

April 2026



STAND UP 4 ELEPHANTS



The **Kindest**
Choice Is
Distance



As a visitor, touching or bathing elephants may seem harmless, but it places them under physical and emotional stress and contributes to their exploitation.

Support ethical tourism by respecting their space and observing them from a distance.



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MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2026 OVERVIEW

April 2026 was a calm and productive month at the SU4E sanctuary. Following the cost-intensive months of February and March, the team was pleased to record particularly low expenditure in April – a natural reflection of seasonal abundance, with grass, vines, leaves, and browse growing freely within the elephants' enclosure and significantly reducing the need for purchased food. Operations remained smooth throughout, with high standards of care maintained for Eva, Lhamo, and Ramu.

- Daily care and nutrition: Eva and Lhamo benefited this month from the seasonal growth of natural food sources within their enclosure – grass, vines, and leaves – which meaningfully reduced food purchasing costs while enriching their diet and foraging opportunities.
- Environmental enrichment: Free-roaming time, browse, and natural foraging continued as standard, with the enclosure's seasonal abundance providing additional stimulation and variety.
- Welfare monitoring: Daily health observations were logged and added to individual elephant health records. No incidents or health concerns were recorded this month.
- Expense discipline: April saw exceptionally low expenditure across most care categories, a welcome development following the elevated costs of the previous two months.

2. Veterinary & Husbandry Updates

April brought a notable and positive veterinary event: Eva received her Improvac booster injection, administered by Dr. Kiran Rijal, employee of the National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTCN). The visit was smooth and professionally conducted, and it is always a genuine pleasure for the SU4E team to receive Dr. Kiran and exchange on elephant health and welfare matters.

- Eva's Improvac booster was successfully administered by Dr. Kiran Rijal (NTCN). The procedure went smoothly and without incident.
- Routine health monitoring of Eva and Lhamo continued throughout the month. Foot care, skin condition, and behavioural indicators all remained within normal ranges.
- Ongoing documentation of health logs was maintained by the team, with all observations recorded in the standardised individual health records.
- SU4E continued to participate in international research collaborations, with sleeping behaviour data collected daily as part of long-term welfare research.
- No emergency interventions or unscheduled veterinary procedures were required this month.



Lhamo, Susan and David during a raining session

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3. Community & Field Activities

Community and field activities continued steadily in April, with the team maintaining its presence in the Amaltari area and strengthening existing local conservation partnerships. A highlight of the month was SU4E's participation in a conservation meeting organised by Sangeeta Rana Thapa, founder and director of the Siddhartha Foundation. The gathering brought together a variety of stakeholders – community forest authorities, sustainable businesses, and naturalist guides – and provided a valuable forum for dialogue on conservation challenges and opportunities in the region. SU4E was glad to contribute to this important conversation.

4. Volunteering & Intern Program

The volunteering and intern programme continued to thrive in April, welcoming participants from across Europe. SU4E received Amandine from France, Nell from Belgium, and Emma from the United Kingdom, each contributing meaningfully to sanctuary life during their stay. The team extends its sincere gratitude to all three for their precious help and dedication throughout the month.

- SU4E welcomed three volunteers this month: Amandine (France), Nell (Belgium), and Emma (United Kingdom), reflecting the programme's continued international appeal.
- Volunteers were integrated into daily sanctuary routines, supporting elephant care, welfare monitoring, data collection, and community engagement under staff supervision.
- Feedback from April participants was positive, reinforcing SU4E's reputation as a meaningful and professionally managed placement destination.
- The programme continues to grow in visibility and quality, and the team is grateful for the energy and commitment that each volunteer brings to the sanctuary.



Nell and Emma at SU4E- April 2026

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5. *SOS Elephant – Ramu*

Stand Up 4 Elephants continued its dedicated support for Ramu throughout April 2026, ensuring his wellbeing, comfort, and the quality of care provided by his mahout Sujan. Costs this month were notably low, with no repairs or additional works required on Ramu's shelter.

