Volunteer Program



We are a **hands-off elephant sanctuary** on the edge of **Chitwan National Park, Nepal**. Home to **Lucky Kali** and **Begam Kali**, two retired elephants now embracing true freedom. Join us in protecting them, sharing their stories, and supporting the rescue of more elephants.

Guiding and assisting our guests is an important part of your role — you will help represent the sanctuary, sharing the elephants' stories and our ethical approach to elephant welfare and responsible tourism practices.

Beyond this, volunteers support the day-to-day operations of the sanctuary, including **food collection, gardening, and general site maintenance**. We also highly value volunteers with experience in **social media, content creation, photography, video editing, and fundraising**.

If you love elephants, are not afraid to get your hands dirty, and want to contribute to something truly meaningful — **this is the place for you.**

Please read before applying :

- This is a **hands-off sanctuary,** no touching, feeding or riding the elephants, ever
- **Minimum stay: 1 week**
- Good physical condition required, 18 years or older
- Good level of English required
- **Contribution: 300 USD per week or 1,200 USD per month,** accommodation and meals included, transport not included

We are a **non-profit organization** (Association Moey, Switzerland).

Please submit to **lena@association-moey.org**. Selected applicants will be invited for a brief video call with a member of the team.



Your role at the sanctuary :

Your days blend **guiding, day-to-day operations** including **food collection, gardening, general site maintenance and content creation**. Every volunteer contributes differently, your role adapts to your skills and the team's needs.

Guiding



The main part of your role. You will be **the face of the sanctuary** for our visitors, **sharing Lucky and Begam's stories** and our ethical **approach to wildlife tourism**.

Guiding is for volunteers staying at least 15 days, during the last days of their stay. Volunteers staying one month will guide for a longer period.

Tours run daily in the morning. Fluency in English is an advantage. If you speak French, Dutch, Spanish, or German, you may sometimes be asked to give the tour in your own language.

Field & Care

Collect **bamboo, grass and banana trees** for the elephants, **prepare their meals**, maintain the enclosures and garden, and contribute to the **general upkeep** of the sanctuary

Come discover the **variety of food** we offer at our sanctuary.











Content & Awareness

Document daily life through photos and video. Create content for our social media channels. **Help us** tell the story the world needs to hear. **We specifically need people with skills in:**

- Social media management (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, TikTok)
- Content creation & storytelling
- Photography & videography (phone is fine!)
- Video editing — short reels and longer formats
- Graphic design (Canva or similar)
- Website updates (WordPress or similar)
- Fundraising & donor outreach experience (bonus!)

Please mention your specific skills in your application message.





🔬 Observation & Learning

Walk alongside the river, observe **Lucky Kali and Begam Kali in their natural habitat**, and learn from our elephant caretakers about elephant behavior.

On clear days, the peaks of the **Himalayas emerge above the jungle canopy and rice fields**, a breathtaking reminder of where you are.

We also welcome skills in fundraising, translation, graphic design, website management, and construction. If you have something to offer — please let us know.



You will work **6 days a week,** around **5 hours per day.** Depending on the day, these hours may be done in one block or spread out. The rhythm follows the elephants and the needs of the sanctuary.

Is This For You?

- ✅ Elephant lover & ethical tourism
- ✅ Hard work, heat & mud
- ✅ Flexible, positive, team spirit
- ✅ Minimum 1 week commitment
- ❌ Hands-on elephant interaction
- ❌ Easy holiday mindset

Practical Informations :

Accommodation: You will stay at a nearby hotel, **a short walk from the sanctuary**. Rooms are shared (same gender, unless you are a couple or friends)**.** Each person has their own bed, and every room has a private bathroom. Wi-Fi is available.

Meals: **Three vegetarian Nepali meals per day**

Contribution: **300 USD per week or 1,200 USD per month,** including accommodation and three meals per day. Transport is not included.

About Sauraha :

Living and working here means being **fully immersed** in the daily life of Sauraha, a small village at the edge of **Chitwan National Park** *(safari, bird watching, jungle walks and more)*, working closely alongside our team and guests.

You'll live within the **Tharu community** — indigenous to the Terai — who have a unique relationship with the jungle and its wildlife.

You'll also be part of an **international volunteer team**, sharing meals, learning from each other, and building something meaningful together.

From chains to freedom :

Lucky Kali

Before | After



Begam Kali

Before | After



*Your contributions help to create **a better world for elephants** — and a better world for all of us. We look forward to welcoming you. **Thank you** from the bottom of our hearts.*

Namaste

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