



JULY 2025

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REPORT



MONTHLY REPORT

LATEST INFORMATION TO THE
EXISTING STATUS OF THE PROJECT

JULY 2025 OVERVIEW

1. Elephant Care and Sanctuary Operations

The onset of the monsoon season in July brought abundant natural vegetation within the sanctuary's enclosure, significantly enriching the daily environment for Eva and Lhamo. This seasonal shift allowed for a diet that closely resembles the elephants' natural foraging behavior, reducing the need for external food supplementation.

No health concerns were recorded for Eva and Lhamo during the month. The elephants remain in stable condition, benefiting from a consistent routine and professional care. The SU4E team continued to manage daily operations efficiently, with a focus on structural maintenance of the enclosures and camp facilities, ensuring that both elephants and staff remain safe and comfortable during the rainy season.

2. SOS Elephants Program

As anticipated, the core activities of the SOS Elephants for Sauraha Elephants program were reduced in July. The focus of support has transitioned toward Ramu, an elderly male elephant in critical need within the Chitwan District. While general interventions in Sauraha were paused, the team maintained a minimal presence by providing essential vitamin supplements on a case-by-case basis.

For Ramu, SU4E continued delivering a diverse diet tailored to his health needs and addressing minor medical issues as they arose. This targeted approach reflects the program's adaptive capacity to prioritize elephants based on urgency and welfare indicators.

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3. Strengthening Professional Links Within Nepal

July marked an important step in deepening national collaborations, particularly in the field of veterinary diagnostics and elephant health. SU4E was pleased to host Saru, a licensed veterinarian, and Gorkana, a final-year veterinary student. Both guests spent a week at the sanctuary with the objective of exploring possibilities for conducting diagnostic analyses on-site or in nearby institutions. Together with the SU4E team, they implemented a pilot protocol for non-invasive diagnostic sampling, including:

- Fecal collection for coproparasitological testing
- Sterile swab collection from Eva's foot (previously infected area) for microbiological culture and sensitivity testing

Samples were submitted to the Nepal Polytechnic Institute to evaluate their diagnostic capacities. This partnership is part of a broader effort to establish reliable and affordable elephant health testing within Nepal. Saru and Gorkana have continued to support SU4E remotely since returning to Kathmandu, demonstrating the strength of the collaboration.

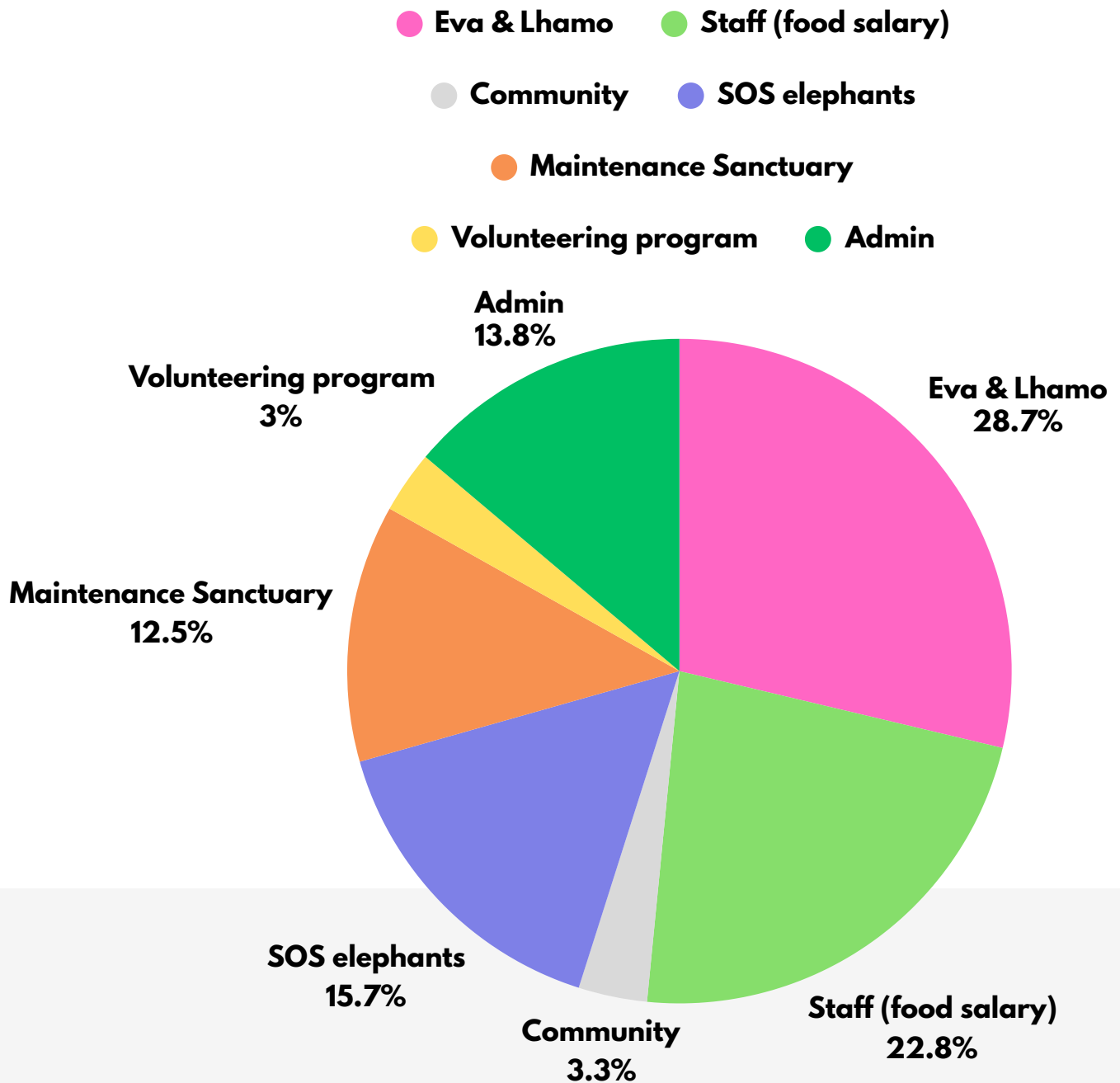
4. Awareness and Education Initiatives

Throughout July, the SU4E team continued its annual collaboration with Global Action, a UK-based educational travel organization focused on empowering young students through global citizenship and sustainable development education. Since 2022, Global Action has brought students to the sanctuary to learn about elephant welfare and the realities of captivity in Asia.

This year, SU4E hosted four student groups, each comprising 20–30 participants. The program included guided sanctuary visits, educational sessions on elephant biology and ethical tourism, and discussions on conservation challenges in Nepal. These visits are instrumental in building long-term awareness among future decision-makers and professionals.

In a new milestone for the NGO, SU4E also participated in the Kathmandu VegFest on July 26. Representing the organization was Susan Amatya and Aayush Raj Pandey, SU4E's Program Coordinator and Vice-President, who engaged with like-minded NGOs and members of the public. The event proved to be an effective platform for expanding the NGO's network and advocating for animal welfare, ethical treatment of captive elephants, and plant-based lifestyle choices aligned with conservation goals.

THE STATISTICS - EXPENSES



PHOTOS OF JULY 2025

Gorkana being trained to do foot trimming on elephants by Stand Up 4 Elephants team.

Saru and Gorkana collecting samples to proceed to some analysis.



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2 of the 4 groups of the Organization GLOBAL ACTION that came visiting the sanctuary in July



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Veg Fest Kathmandu July 2025

