



SEPTEMBER 2025



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REPORT

MONTHLY REPORT

LATEST INFORMATION TO THE
EXISTING STATUS OF THE PROJECT

SEPTEMBER 2025 OVERVIEW

1. Elephant Care and Sanctuary Operations

The daily management and welfare of Eva and Lhamo continued steadily throughout September, with no major changes or health concerns reported. Both elephants remain in excellent physical condition, benefiting from a consistent and well-balanced care routine that includes daily health monitoring, foot cleaning, enrichment activities, and foraging sessions. The team continues to ensure that both elephants receive optimal nutrition and sufficient exercise within their natural environment.

As the monsoon season gradually came to an end, the vegetation around the sanctuary remained lush, allowing Eva and Lhamo to continue exhibiting natural feeding behaviors. Their access to diverse plant species contributes significantly to their physical and psychological wellbeing. Preventive health monitoring was maintained at the usual level, and no veterinary intervention was required this month. The general maintenance of the camp also continued efficiently, supported by the commitment and vigilance of the local caretakers.

2. SOS Elephants Program: RAMU

In September, SU4E's attention within the SOS Elephants Program remained focused on Ramu, the elderly male elephant in Chitwan District. His general health status remains stable, and he continues to display calm and steady behavior. Ramu's mahout, Sujan, remains engaged and cooperative, ensuring that the elephant's daily needs are properly met. Their relationship has remained positive, which is an encouraging indicator of Ramu's emotional stability and well-being.

Financial activity for this program remained minimal this month, as the team is strategically preparing for upcoming expenditures. Plans are being finalized to carry out essential maintenance on Ramu's shelter to improve its safety and comfort, and to organize the bulk purchase of hay for the coming year. These preparations will help ensure sufficient food resources during the dry months and reduce logistical challenges later in the season. By maintaining prudent spending in September, SU4E continues to manage its resources effectively while ensuring Ramu's long-term welfare.

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3. Awareness and Education Initiatives

September marked an important turning point for educational and awareness activities, as the end of the monsoon brought a renewed flow of visitors to the SU4E sanctuary. The team was pleased to welcome both domestic and international guests, eager to learn more about ethical elephant management and the broader challenges of elephant captivity in Nepal. Guided educational visits were conducted, providing an opportunity for participants to observe Eva and Lhamo in a peaceful and natural setting, without any disturbance or physical interaction.

In addition, SU4E strengthened partnerships with several local tourism actors, including the Tharu Community Lodge and The Sanctuary. These establishments now actively collaborate with SU4E by encouraging their guests to visit the facility and learn about responsible elephant tourism. Such partnerships not only enhance public understanding of animal welfare issues but also contribute to promoting eco-friendly tourism models that benefit both local communities and wildlife conservation.

