



Stand Up 4 Elephants  
Nepal

# EXTERNAL ELEPHANT FOOD SUPPORT REPORT

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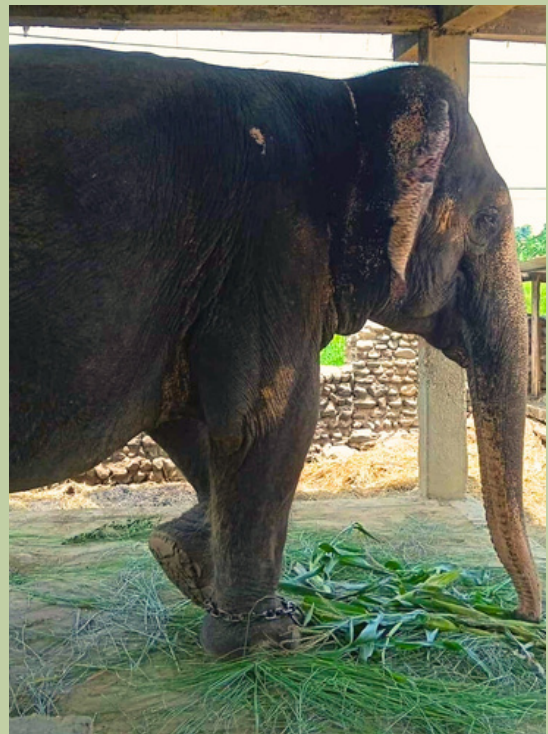
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# ABOUT US

Stand Up 4 Elephants (SU4E) is a nonprofit organization committed to the ethical care, rehabilitation, and long-term well-being of captive elephants in Nepal, as well as the support and empowerment of their mahouts. Our work focuses on improving welfare through accessible medical care, nutritious feeding, and compassionate, respectful handling.



*Picture1: Chained captive elephant eating corn*

## Our Mission

At Stand Up 4 Elephants, our mission is rooted in the belief that **all captive elephants deserve dignified care and a better quality of life**. Through small, consistent steps grounded in compassionate practices and community involvement, we aim to improve the overall welfare of elephants in Nepal. While our primary responsibility lies with the elephants under our care, we've come to recognize that meaningful change also requires looking beyond our own boundaries. Over time, this understanding has led us to gradually extend our support to other elephants in need—particularly those working under challenging conditions in nearby regions.

Our efforts continue to grow in response to what we see and learn on the ground, guided by respect, humility, and a desire to contribute where we can.

This mission continues to evolve. With the recent relocation of our elephant camp, we've had the opportunity to **expand our external food support** efforts into the Kawasoti region. This shift not only brought us closer to a new community of working elephants but also allowed us to increase the number of elephants we reach—marking a meaningful step forward in the growth of this project.

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*Picture2: Providing corn to different elephants from different areas including a baby and a mother.*

## BEYOND OUR FACILITY: EXTERNAL ELEPHANT SUPPORT

Our commitment goes beyond the elephants in our own facility. We recognize the **need to support other working captive elephants in the surrounding communities—particularly those used in tourism**, often living and working under physically demanding and nutritionally limited conditions.

To help address this, **we conduct regular food support programs**—typically once or twice a year—aimed at **supplementing the diet** of these overworked elephants, primarily in the Chitwan region, **with recent expansion into Kwasoti region**. This outreach reflects our belief that every elephant, regardless of ownership, deserves access to better care, dignity, and nourishment.

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### WHY THIS SUPPORT MATTERS

Many of the elephants in these regions work over 8 hours a day. Their routine diets are limited to hay, straw, and kuchi—insufficient for maintaining good health and long-term vitality. Without dietary enrichment, these animals risk chronic nutritional deficiencies and related health issues.

