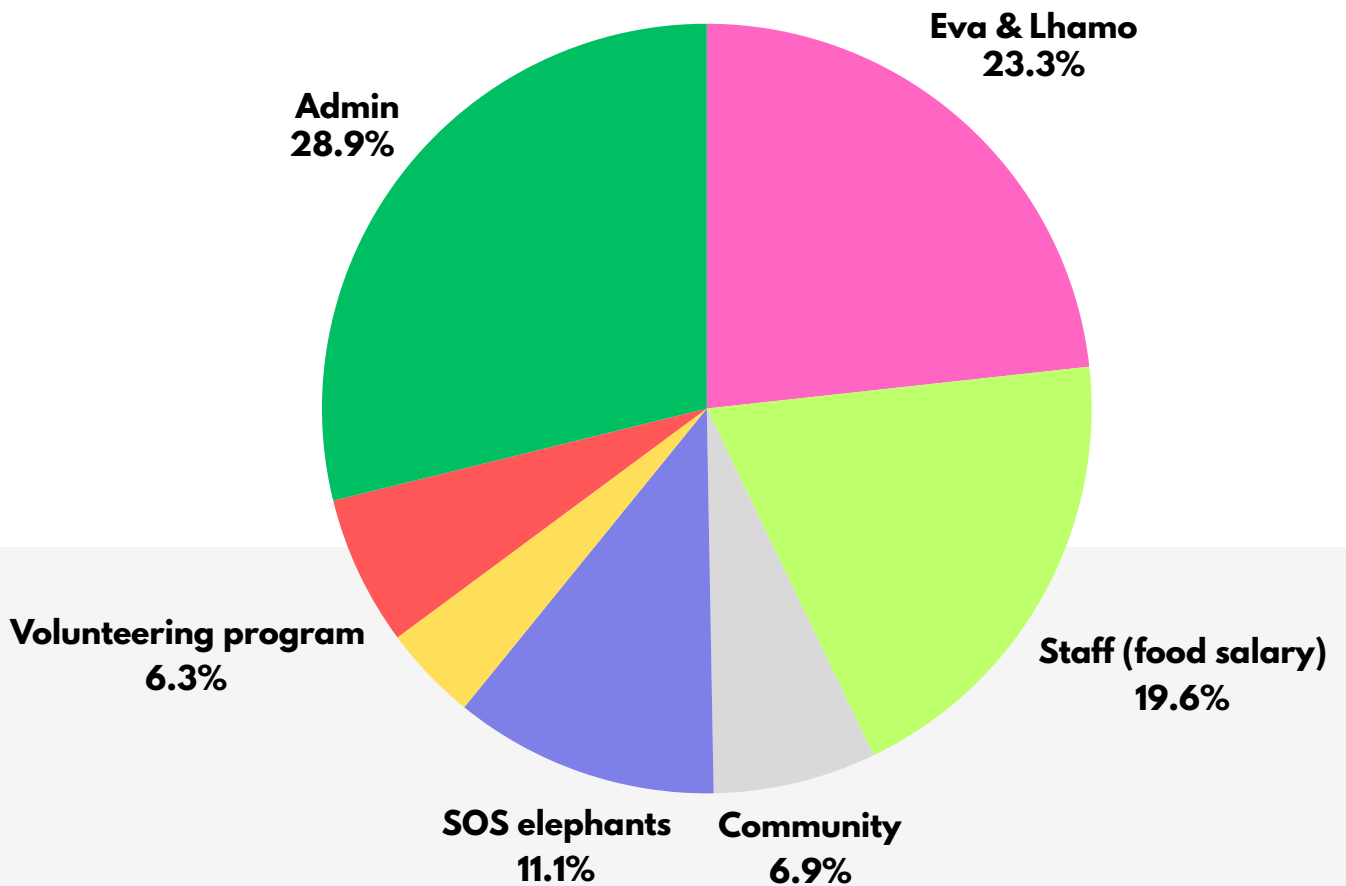
Administrative costs were slightly higher this month compared to previous periods, primarily due to the annual payment to SU4E's audit firm. As an organization registered with Nepal's Social Welfare Council (SWC), SU4E strictly adheres to national guidelines. The continuous oversight of an independent audit firm, which monitors accounting and program implementation in detail, reflects SU4E's commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible governance.

To conclude the year on a positive note, SU4E is pleased to report that Le Pal Nature Foundation has officially renewed its support for 2026. After reviewing the 2025 financial reports, fund utilization, and proposed programs and future projects, the foundation reaffirmed its trust in SU4E's work. This renewed support represents a strong endorsement of the organization's impact and long-term vision, for which the entire team is deeply grateful.

# THE STATISTICS - EXPENSES

Financial Overview - September

- Eva & Lhamo
- Staff (food salary)
- Community
- SOS elephants
- Maintenance Sanctuary
- Volunteering program
- Admin



# PHOTOS OF DECEMBER 2025

Makigo team bringing materials donated to SU4E



# PHOTOS OF DECEMBER 2025

Ultrasound on Lhamo's foot



Fecal study



# PHOTOS OF DECEMBER 2025

SU4E team and Makigo fixing Ramu's shelter

