

Emergency Fund Progress Report

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The Elephant Healthcare and Welfare Emergency Lifeline Fund was created and launched in April 2020 to ensure elephant veterinarians, vet techs, and other elephant healthcare providers located in tourism-dependent Thailand are able to stay on-the-job and employed--helping elephants--during the COVID-19 pandemic lock down.

Since then, the Fund's geographic reach and services have been expanded to include other Asian elephant range countries and the purchase of elephant food, support for mahouts, and other elephant welfare needs. Our new fundraising **goal is \$200,000.**

Summary of activities to date:

To date, \$36,000USD has been distributed to 8 elephant camps in **Thailand, Nepal, India, and Laos.** Funds are supporting **the care of 390 elephants**, with healthcare staff 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 whose income was previously fully derived from tourism (their employers are making up any wage shortfall).

Welfare. Wages for mahouts—who provide essential daily elephant care—in Laos, Nepal, and India whose income was previously fully derived from tourism (their employers are making up any wage shortfall).

Food. Elephant food in Nepal and India.

We have raised more than \$51,000, and have supported elephants and the people who care for them throughout Asian elephant range countries. Here are a few examples of how donations are making a difference.

- 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/>

Key organizing partners include:

Elephant Care International - Dr. Susan Mikota and Dr. Janine Brown

[Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation](#) - [John Roberts](#)

[Work for Wild Life International](#) - [Hollis Burbank-Hammarlund](#)

Please join us by sharing our news and making a donation to the Elephant Healthcare & Welfare Emergency Lifeline Fund: <http://elephantcare.org/projects/emergencyfund/>