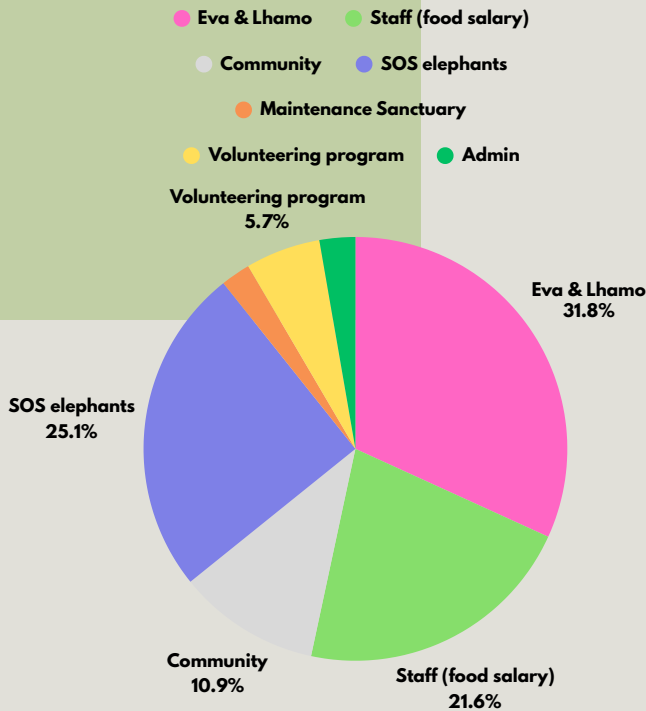




# Our Approach

To address this gap, SU4E **purchases fresh seasonal corn directly from local farmers** and distributes it to elephant handlers and owners. While corn is our primary supplement at present, we aim to eventually include more variety—such as branches and diverse grasses—to better meet the elephants' dietary needs.

**This initiative is not a one-time gesture but an integrated part of our broader organizational goals.** A portion of 25 % of our annual budget is allocated to ensure the continuity of this external elephant support, reflecting our long-term commitment to elephant welfare beyond our direct care.



**Graph 1: General Expenses of SU4E for May/June,** 25% of which was used for the External Elephant Support program, also known as SOS Elephants.

## IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

This project supports:

**Elephant Welfare:** Providing essential dietary enrichment for hardworking elephants.

**Local Livelihoods:** Strengthening the local economy by sourcing food directly from nearby farmers.

**Observational Value:** In addition to providing nutritional support, **these visits offer a valuable opportunity to observe the general condition of elephants and the dynamics between them and their mahouts.** This quiet but consistent presence helps us stay informed about changes in health, handling, and living environments allowing us to identify concerns early and respond with care.

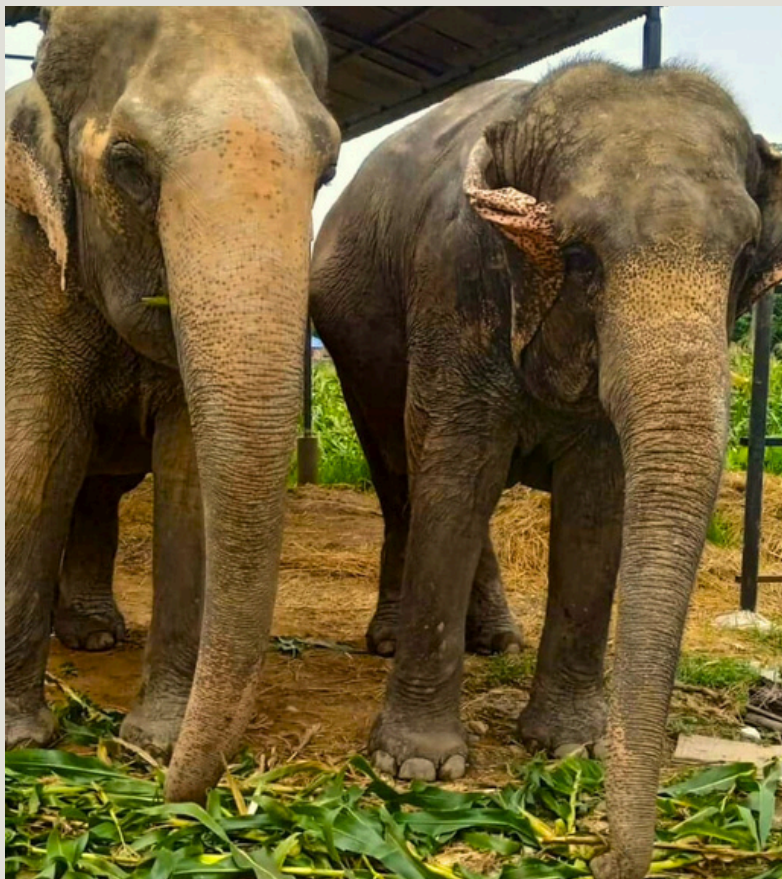
By aligning animal care with community benefit, the program fosters a sustainable model of shared welfare and responsibility.



# LOOKING AHEAD

As our work expands into new regions, so does our impact. The move to Kawasoti has not only helped us adapt to changing circumstances but has also strengthened our outreach. Our goal is to continue and scale this program—reaching more elephants and providing consistent, improved nutritional support throughout the year.

