



# MONTHLY REPORT

**FEBRUARY 2026**

LATEST INFORMATION TO THE EXISTING STATUS OF THE PROJECT



# FEBRUARY 2026 OVERVIEW

## 1. Sanctuary Operations & Elephant Welfare

Elephant physical and psychological wellbeing remained the central pillar of all activities at the SU4E sanctuary throughout February 2026.

- Daily care and nutrition: Eva and Lhamo continued to receive structured, nutritionally balanced feeding routines, paired with positive reinforcement engagement. Both elephants retained full freedom to choose between rest, play, and foraging within the sanctuary environment — conditions that actively reinforce natural elephant behaviours.
- Environmental enrichment: Consistent access to natural jungle space and enrichment activities — including water play and independent exploration — remained central to meeting the elephants' physical and psychological welfare needs.
- Sanctuary best practice: Ethical elephant management protocols continued to be upheld in full compliance with welfare science standards, ensuring all interactions remain free from exploitative practices.

*Operational challenges:*

- Seasonal resource planning remained a key priority. Feedstock, hay storage, and staffing levels were continuously monitored against projected needs ahead of the upcoming lean season.

## 2. Veterinary & Husbandry Updates — Special International Expert Visit

February 2026 marked a landmark moment for Stand Up 4 Elephants, with the extraordinary visit of two internationally recognised experts:

- Dr. Imke Wieman, one of the world's foremost veterinarians specialising in elephant medicine and wildlife. Her expertise is sought globally, and her presence at SU4E is an unconditional testament to the professionalism, rigour, and scientific credibility of our organisation and the quality of our elephant care standards.
- Dr. Ann Kathrin Oerke, affiliated with a leading research laboratory in Germany. Dr. Oerke's cutting-edge scientific work in animal health research brings an additional layer of international academic validation to the work carried out at SU4E.

The visit of Dr. Wieman and Dr. Oerke is far more than a veterinary check-up — it is an unequivocal recognition by the global scientific community of the standards, ethics, and dedication that define Stand Up 4 Elephants.

SU4E seized this exceptional opportunity to transform the visit into a hands-on training event, welcoming 10 Nepali veterinarians and veterinary students to participate alongside the visiting experts. Over the course of the visit, participants observed and engaged in professional assessment techniques, data collection methodologies, and elephant-specific clinical procedures — a rare and invaluable learning experience that strengthens local veterinary capacity for elephant welfare in Nepal.

Routine health assessments and husbandry continued without incident throughout the month. Specialised dietary planning ensured a balanced fibrous diet aligned with the physiological requirements of captive Asian elephants. All veterinary interventions were fully documented in the elephants' health records, in keeping with institutional standards.

Stand Up 4 Elephants continues to actively participate in national and international scientific research initiatives aimed at improving the long-term welfare and management of captive elephants.



*Dr. Imke Wieman and the SU4E team during the February 2026 expert visit — SU4E 2026*

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## 3. Field Activities & Community Engagement

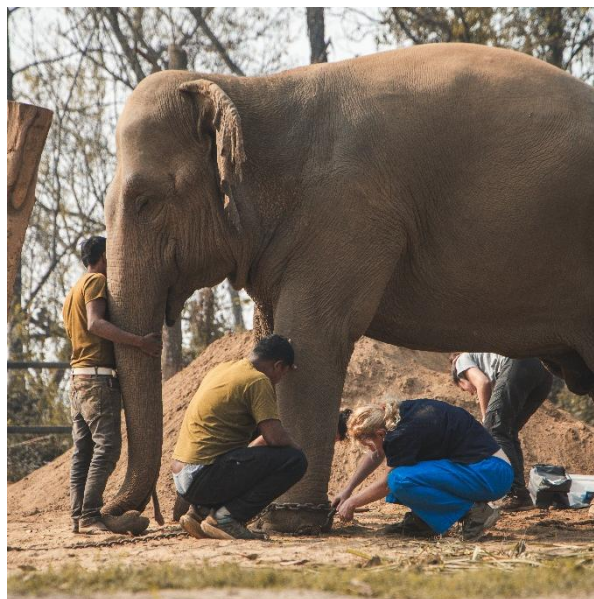
Local support and community engagement remained robust throughout February:

