

# STAND UP 4 ELEPHANTS

**Annual Report:**  
Programs for Elephant  
Conservation Success

July 2024 to July 2025  
Year 2081 - 2082





# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Making a difference together

This reporting period marked one of the most transformative years in SU4E's history. With the successful relocation of our sanctuary to Amaltari, the strengthening of our external elephant welfare efforts, and the deepening of community and educational outreach, we reaffirmed our commitment to science-based, ethical elephant care and holistic conservation practices.

From Eva and Lhamo's continued wellbeing to expanded support for working elephants and proactive community engagement, SU4E continues to be a driving force for change in Nepal.





# ELEPHANT WELFARE & DAILY SANCTUARY OPERATIONS

## EVA AND LHAMO

- Maintained in excellent health throughout the year.
- Benefited from diverse, seasonally appropriate diets including hay, grass, banana trees, and palm fronds.
- Engaged in natural behaviors, particularly during the monsoon when foraging was enriched.
- Received preventive and diagnostic care, including deworming, foot swabs, and coproparasitological testing in partnership with Nepal Polytechnic Institute and other laboratories in Nepal.
- Sleeping comfort improved via a weather-resistant shelter installed prior to the rainy season.

## RELOCATION TO AMALTARI

- Completed in December 2024 with no incidents.
- All infrastructure rebuilt using salvaged materials, ensuring sustainability.
- Absence of wild elephants in the new area reduced stress and logistical challenges.



# RAMU PROGRAM

SU4E continued to provide targeted care for Ramu, a 36-year-old male elephant in distressing conditions in Sauraha.

## Interventions Included:

- Daily food delivery: hay, banana trees, rice paddy, corn.
- Management of chain-induced leg wounds and deworming treatment.
- Continued hormonal suppression using Improvac injections.
- Stable funding of Ramu's mahout salary via The Call to Conserve Non Profit.
- Soil replacements in his enclosure to reduce infection risk.
- Microchip scanning initiated to investigate repatriation to another sanctuary.







## SOS ELEPHANTS: EXTERNAL ELEPHANT WELFARE PROGRAM

The SOS Elephants program expanded its reach in 2025:

- Some percentage of SU4E's budget dedicated to external elephant support.
- Over 50 elephants from Sauraha, Tiger Tops, and Temple Tiger received regular corn and dietary enrichment.
- Strengthened relationships with local mahouts and owners.
- Direct field observations allowed early intervention in several cases.





# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & AWARENESS

## School Outreach

- Conducted interactive educational sessions at Tiger Tops Swiss Air Pre-School.
- Activities included animal-diet matching and elephant mask painting.
- Aimed at fostering empathy and wildlife awareness in children.

## Global Action Program (UK) – Edulift (Nepal)

- Hosted four UK and Nepali student groups for sanctuary tours and educational discussions.
- Topics included ethical tourism, elephant biology, and conservation challenges.

## Kathmandu VegFest

- First-time participation in July 2025.
- Represented by SU4E staff, raising public awareness and networking with allied organizations.







## VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- Hosted volunteers from the UK, France, Netherlands, and Nepali universities.
- Interns contributed to behavioral research, daily care, and education.
- Supported SU4E's long-term goal of local capacity building in conservation.





# COMMUNITY ANIMAL WELFARE – STREET DOG PROGRAM

HART Collaboration (May 2025)

- SU4E hosted a four-day sterilization and vaccination campaign in collaboration with the Himalayan Animal Rescue Trust (HART).
- A total of 164 street dogs and 1 cat were neutered and vaccinated against rabies during this initiative.
- The campaign helped reduce the risk of zoonotic disease transmission, especially rabies, and promoted safer coexistence between stray dogs, local wildlife, and community members living near the National Park.
- The project was conducted with strong support from local residents, many of whom brought their own dogs for treatment, strengthening grassroots relationships.
- SU4E staff were involved in coordination, dog care post-surgery, and logistical support throughout the operation.
- Reinforced community goodwill and inter-organizational collaboration, while demonstrating SU4E's broader commitment to animal welfare beyond elephants.





# HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT (HEC) MITIGATION

Early in 2024, SU4E responded promptly to escalating human-elephant conflict in the Sauraha region, triggered by the repeated visits of Makuna, a known wild bull elephant entering nearby villages. Our team provided immediate on-ground emergency support and delivered practical training to local residents on safe and non-aggressive response methods.

