

## News from the Field ~ Thailand

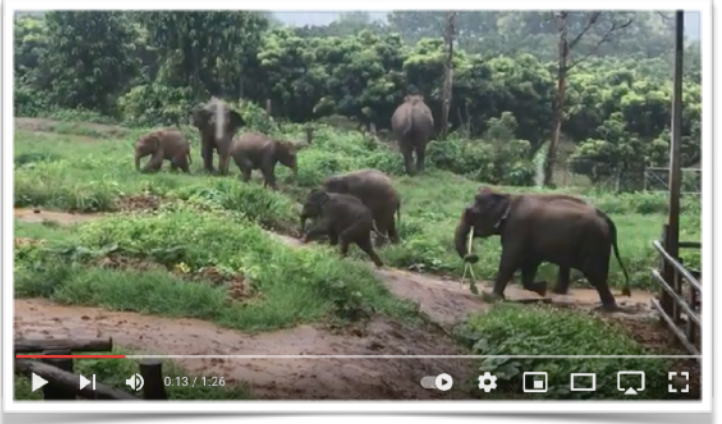
### Elephant Healthcare & Welfare Emergency Lifeline Fund

*Supporting the wellbeing of Asian elephants during the COVID-19 pandemic*

### Mud, Mums & Milestones ~ Meena & Mira Are Doing Well!

We wanted to share some good news and a short video about two young elephants—Meena and Mira—who have benefited enormously from your kind donation to our team's GoFundMe "[Hunger Hurts Elephants](#)" (HHE) campaign.

We are feeding 43 baby elephants and their moms (86 elephants in total), including Meena and Mira, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for food remains scarce as the pandemic continues, but your support has made a big difference! **Read below and see for yourself in the attached video.**



**VIDEO LINK:** [https://youtu.be/ajxW1ipG7\\_0](https://youtu.be/ajxW1ipG7_0)

**Our Thai-based colleague, Lucy Field, recently filed this heart-warming report from the field:** *"Both Meena and Mira are doing well. They have gained weight and are much more active."*

#### MEENA

**BEFORE (February 2021):** Born in March of 2020, 11-month-old Meena's growth was severely stunted due to inadequate nutrition caused, in part, by inadequate milk supply from his mother. At one year old, he was the size of a 2-month old.

**TODAY:** *"Though he is still small, Meena is so much stronger. He has gained confidence to play with the other larger young elephants. Usually, he stays by his mother's side. It has been wonderful seeing him run around and roar—acting like a little bull, throwing his weight around, even though he is still small for his age."* [Watch Meena roll around in the mud with his Mum \(Mae Noi\).](#)

#### MIRA

**BEFORE (February 2021):** Eight-month-old Mira, born with a crooked spine and special needs, requires a specialized diet to keep her healthy and growing. She was not doing well and the risk of life-long physical issues was all too real for her.

**TODAY:** *"Mira is straightening out more. Her tail is still a bit bent but the improvement is HUGE!!! She's become a little chunky girl and is also trying more foods now. She is incredibly playful thanks to the supplemental foods provided by your team and donors."* [Watch Mira come running to say 'hello.'](#)

Thank you for making a difference! We truly value your partnership in helping elephants!

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