- Building on the snake awareness and safety training delivered in January, SU4E reinforced safe working protocols across the team. Ongoing emphasis was placed on applying learned practices during night checks, early morning activities, and movements through dense vegetation in the Terai region, as well as emergency response procedures in the event of a snakebite incident.
- Special attention continued to be given to high-risk scenarios involving elephants, where unpredictable reactions could compound danger for staff. The team demonstrated a strong culture of preparedness and calm, professional response.
- This sustained commitment to safety strengthens staff confidence, operational resilience, and respectful coexistence with local wildlife — central values of SU4E's conservation philosophy.

## 4. Partnerships, Awareness & Education

Outreach highlights:

- Awareness, partnership, and education activities maintained steady momentum in February. The SU4E sanctuary continues to grow in reputation, with visitors actively choosing to stay in the Amaltari area in preference to Sauraha — seeking an authentic, nature-centred, and ethically grounded experience.
- Guests were warmly encouraged to extend their experience to the Jatayu Restaurant, a conservation-driven NGO dedicated to vulture protection, further reinforcing the network of local conservation partnerships.
- SU4E welcomed additional school visits and organised groups during the month, contributing to ongoing public education and awareness around elephant welfare and broader wildlife conservation in Nepal.



*Veterinary fieldwork with the SU4E team and visiting experts — SU4E 2026*

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### 5. Ramu

In February 2026, Stand Up 4 Elephants continued its steadfast dedication to Ramu's wellbeing and daily comfort. Following the comprehensive shelter renovation completed in January — which included the repair of damaged metal poles, the replacement of old substrate with fresh material, and a thorough cleaning of his concrete water tank — the team focused this month on closely monitoring the improvements and ensuring Ramu's living environment remained in optimal condition.

SU4E's team visited Ramu a minimum of three times during the month, while NGO members continued to deliver his required food nearly every day and to verify that his mahout, Sujan, had everything needed to provide consistent, attentive care. Ramu's health, comfort, and quality of daily life remain a non-negotiable priority for the organisation.



*SU4E team during community outreach and field activities — SU4E 2026*

# THE STATISTICS — EXPENSES

## Financial Overview – February 2026

This month saw a notable increase in expenditure in the Eva & Lhamo category, reflecting the costs associated with the visit of Dr. Imke Wieman and Dr. Ann Kathrin Oerke, as well as the associated training programme for Nepali veterinarians and veterinary students. This investment in scientific excellence and local capacity-building represents a strategic priority for SU4E.

### *Donor support:*

February communications continued to encourage ongoing monthly giving, reinforcing the operational stability of the sanctuary. Reporting on sustained partnerships reaffirmed SU4E's commitment to full transparency and accountability to all stakeholders.

### *Documentation & Compliance:*

Record-keeping across all areas — health and care logs, donor recognition activities, and financial documentation — was strengthened and aligned with institutional standards for NGO reporting.

Category	Amount (NPR)	%
■ Eva & Lhamo	317,737 NPR	40.4%
■ Staff (food & salary)	157,918 NPR	20.1%
■ Volunteer Program	145,240 NPR	18.5%
■ SOS Ramu	78,830 NPR	10.0%
■ Sanctuary Maintenance	50,075 NPR	6.4%
■ Community Program	36,500 NPR	4.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>786,300 NPR</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Total Monthly Expenditure: 786,300 NPR**

Note: The significant increase in the Eva & Lhamo budget category this month reflects the additional costs of hosting the international expert visit and the associated veterinary training programme — an exceptional investment in the long-term scientific credibility and operational standards of SU4E.