- Through community meetings and field-based guidance, we helped reduce the risk of violent retaliation by promoting understanding of wild elephant behavior and encouraging coexistence approaches
- As wild elephant activity—including Makuna's visits—ceased in the Sauraha area following either relocation or natural movement patterns, SU4E scaled back intensive HEC mitigation activities. However, the groundwork laid has strengthened community readiness for any future encounters.
- In support of long-term conflict prevention and wild elephant monitoring, SU4E donated a GPS tracking collar to Chitwan National Park. This device enables real-time tracking of bull elephants, allowing early alerts to communities and more strategic park-level responses. A second GPS collar is also planned for donation in the near future, further contributing to data-driven, non-invasive conflict mitigation.





# INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATION

- In January 2025, Stand Up 4 Elephants (SU4E) achieved a significant administrative milestone with the successful completion of its official registration at the local District Ward Office. This formal recognition strengthens SU4E's operational legitimacy and compliance with local governance structures, enabling smoother coordination with relevant authorities in the future.
- In April 2025, board members from SU4E Belgium undertook an official visit to Nepal. During their stay, they reviewed ongoing field operations, met with the local team, and assessed project progress and overall impact. Their feedback and insights will contribute to refining strategic planning and aligning goals between the Nepal and Belgium entities.
- A comprehensive proposal was submitted to the Social Welfare Council to seek approval for the inflow of €34,100 in international funding. These funds are earmarked specifically for the construction and improvement of permanent infrastructure that will enhance SU4E's long-term capacity to deliver elephant welfare, education, and community outreach programs.



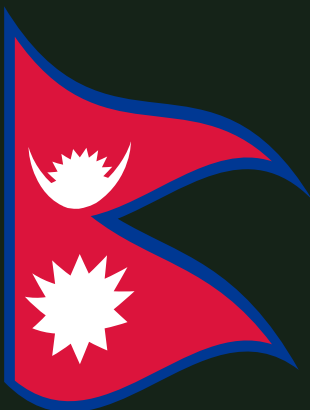
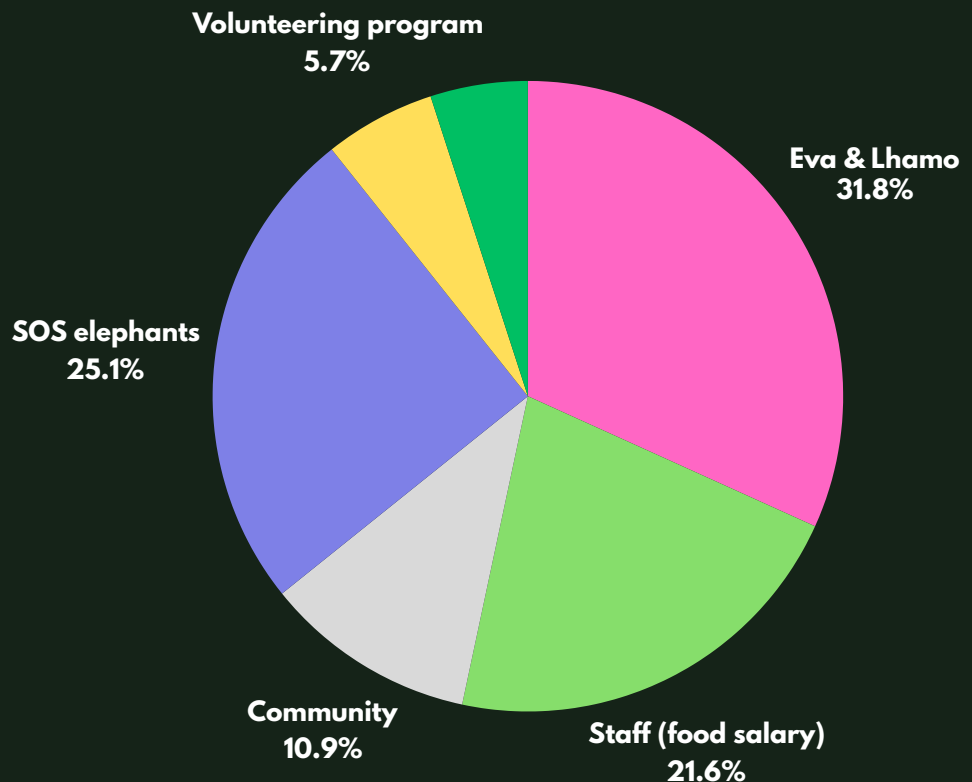


# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

During the past 12 months, the largest portion of SU4E's expenses was dedicated to direct elephant care, with 31.8% allocated to Eva and Lhamo, followed by 25.1% for the SOS Elephants program supporting Ramu. Additional costs covered staff support (21.6%), community and HEC initiatives (10.9%), volunteer and education activities (5.7%), and administrative and legal needs (~5%).

