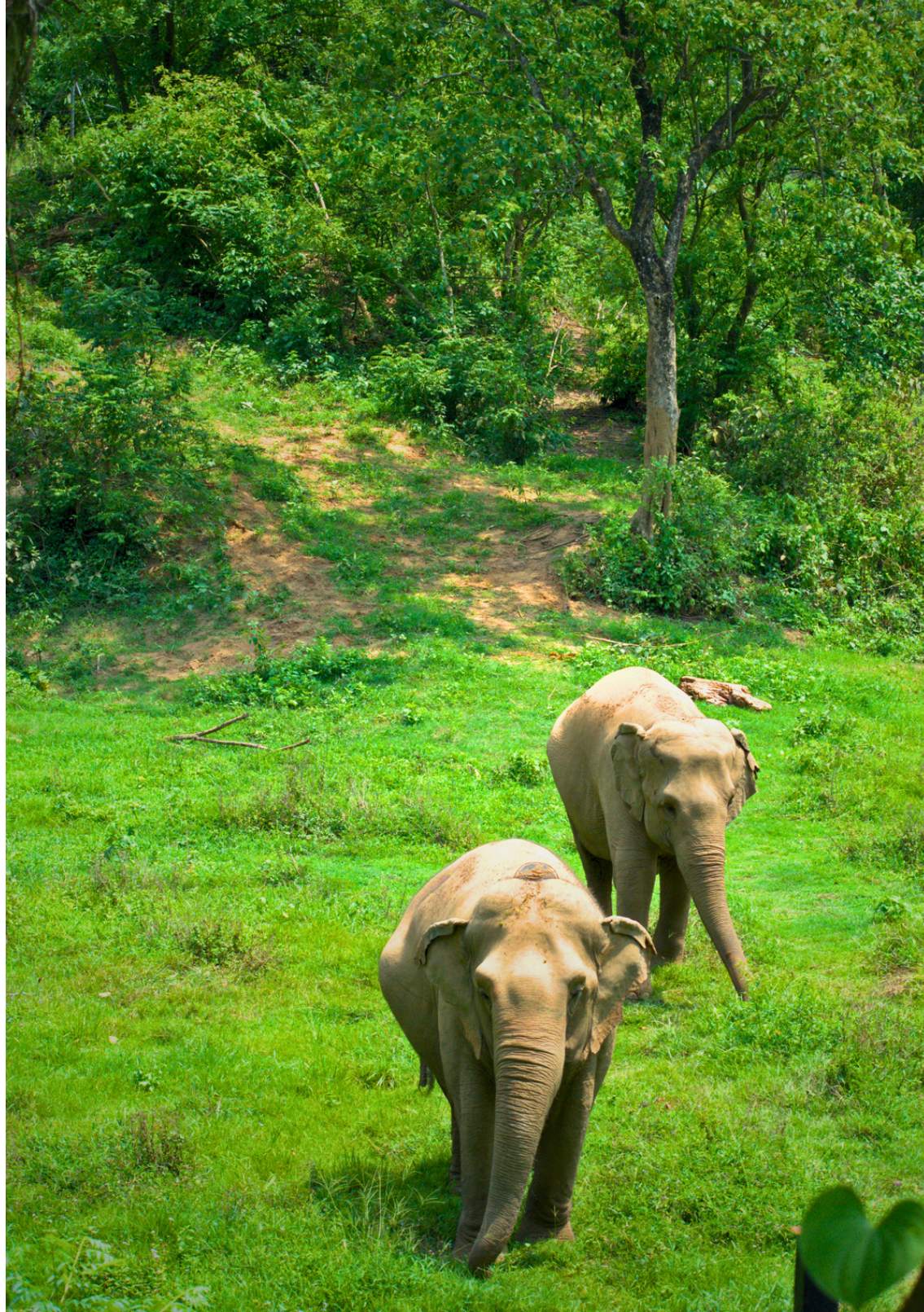




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MAY 2025 OVERVIEW

1. Daily Operations and Elephant Care at the Sanctuary

- Daily operations at the Amaltari sanctuary continued steadily, ensuring consistent and attentive care for Eva and Lhamo.
- All routine responsibilities—including feeding, hydration, medical checks, enrichment sessions, and mahout salaries—were carried out without interruption.
- A notable one-time investment was made for the acquisition and installation of a large, weather-resistant fabric structure to protect Eva and Lhamo's sleeping area during the approaching monsoon season. This will significantly enhance their nighttime comfort and health by reducing dampness and exposure.

2. Ramu Program – Continuous Support and Monitoring

- Ramu's care remained a priority in May, with daily food deliveries and regular visits from the SU4E team in Sauraha.
- The mahouts continued to be closely monitored and supported in their duties, ensuring that Ramu received proper care, hydration, and supervision.
- As previously stated, SU4E does not provide financial support to the Rijal family (Ramu's legal owners). Instead, resources are directed exclusively towards the elephant's well-being.
- The funding provided by the U.S.-based NGO Conserve for Ramu's mahout salary continued to be managed with full transparency, with the payment transferred directly to the mahout through SU4E.

3. External Elephant Support Program (SOS Elephants) – Resumed Operations

- May marked the resumption of the "SOS Elephants" program after a seasonal pause.
- The initiative focuses on supporting working elephants in Sauraha, particularly those still involved in tourism-related activities.
- Weekly distributions of food—primarily corn—were conducted by the SU4E team, ensuring supplementary nutrition to working elephants whose diets are often insufficient.
- This program is designed to alleviate immediate welfare concerns while maintaining positive relationships with local owners and mahouts.
- A separate, detailed report on this initiative is currently being prepared and will be shared independently.

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4. Sanctuary Maintenance and Operational Efficiency

- The ground team at Amaltari displayed remarkable efficiency, executing improvements while maintaining low operating costs.
- Key upgrades included the construction of additional shaded areas within the sanctuary, which provide essential protection from sun and heat for both elephants and staff.
- Maintenance and development of the sanctuary's vegetable garden progressed successfully. The harvest from this garden continues to reduce food-related expenses for the staff and reflects SU4E's commitment to sustainable, self-reliant practices.
- The month's financial discipline enabled significant improvements without exceeding the operating budget, highlighting the team's strong resource management capabilities.

