

Update ~ Making a Difference!

Elephant Healthcare & Welfare Emergency Lifeline Fund

Funds Raised to Date: \$51,000+

Fund Goal: \$200,000

The Elephant Healthcare Emergency Lifeline Fund was launched in April 2020 to ensure elephant vets and other healthcare providers in Thailand are able to stay on-the-job helping elephants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are pleased to announce the Fund's **geographic reach and services have been expanded**, thanks to the generosity of our donors, to include other Asian elephant range countries and the purchase of food, supplies, support for mahouts, and other elephant welfare needs in addition to veterinary care.

To date, funds have been distributed to eight elephant camps in **Thailand, Nepal, India, and Laos**, which are responsible for the care of **390 elephants** (ele-healthcare staff are also on-call to serve an additional 800 elephants in nearby regions). Specifically, funds are supporting:

Healthcare. Wages for 15 elephant specialist veterinarians, vet technicians, and other healthcare providers in Thailand and Laos.

Welfare. Wages for mahouts in Laos, Nepal, and India.

Food. Elephant food in Nepal and India.

Here are a few examples of how donations are making a difference. **Thank you!**

- VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/pESb28eaGxo>
- BLOG: <https://goodtourismblog.com/2020/06/keeping-elephants-healthy-under-the-cloud-of-covid-19/>
- BLOG: <https://goodtourismblog.com/2020/05/elephant-health-experts-seek-emergency-funds-for-unemployed-tourism-elephants/>
- NEWS FROM THE FIELD: https://b43adf40-6529-46cb-a45b-b9a57e1fbe5f.filesusr.com/ugd/0e5f19_fda1fc9ec6394b0c9af7d8142dde7dd6.pdf



“Mahouts are very concerned about their families since they cannot support them as before, and many of them are thinking of going back to their villages to work in their farms (4 of them have already left).”

“I am personally very concerned about this, because if we lose many mahouts—especially the mahouts of the male elephants (we have 9 bulls, and 3 of them are very difficult to handle)—I don't know how we are going to take care of them. We also have 2 pregnant females (one of them will deliver soon) and we have 2 injured elephants that need regular treatment. So it is critical to have good mahouts to provide the best care for them.”

Fund Recipient (Laos)