## Expense Distribution

Eva & Lhamo Care 31.8%  
SOS Elephants / Ramu 25.1%  
Staff (Salaries & Food) 21.6%  
Community & HEC Programs 10.9%  
Volunteer & Education 5.7%  
Admin & Legal ~5%





# HUMAN RESSOURCES

SU4E maintained a dedicated, multidisciplinary team of elephant caregivers, veterinarians, program managers, administrative staff, educators, and community liaisons throughout the year. This team ensured the seamless continuation of daily operations, outreach, and animal welfare activities, despite the major logistical shift caused by the relocation to Amaltari.

The organization employed a full-time team responsible for elephant care and site maintenance, supported by part-time administrative and field personnel. In addition to Nepali professionals, SU4E benefited from the expertise of foreign volunteers and interns who enriched the organization through knowledge exchange and cross-cultural collaboration.

Capacity-building remained a key priority. Team members received ongoing field-based training in welfare monitoring, animal behavior documentation, and enrichment practices. Notably, SU4E initiated collaborations with veterinary professionals to implement diagnostic pilot projects, providing both learning opportunities for staff and valuable medical insights for the elephants.

Furthermore, staff participated in community networking, awareness programs, and the coordination of partner-led initiatives, such as the street dog sterilization campaign. This multi-skilled, high-commitment workforce reflects SU4E's core values of professionalism, empathy, and local empowerment.





# REACH & IMPACT (JULY 2024 – JULY 2025)

## Direct Beneficiaries:

- 164 dogs and 1 cat sterilized and vaccinated through the community street animal welfare program.
- 100+ young children under the age of 10 reached through school-based awareness programs.
- 100+ students over the age of 15, both Nepali and international, participated in conservation education sessions, volunteer work, and university internships.
- 40+ local farmers engaged as trusted suppliers of fresh corn, hay, banana trees, and grasses to feed SU4E's elephants and support ethical sourcing.
- 50+ elephants in Chitwan and Nawalparasi districts received supplemental food and vitamins through the SOS Elephants program.
- Mahouts and elephant owners (10+) supported through outreach, food logistics, and health consultations.

## Indirect Beneficiaries:

- Thousands of people reached through public events (e.g., Kathmandu VegFest), digital platforms, and informal educational engagement.
- Tourism professionals and ethical travel groups sensitized to animal welfare through structured educational programming.
- Veterinary students and instructors introduced to elephant care protocols, diagnostics, and field-based research opportunities.

SU4E's reach continues to grow—delivering measurable change for animals, people, and institutions across the country. through workshops, internships, vet training, and sanctuary visits.





# LOOKING AHEAD (2025–2026)

- Complete permanent tin-roof housing and training space for elephants: Finalize the construction of secure, weather-resistant shelters and a dedicated training area to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of elephants under SU4E's care, while creating a controlled environment for positive reinforcement-based training and medical routines.
- Scale the SOS Elephants program to reach more districts: Expand outreach to additional regions in need of support for neglected or under-resourced captive elephants, offering improved welfare, access to veterinary care, and training based on humane practices.
- Strengthen veterinary partnerships for affordable diagnostics: Continue building collaborations with veterinary institutions and professionals to ensure timely, cost-effective diagnostic testing, enabling proactive and accurate medical treatment for elephants in our care and in the broader network.
- Deepen local education programs and school partnerships: Broaden the reach and impact of our wildlife education initiatives by developing long-term partnerships with local schools, enhancing environmental awareness and empathy through interactive, curriculum-aligned programs.
- Advocate for Ramu's relocation to an ethical sanctuary: Maintain active efforts—through legal channels, public awareness, and stakeholder engagement—to ensure the long-overdue transfer of Ramu to a sanctuary that meets international welfare standards, where he can live in dignity and receive the care he deserves.





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Your trust and solidarity empower us to protect elephants and foster compassion where it is most needed.

