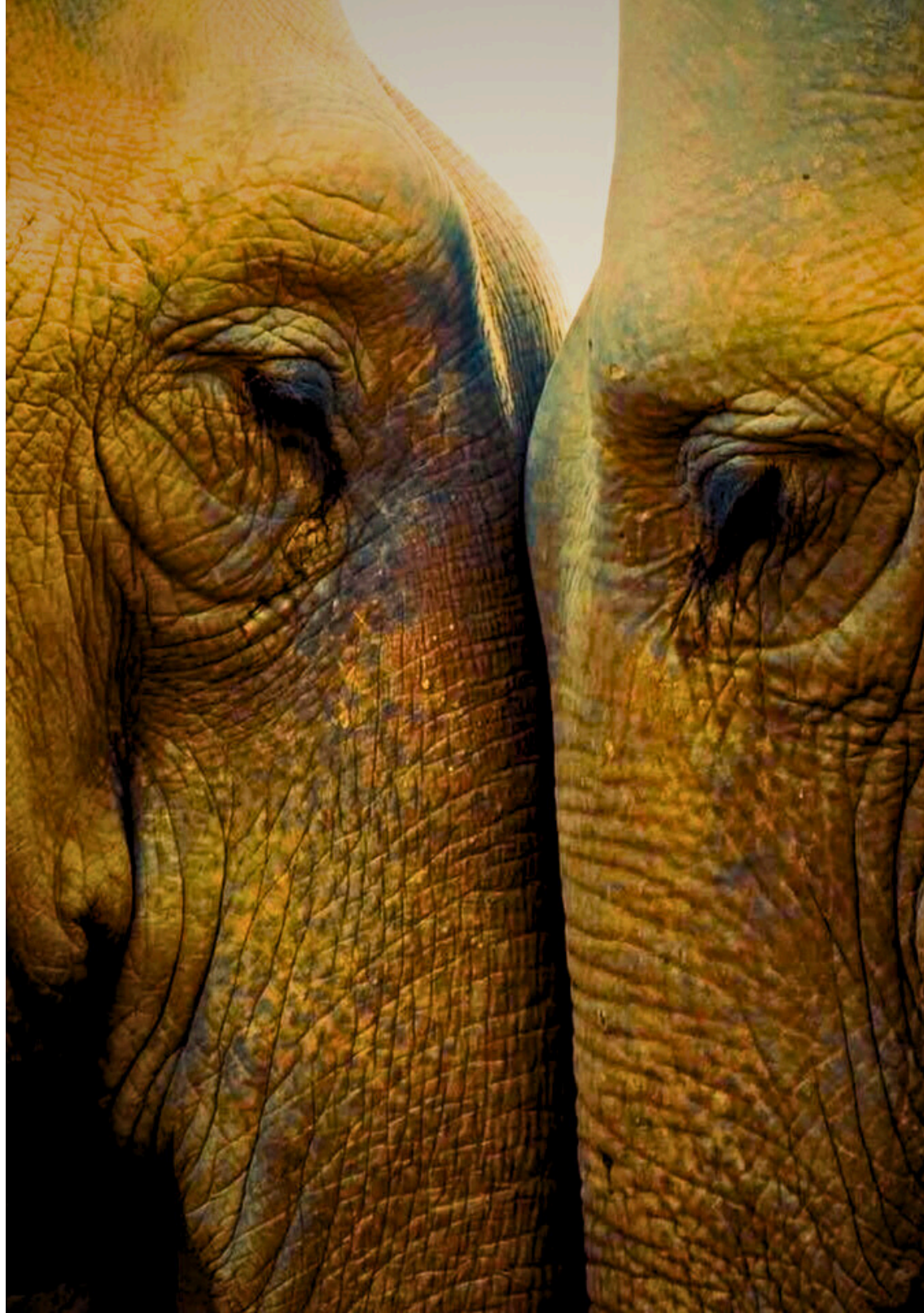




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JUNE 2025 OVERVIEW

1. Daily Operations and Elephant Care at the Sanctuary

Throughout June, daily routines at the Amaltari sanctuary were smoothly maintained, ensuring high standards of care for resident elephants Eva and Lhamo. Core responsibilities—such as scheduled feeding, clean water provision, medical assessments, environmental enrichment, continued without disruption.