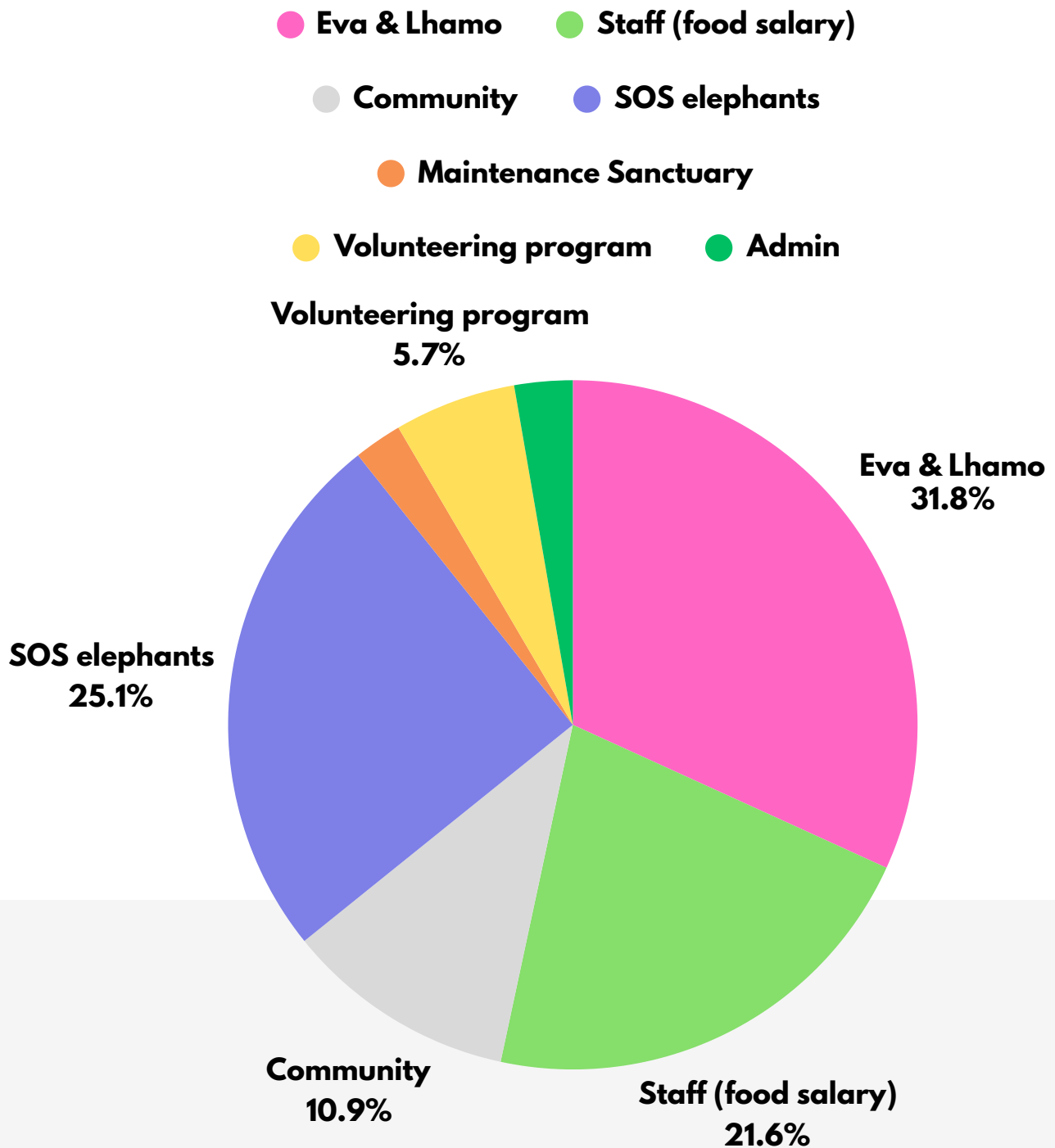
5. Volunteer and Internship Engagement

- May was characterized by a dynamic and enthusiastic volunteer presence at the sanctuary.
- SU4E welcomed five volunteers: two from the United Kingdom, two from the Netherlands, and Anupama KC, who returned from Kathmandu University to conduct a brief observational study on elephant behavior as part of her academic research.
- The volunteers participated in a range of tasks, including daily care routines, education sessions, data collection, and minor infrastructure improvements.
- Their involvement contributed significantly to the sanctuary's operations and brought fresh perspectives to SU4E's conservation education efforts.

6. Street Dog Welfare Program – Collaboration with HART

- In partnership with the Himalayan Animal Rescue Trust (HART), SU4E organized and hosted a community street dog welfare campaign in May, a project that had been in preparation for several months.
- With major financial backing from SU4E Belgium, the campaign successfully spayed, neutered, and vaccinated 164 street dogs and one cat over a four-day period.
- The initiative represents a substantial improvement for both community welfare and local wildlife conservation. Fewer unvaccinated and stray dogs on the streets helps:
 - Reduce the risk of rabies transmission and other zoonotic diseases,
 - Enhance public safety,
 - Prevent interspecies disease transmission, thereby protecting native wildlife from canine-borne pathogens.
- The campaign strengthened ties between SU4E and the surrounding communities, reinforcing the NGO's broader mission of compassionate coexistence and collaborative conservation.

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PHOTOS OF MAY 2025



Street Dogs Campaign May 2025

