

News from the Field ~ Thailand

Elephant Healthcare & Welfare Emergency Lifeline Fund

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

Look at baby Meena now! Bigger. Stronger. Happier!

As part of our "[Elephant Healthcare & Welfare Emergency Lifeline Fund](#)" our team has been purchasing and donating supplemental foods each month to 43 pairs of hungry elephant moms and babies---helping to support their health during the pandemic through our [Hunger Hurts Elephants](#) project.



Among the 43 baby elephants we've highlighted in our campaign is Meena. Born in March of 2020 during the pandemic, Meena's growth was severely stunted due to inadequate nutrition. At one year old, he was the size of a 2-month old. His mother's milk was in short supply because her owner could not afford to purchase nutritious foods that support lactation. [But look at Meena today!](#)

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/o0d-4eNMoQQ>

Our Thai-based colleague, Lucy Field, recently filed this heart-warming report from the field:

Thirty (30) bags of elephant pellets were dropped off at MaeVang Elephant Home on September 3rd. [Dr. Thitaya Janyamethakul \("Dr. Tip"\)](#) coordinated with the local elephant camps to come and collect their supplements for their lactating mothers and babies who live throughout the region.

The elephants were in their enclosure when we arrived today as their mahouts were out farming, which gave us a chance to visit with Meena. In this video you can see he is even bigger now.

Thanks to supplemental pellets purchased through the "[Hunger Hurts Elephants](#)" project and donations from kind people (like you) from all around the globe, 43 moms and their babies are receiving the nutrition they need!

Thank you for your continued support! As the pandemic grinds on, so does our commitment to helping elephants.

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