All tasks were conducted with attention to detail and consistency, reflecting the team's deep commitment to elephant well-being. The existing systems for tracking care routines and elephant behavior continued to function effectively, contributing to Eva and Lhamo's overall health and stability.

2. Ramu Program – Continuous Support and Monitoring

June saw the continuation of focused support for Ramu through consistent food delivery and regular field visits by the SU4E team based in Sauraha. The mahout was closely monitored and supported to ensure Ramu's routine—nutrition, hydration, and care—remained stable and responsive to the elephant's needs.

A notable advancement this month was the use of a newly acquired microchip reader, which allowed us to scan and verify Ramu's identity. Additionally, Ramu received his Improvac booster injection for chemical castration, a procedure carried out safely and without complication. As always, SU4E maintains its policy of providing no financial aid to the Rijal family and focuses all efforts solely on Ramu's health and ethical care.

3. External Elephant Support Program (SOS Elephants)

June marked a robust continuation and expansion of the "SOS Elephants" welfare initiative. In Sauraha, weekly corn distributions were sustained for elephants still used in tourism, ensuring they receive necessary dietary supplements. This practical support helps mitigate nutritional deficiencies while building trust and collaboration with local mahouts and owners.

Importantly, the program expanded to include elephants in the Kawasoti region—eight from Tiger Tops and two from Temple Tiger. The outreach has been positively received, and the owners have expressed gratitude for the supplemental feed and professional attention their elephants are now receiving. A separate impact report focused on this expanding initiative is currently being drafted.

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4. Sanctuary Maintenance and Operational Efficiency

Maintenance efforts in June remained strong, with the Amaltari team efficiently managing the sanctuary's upkeep while controlling expenses. Efforts to improve water drainage around the enclosures were also implemented to prevent waterlogging and reduce mosquito breeding near elephant sleeping zones. Meanwhile, the sanctuary's vegetable garden continued yielding fresh produce, which lowers food expenses for staff and supports SU4E's ecological values. Cost-effective management remained a key success factor throughout the month, allowing steady progress within budgetary limits.

5. Community, volunteering and Academic Engagement

June brought a vibrant exchange of knowledge and energy through volunteer and academic engagement. SU4E hosted **2 international volunteers**, who actively supported daily elephant care, assisted in data collection, and participated in conservation education sessions.

Additionally, the sanctuary welcomed multiple visits from **veterinary students of the Nepal Polytechnic Institute (NPI) – Veterinary Laboratory School**. These students are planning collaborative research projects and internships with SU4E, opening new possibilities for science-based elephant welfare advocacy. Their presence enriched the educational atmosphere at the sanctuary and further connected SU4E with Nepal's next generation of veterinary professionals.