**We remain committed to supporting both the physical health of the elephants and the well-being of the communities that live and work alongside these elephants.**



*Picture3: Happy elephants after some change in food*

S.No.	Date	Name of the Elephants	Crop (Food)	Quantity	Remarks	
1	03/04/024	Pinkykali and Champakali	Corn	1	Odra (Sauraha)	
2	04/04/024	Raanikali, Champakali and Chanchalkali	Corn	1		
3	05/04/024	Bijulikali and Fulmaya	Corn	1		
4	06/04/024	Big Punamkali	Corn	1	4	
5	07/04/024	Marutikali and Laxmikali	Corn	1		
6	08/04/024	Poojakali	Corn	1		
7	09/04/024	Laxmikali, Gulabkali	Corn	1		
8	10/04/024	Ektakali and Sherkali	Corn	1		
9	11/04/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
10	12/04/024	Big Punamkali (R)	Corn	1		
11	13/04/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
12	13/04/024	Sundarkali, Champakali	Corn	1		
13	14/04/024	Selfiekali and Sonakali	Corn	1	Rhino Lodge	
14	15/04/024	Janakikali	Corn	1		
15	15/04/024	Laxmikali, Laxmikali and Basantikali	Corn	1		
16	16/04/024	Ichhakali (Gulabkali)	Corn	1	with tusk	
17	16/04/024	Selfiekali and Sonakali	Corn	1	Rhino Lodge	
18	17/04/024	Bijulikali and Fulmaya	Corn	1		
19	17/04/024	Big Punamkali	Corn	1		
20	18/04/024	Marutikali and Laxmikali	Corn	1		
21	18/04/024	Poojakali	Corn	1		
22	27/04/024	Big Punamkali	Corn	1		
23	27/04/024	Marutikali and Laxmikali	Corn	1		
24	27/04/024	Selfiekali and Sonakali	Corn	1	Rhino Lodge	
25	27/04/024	Chamiyakali and Kanchikali	Corn	1		
26	27/04/024	Sundkati Laxmikali, Gulaabkali	Corn	1		
27	28/04/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
28	30/04/024	Janakikali	Corn	1		28
29	01/05/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
30	01/05/024	Fulmaya	Corn	1	Sauraha	
31	02/05/024	Chanchalkali and Champakali	Corn	1		
32	02/05/024	Ranikali	Corn	1		
33	03/05/024	Sundarkali, Champakali	Corn	1		
34	03/05/024	Big Punamkali	Corn	1		
35	05/05/024	Ektakali and Sherkali	Corn	1		
36	05/05/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
37	06/05/024	Selfiekali and Sonakali	Corn	1	Rhino Lodge	
38	06/05/024	Janakikali	Corn	1		
39	07/05/024	Basantikali	Corn	1		
40	08/05/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
41	09/05/024	Gulabkali and Marutikali	Corn	1		
42	09/05/024	Chanchalkali, Champakali and Ranikali	Corn	1		
43	10/05/024	Gulabkali and Sundkati Laxmikali	Corn	1	by the river	
44	11/05/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
45	12/05/024	Ektakali and Sherkali	Corn	1		
46	13/05/024	Selfiekali and Sonakali	Corn	1	Rhino Lodge	
47	14/05/024	Big Punamkali	Corn	1	OM	
48	15/05/024	Ektakali and Sherkali	Corn	1		
49	15/05/024	Poojakali	Corn	1		
50	16/05/024	Gulaabkali and Sundkati Laxmikali	Corn	1		
51	17/05/024	Selfiekali and Sonakali	Corn	1	Rhino Lodge	
52	18/05/024	Marutikali and Laxmikali	Corn	1		
53	19/05/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
54	19/05/024	Selfiekali and Sonakali	Corn	1	Rhino Lodge	
55	20/05/024	Raanikali, Champakali and Chanchalkali	Corn	1		
56	20/05/024	Raanikali, Champakali and Chanchalkali	Corn	1		
57	21/05/024	Basantikali, Samriddhikali	Corn	1		
58	21/05/024	Chhamiyakali, Kanchhikali	Corn	1		
59	22/05/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
60	22/05/024	Janakikali	Corn	1		
61	23/05/024	Ichhakali (Gulabkali)	Corn	1	with tusk	
62	23/05/024	Basantikali, Laxmikali, Laxmikali	Corn	1		
63	24/05/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
64	24/05/024	Sundkati Laxmikali, Gulaabkali	Corn	1		
65	25/05/024	Selfiekali and Sonakali	Corn	1	Rhino Lodge	
66	26/05/024	Ramu	Corn	1	OM	
67	26/05/024	Fulmaya, Bijulikali	Corn	1		
68	27/05/024	Pinkykali, Champakali	Corn	1		
69	27/05/024	Sundarkali, Champakali	Corn	1	Alam's uncle	
70	28/05/024	Ichhakali (Gulabkali)	Corn	1	with tusk	
71	28/05/024	Marutikali and Laxmikali	Corn	1		
72	29/05/024	Ramu			OM	
73	29/05/024	Basantikali, Samriddhikali			Travellers	
74	30/05/024	Raanikali, Champakali				