4. Partnerships and Support

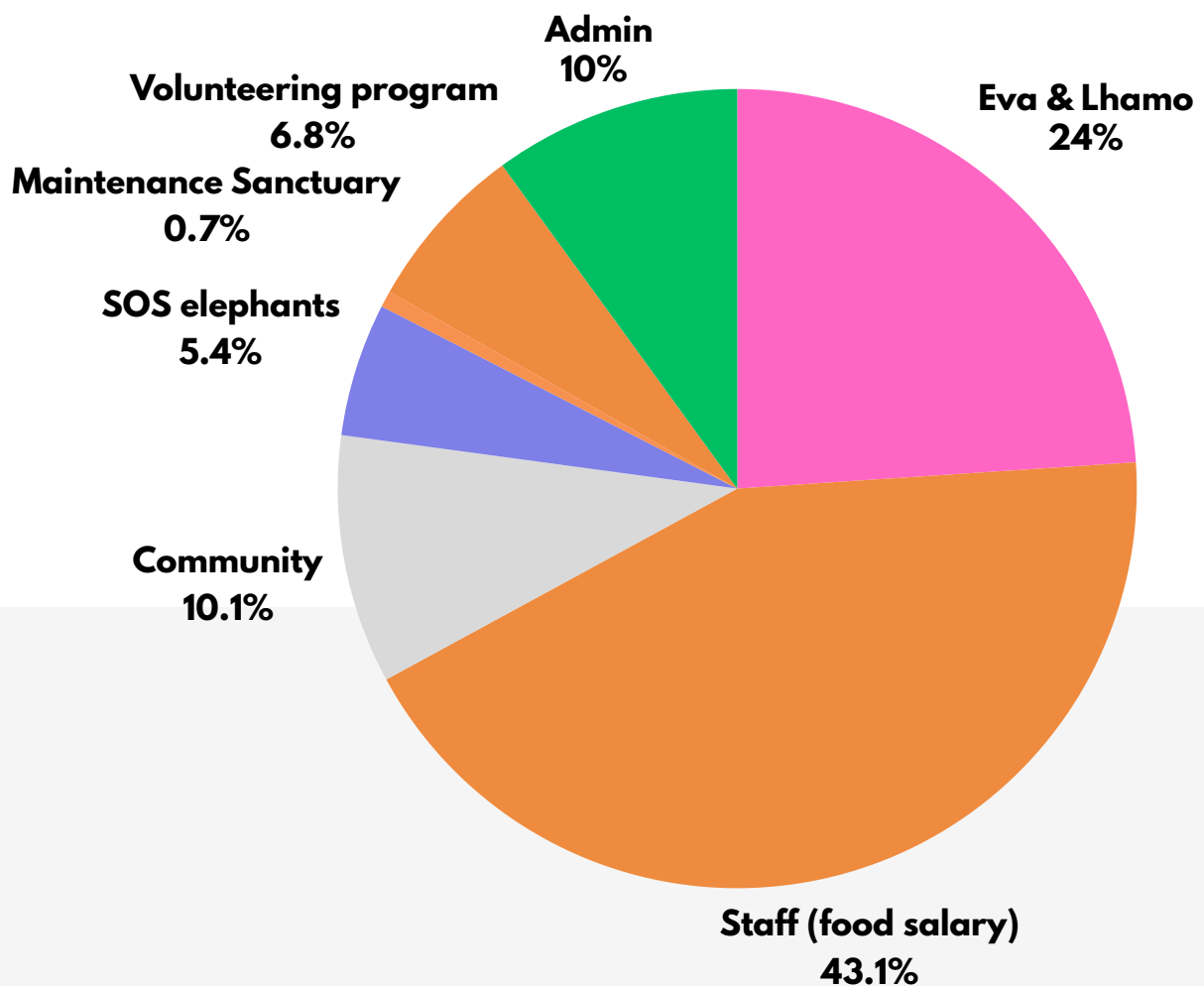
A highlight of the month was the renewal of SU4E's partnership with Arbalou, a French company renowned for producing high-quality nutritional supplements for horses and other large mammals. Arbalou reaffirmed its support for SU4E by donating 40 kilograms of specialized supplement powders formulated to enhance immunity, support joint health, and promote general vitality. These supplements will be used not only for Eva and Lhamo but also distributed to assist other elephants in need of additional nutritional support in Nepal.

This renewed collaboration illustrates the growing international recognition of SU4E's work and the trust placed in its ethical management standards. The support from Arbalou contributes directly to improving the quality of life of the elephants under SU4E's care and demonstrates how international partnerships can foster tangible welfare benefits for captive elephants in Nepal.

THE STATISTICS - EXPENSES

Financial Overview – September

The NGO is satisfied with the overall expenses for the month of September. The total expenditures remained within the planned budget. For example, only NPR 4,700 were spent on camp maintenance during the month. **Staff-related expenses appear higher than usual due to the Dashain festival and the payment of double salaries**, as is customary during this period. The expenses for the other programs remained within normal and expected ranges.



PHOTOS OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Donation of 40 kilos of supplement powder for Eva, Lhamo and other elephants in need



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The ongoing medical training program for Eva and Lhamo continues to show excellent progress. Trainers Susan Amatya and David Tashi Lama have demonstrated great skill and are now capable of conducting Lhamo's sessions autonomously.



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SU4E team goes at least 4 times a month to visit the elephants in Sauraha in particular Ramu

