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Q1 Name of your organization.

The Elephant Sanctuary

Q2 Grant #

19095

Q3 Grant Period

9/1/16 - 8/30/17

Q4 Location of your organization

City	Hohenwald
State	TN

Q5 Name and Title of person completing evaluation.

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Page 2: Key Outcomes and Results

Q8 Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

14

Q9 Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives. Use the following format: State the Goal: State Objective 1: Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 1: State Objective 2 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 2: State Objective 3 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 3:

Funding went toward the dual goal of African Habitat Expansion and Phase III of Asian Habitat Dam Repairs.

Objective 1: To construct and maintain additional fencing to allow African elephants access to more of the land that is available at The Sanctuary.

Activities & Outcomes: Maury Fence Co. of Columbia, TN installed 6,059 ft of steel fence (1.15 mi), which doubled the size of Africa Habitat from 60 to 120 acres. Modifications helped keep costs down while maintaining integrity of fence by interspersing round & square posts (\$20,000 of your funds were spent on this). In July, TWRA inspected and approved the new ele-fencing in Africa Habitat. In August, the new East Habitat opened up providing more areas for socialization (play-dates!) and enhanced elephant management.

Objective 2: To complete the recommended amendments and repairs to ensure the life of Highland Lake and prevent further damage and flooding to the property, wildlife, roads and wetlands downstream.

Activities & Outcomes:

- Cleared and repaired the road providing access to the dam
 - Put into place erosion control implements near dam (i.e., silt fencing and runoff diversion)
 - Selected two types of material which will be used to reinforce the dam: 1. Chert – found inside the habitat – serves as engineered fill; 2. Aggregate – from a supplier within 30 miles – provides heavier fill (i.e., limestone gravel and rock of various sizes and classes from a local quarry).
 - Removed spoil overburden (organic matter unsuitable for reinforcement) to excavate onsite chert
 - Excavated about a quarter of the toe of the dam, and back-filled this area with limestone rock
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Q10 Please describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals & objectives.

There were no obstacles faced in meeting Objective 1, and the project was completed as planned.

There were delays in the dam repair project due to challenges with securing a contractor. The original contractor dropped out for health reasons and the second contractor was replaced due to licensing problems. Additionally, the required wetland survey was delayed due to weather.

Q11 How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

The Sanctuary signed a contract with Ronald Franks Construction Co of Savannah, TN. Permits were awarded in June enabling machinery to be mobilized and preliminary work to commence. The project is expected to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

Q12 Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

Supporters rallied around these projects, providing full funding outside of our general operating budget.

Q13 Briefly describe the impact this grant has had on the organization and community served.

As a result of the expanded African Habitat, Sukari, Flora and Tange now move from yard to yard almost daily (facilitating the development of social bonds and healthy behavior), and can easily be shifted around for veterinary and husbandry care. The elephants are also able to enjoy abundant vegetation and mud wallows.

Page 3: Budget

Q14 Please provide a budget expenditure report of the approved line items. Include a brief narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.

\$20,000 of funding from the Gimbel Foundation was used toward fencing construction with a total project cost of \$558,636; \$30,000 was used toward the Phase III dam project with a total cost of \$645,000. Receipts for these projects will be emailed.

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

Africa Habitat's 60-acre expansion was opened to the elephants on August 4, thanks to the generous support of donors such as the Gimbel Foundation. The expansion area gives all the elephants access to new trails, mud wallows, forested areas, and the opportunity to choose how and where they spend their time. Caregivers named the expansion East Habitat, and many gathered around to watch as the gate was opened and Flora confidently took to the trails for the first time. On that first day, Flora was observed grazing by a newly discovered pond and exploring the hillside until dusk. Caregivers also saw signs that Flora continued to travel throughout the night, leaving a wake of small downed trees along the trails in typical Flora fashion.

<https://youtu.be/ekwjOt5vEsA>

Many of the elephants stay out in the habitats, away from the barns on summer nights. That was the case with Flora on her first Friday in the East Habitat. Saturday morning, Flora did not present herself at the barn for breakfast. Caregivers observed signs that she had travelled throughout the East Habitat overnight, noting that many small trees had been pushed over along the trails. By mid-morning, Flora made her way back to the Annex fence line for feeding. Caregivers are excited to see where her explorations take her next, and The Elephant Sanctuary would like to extend a special thank you to all of the donors who made this expansion possible for Flora and the other African elephants.

The East Habitat expansion has not only provided the elephants more space to explore, it has also allowed for the development of social bonds. With ample space to choose to explore together or solo, Sukari, Tange, and Flora have been able to bond as a non-familial herd, in their own time. Often, the three elephants are now seen together, traversing the expanded habitat's terrain and foraging side-by-side.

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Q17 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Organizational Information

Q18 Which category best describes the organization.
Please choose only one.

**Animal
Services**

Q19 What is the organization's primary program area of interest?

**Animal
Welfare**

Q20 Percentage of clients served through grant in each ethnic group category. Total must equal 100%

Other

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Q21 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each age category.

Respondent skipped this question

Q22 Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds.

Respondent skipped this question

Q23 Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.

Respondent skipped this question

Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.

Respondent skipped this question