- The SU4E team visited Ramu regularly throughout the month, with NGO members bringing required food almost daily and verifying that all welfare standards were maintained.
- Ramu's shelter, substrate, and water supply all remained in good condition. No structural repairs or additional works were needed this month, contributing to the reduced SOS expenditure.
- Ramu's health remained stable. Welfare observations were recorded and added to his ongoing health file.
- Ramu's case continues to benefit from the support of the Fondation Brigitte Bardot for the time being. However, the ongoing stagnation of his situation remains a source of concern for the team and all parties involved. Efforts continue on multiple fronts, and SU4E holds hope for a positive resolution for Ramu's future.

6. *Partnerships, Awareness & Education*

April was a rich month for communications, visibility, and partnerships, bringing several highlights that the team is proud to share.

- **Media feature:** Stand Up 4 Elephants was featured in the renowned French magazine *Échappées Belles*, with an interview of one of the co-founders. The team is honoured by this visibility and grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness about captive elephant welfare with a wider French-speaking audience.
- **Fundraising partnership:** In the spirit of World Earth Day, SU4E was once again supported by The Elephant Initiative, a US-based NGO, which organised a dedicated fundraiser in SU4E's favour – mirroring a similar collaboration from the same period last year. The team is deeply thankful for this renewed transatlantic partnership.
- **Ratings:** Stand Up 4 Elephants remains the number one activity in Chitwan on TripAdvisor, with a 5-star rating across more than 200 reviews, and a perfect 5/5 on Google Reviews based on 143 reviews. These results are a testament to the quality and integrity of the work carried out daily by the entire team.
- **Scientific research:** Sleeping behaviour data and welfare observations continued to be collected and logged as part of ongoing long-term research partnerships.
- **Social media content** in English and French was produced and published, keeping the SU4E community informed of sanctuary life, elephant welfare progress, and the organisation's growing visibility.
- **Administrative milestone:** With the end of the fiscal year approaching, the management team began preparing all documentation required for the annual NGO renewal with the Social Welfare Council (SWC). This period is traditionally busy with administrative tasks, and the team is working diligently to ensure full compliance and timely submission of all required files.

THE STATISTICS - EXPENSES

Financial Overview - April 2026

April was an exceptionally lean month financially, reflecting both seasonal abundance at the sanctuary and the team's continued commitment to cost discipline. Natural food sources – grass, vines, and browse – growing freely within the elephants' enclosure significantly reduced purchasing needs for Eva and Lhamo. No structural repairs were required for Ramu's shelter, keeping SOS costs contained.

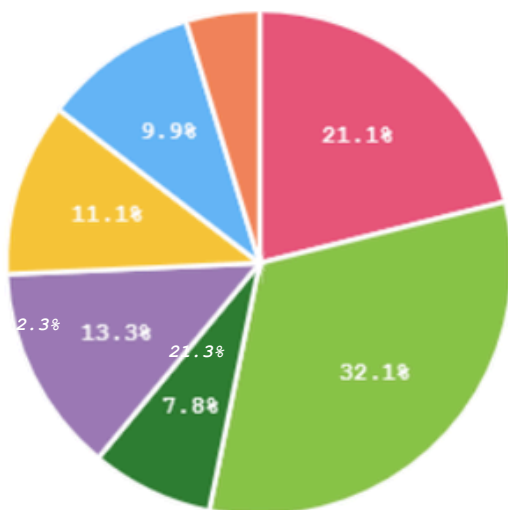
Donor support:

April communications focused on transparency and accountability to donors, highlighting the team's commitment to cost discipline while maintaining uncompromised care for the elephants.

Documentation & Compliance:

All expenditure was documented and reconciled. Health logs, welfare records, and intern programme documentation were maintained to NGO reporting standards.

Financial Overview - April 2026



- **Eva & Lhamo**
(21.1%)
- **Staff**
(32.1%)
- **Volunteering Program**
(7.8%)
- **SOS Elephants (Ramu)**
(13.3%)
- **Maintenance Sanctuary**
(11.1%)
- **Community**
(9.9%)
- **Admin**
(4.7%)