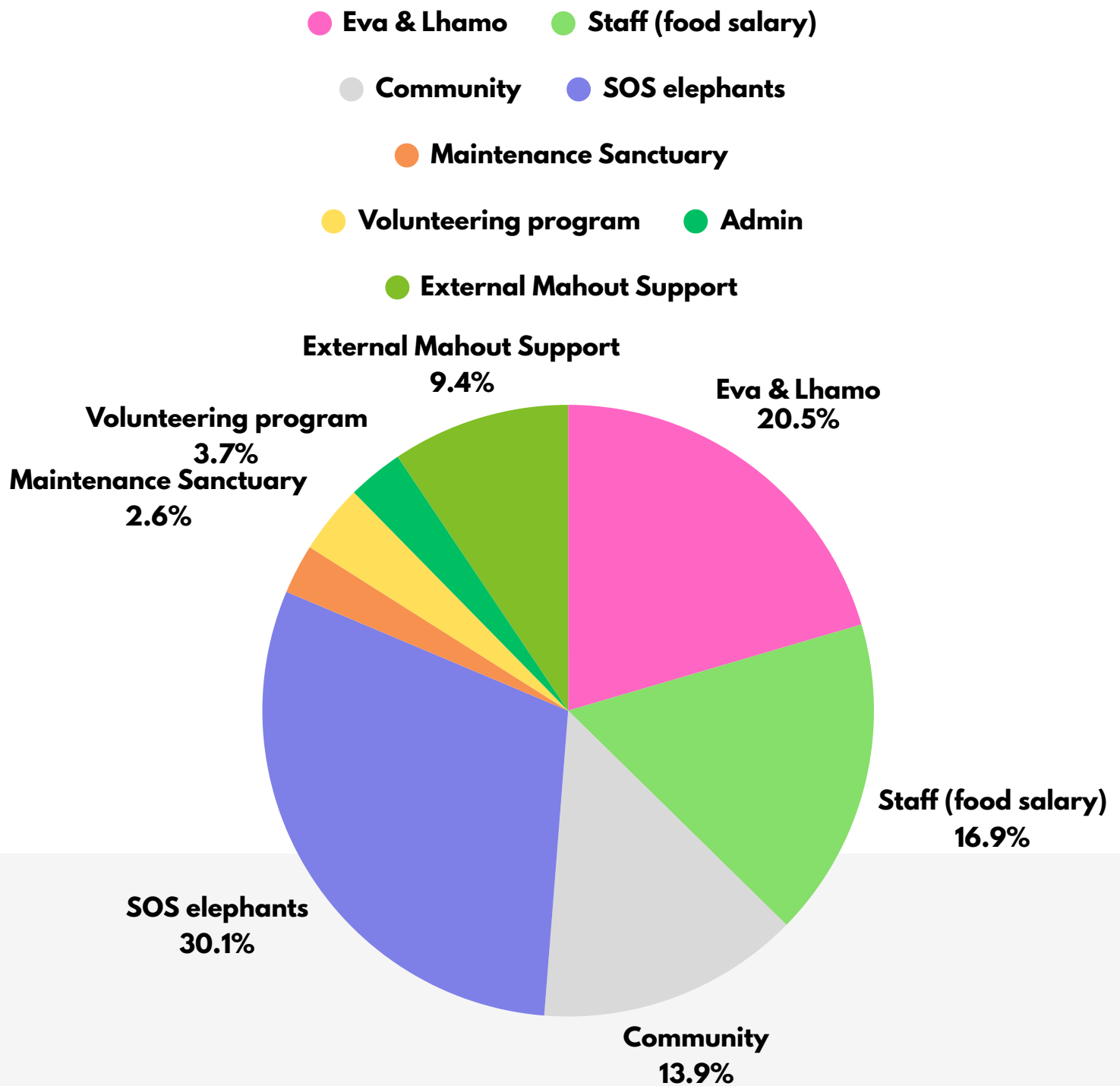
The SU4E team was also delighted to welcome **the class from Edulift School in Kathmandu** in June, a visit that followed their awareness presentation at Utpala Café the week before, aimed at educating young people about the situation of elephants in Nepal.

6. Mahout Welfare and External Support

Recognizing the essential role of mahouts in elephant welfare, SU4E broadened its outreach to offer practical support to mahouts beyond the sanctuary. This included regular follow-ups and dialogue with Ramu's mahout, ensuring his living conditions and professional needs were not neglected.

Moreover, SU4E initiated support visits to the mahouts of Tiger Tops, listening to their needs and exploring avenues for long-term collaboration. These efforts aim to strengthen the human-animal care relationship by acknowledging the challenges mahouts face and equipping them with tools, resources, and encouragement. By investing in mahout welfare, SU4E reinforces the foundation of responsible elephant care, from sanctuary to field.

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PHOTOS OF JUNE 2025

