

MARCH 2026



STAND UP 4 ELEPHANTS



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MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 2026 OVERVIEW

March 2026 was a calm and stable month at the SU4E sanctuary. Following the intensive veterinary visit in February – which brought additional costs and activity – the team deliberately kept operations lean, channelling every effort into the consistent, high-quality daily care of Eva and Lhamo without compromising their welfare in any way.

- Daily care and nutrition: Eva and Lhamo received their full structured feeding routines, positive reinforcement engagement, and unrestricted access to jungle space for rest, foraging, and play.
- Environmental enrichment: Regular enrichment sessions – water play, browse, and free-roaming time in natural habitat – continued as standard, supporting both physical and psychological wellbeing.
- 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: In response to the elevated costs of February's veterinary visit with Dr. Imke Wiemann and Dr. Ann Kathrin, the team made a collective effort to limit all non-essential spending in March – a goal achieved without any reduction in care quality.

2. Veterinary & Husbandry Updates

March was uneventful on the veterinary front – a welcome contrast to the busy February programme. No emergency interventions were required, and both elephants remained in good health throughout the month.

- Routine health monitoring of Eva and Lhamo continued without incident. 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 developed with Dr. Bal Krishna Giri.
- SU4E continued to participate in international research collaborations, with sleeping behaviour data collected daily as part of long-term welfare research.
- No follow-up procedures from the February veterinary visit were required this month.



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Community and field activities remained steady throughout March, with the team maintaining existing relationships and continuing regular outreach without new major events.

- Community support activities continued, with the SU4E team maintaining regular presence in the Amaltari area and supporting local conservation partners.
- Visitor flow remained consistent. A number of visitors again chose to stay in the Amaltari area rather than Sauraha, valuing the ethical and nature-focused experience offered by SU4E.
- Guests were encouraged to extend their visit to the Jatayu Restaurant, a conservation-based NGO dedicated to vulture protection, strengthening local conservation partnerships.
- No new major field events or training sessions were organised this month, in keeping with the team's focus on keeping operations simple and costs contained.

4. Volunteering & Intern Programme

The volunteering and intern programme continued to be a genuine highlight of March 2026. As in February, the programme generated slightly elevated costs – reflecting how well it is functioning and the international interest it continues to attract.

- SU4E welcomed interns and volunteers from multiple countries this month, including participants from Nepal, reflecting the programme's growing local as well as international reach.
- Interns were integrated into daily sanctuary routines, supporting elephant care, welfare monitoring, data collection, and community engagement under staff supervision.
- The additional costs associated with the programme – covering accommodation, food, and logistical support – were accepted as a worthwhile investment, consistent with February's experience and reflective of a programme that is thriving.
- Feedback from March participants was positive, reinforcing SU4E's reputation as a meaningful and professionally managed placement destination.



Nepali interns with the SU4E team - March 2026

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Stand Up 4 Elephants continued its dedicated support for Ramu throughout March 2026, ensuring his wellbeing, comfort, and the quality of care provided by his mahout Sujan.

- The SU4E team visited Ramu at least three times during 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 renovated in previous months – remained in good condition. No structural repairs were needed this month.
- Ramu's health remained stable. Welfare observations were recorded and added to his ongoing health file.
- SOS elephant support costs for March totalled €677, covering food, care supplies, and transport for team visits.

6. Partnerships, Awareness & Education

Partnership and education activities continued at a measured pace in March, consistent with the month's overall quiet character.

- Scientific research: sleeping behaviour data and welfare observations were collected and logged as part of ongoing long-term research partnerships.
- Communications: social media content in English and French was produced and published, keeping the SU4E community informed of sanctuary life and elephant welfare progress.



Ramu with mahout Sujan - March 2026

THE STATISTICS - EXPENSES

Financial Overview - March 2026

March was a deliberately lean month, following the elevated expenditure of February associated with the veterinary visit of Dr. Imke Wiemann and Dr. Ann Kathrin. The team maintained full welfare standards for Eva, Lhamo, and Ramu while minimising all non-essential costs. The only category with slightly elevated spending was the volunteering and intern programme (€714), which continues to attract participants from around the world, including from Nepal. Total monthly expenditure: €5,812.

Donor support:

March 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.

