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M'Lop Tapang

*Working with children, youth,
their families & their communities*

2017
ANNUAL REPORT

OUR VISION

M'Lop Tapang envisions an environment where all children are allowed to grow up in their families feeling safe, healthy and happy; a society where all children are respected and treated equally; a community where all children are given choices about their future.

OUR MISSION

M'Lop Tapang strives to provide a safe haven for vulnerable children of Sihanoukville, offering care and support to any child at risk. We offer access to education, reintegration with families, life-skills training and creative and recreational activities, while ensuring protection from all forms of abuse.

Our efforts allow underprivileged children to embrace their childhood so they can become responsible adults as well as positive, independent members of society.

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Chamrouen, one of our Outreach Team social workers meets with children who live along the railways tracks near the port area of Sihanoukville.

In 2017, M'Lop Tapang worked with more than 5,000 children and 2,000 local families.

MESSAGE FROM BOARD & MANAGEMENT OF M'LOP TAPANG

2017 represented a year of transformation and positive advancement for M'Lop Tapang.

M'Lop Tapang had another successful year achieving its mission to serve the poor and to fight for the dignity of the most vulnerable members of our community. M'Lop Tapang served over 5000 children in 2017 and continued to provide a wide variety of services such as free medical care, education, child protection services, vocational training and drug rehabilitation.

From an external perspective, the operating environment in 2017 was challenging. Sihanoukville is witnessing an extraordinary economic boom, with large amounts of domestic and offshore investment flowing into the construction, tourism and manufacturing sectors. This certainly bodes well for the local economy as it will provide further employment opportunities, however the benefits of such growth are not typically equally distributed. Such rapid growth also generates urban migration, drawing rural communities to Sihanoukville city in pursuit of economic opportunities, which in itself creates social challenges as many are very impoverished, lack secure housing, or the skills necessary to access the opportunities.

M'Lop Tapang works closely with industry and government to ensure that our education, vocational training and employment programs are well designed to meet the capacity needs of growing industry to ensure society's most vulnerable are able to equally access economic opportunities. This approach reflects our firm belief that amongst the economic fever and investment mania, Sihanoukville's greatest asset is not its appeal as a holiday destination, or a manufacturing

port town. Its number one asset are its people, in particular its young people, and supporting the development of communities and youth to access education, healthcare and opportunities remains M'Lop Tapang's highest priority.

Whilst rapid growth and change remains a defining feature of Cambodia, for M'Lop Tapang change and transformation typically occurs at a more measured pace. This year however, change certainly arrived. At the end of 2017, we saw several changes in our senior management team, and we would like to thank everyone, both those who left and those who stepped up, for all their incredible efforts in ensuring M'Lop Tapang's high standards of service delivery to children and families were maintained through this transition.

From an organizational perspective, senior personnel changes such as these can sometimes be unsettling, however they do create significant opportunities for career advancement which reverberate positively throughout the organization. Reflecting this, Kun, who successfully led the vocational training program, has been promoted to be the new co-director of M'Lop Tapang. Seeing this development and progression of our people is particularly exciting for the Board.

More broadly, none of 2017's achievements would have been possible without the commitment and effort of M'Lop Tapang's great staff. On behalf of the board I would like to acknowledge and thank them all for their wonderful efforts.

Sincerely,
John McGinley



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Co-Director, M'Lop Tapang



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VIDEO: M'LOP TAPANG 2017 YEAR END VIDEO REVIEW

CHILD PROTECTION

Children living in poverty are vulnerable to various forms of abuse.

Child protection remains M'Lop Tapang's primary focus. Our teams work on prevention, advocacy, victim support, recovery, and reintegration.



Sima, one of M'Lop Tapang's Child Protection Team social workers, meets with members of our "Kid's Beach Network".

The network is comprised of more than 70 beach-working children and youth who meet with the Child Protection Team regularly and have received training on how to keep themselves and their peers safe from abuse.

HOW WE HELPED

684

calls received through our 24-Hour Hotline

54

children/youth provided with temporary shelter at our Transitional Home

500+

local community members received information

40

victims of child abuse supported

We are very grateful for the collaboration of strategic partners in helping to keep children safe, including:

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, and the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans & Youth Rehabilitation, Friends-International and 3PC, Family Care First, Mith Samlanh, Action Pour Les Enfants (APLE), First Step Cambodia, ChildSafe Movement, and the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Salford, and the many local authorities we work with on a regular basis.



"I like being a ChildSafe member. I am happy because I know it is a good way to help children."

– Ms. Vanny, a beach seller in Sihanoukville and certified ChildSafe member for more than 5 years. She is one of more than 1,000 local community ChildSafe members that have been recruited, trained, certified, and followed up by our ChildSafe team. There were 220 new members in 2017.



Leading the "Online Safety Specialist Group" within the 3PC network, in 2017 we created tools to raise awareness of the risks of using the internet and delivered training to partners, children and staff at M'Lop Tapang, and students in local public schools.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:
7 TIPS FOR TRAVELERS to protect children during your travels

EDUCATION

Learning to read and write is a fundamental right of all children.



Leakhena teaches a class at M'Lop Tapang's Education Center.

Remedial classes at the Center, with a curriculum developed in collaboration with the Department of Education, help children and youth who have never been to school (or have been out of school for a long time) catch up with their studies.

The goal is that these students can be reintegrated into the local public school system at a grade level suitable for their age.

HOW WE HELPED

500

children attended classes at our Education Center

1253

children and youth supported to attend local public schools

451

students benefited from support through our Distance Education activities

93

students moved back to the public school system after attending our remedial classes



"I want to learn to read and write so I can help my parents."

– Bopha*, 12-years old, comes from a poor family. Both of her parents are illiterate and she is the first person in her family to go to school. She used to stay home to look after her younger brothers but now she attends classes at our Education Center.



M'Lop Tapang's Youth Representatives provide feedback to our Program Managers and Management Team about our services and programs. Beginning in 2017, they are now also being invited to attend bi-annual Board of Directors meetings.



The Special Needs Program at our Education Center works with children and youth who have learning disabilities.



VIDEO: [M'LOP TAPANG'S SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM](#)

ARTS & SPORTS

Organized sports and arts activities not only allow children and youth the opportunity to have fun but also help to increase self-esteem and self-confidence.



Vannara, a senior Dance Instructor in our Arts Program, leads a group of students learning Apsara dancing, a formal classical Khmer dance style that dates back hundreds of years.

HOW WE HELPED

400+

children and youth participated in organized arts activities


500+

children and youth participated in organized sports activities



A small survey was conducted among students who regularly attended arts program activities asking what they had learned from participating:

- 96% reported that they were better at making friends
- 67% reported that they were better at taking care of problems without fighting
- 80% reported that they work better with others in a team
- 40% reported that they were more of a leader
- 58% reported that they knew more about Cambodian culture

 VIDEO: [MEET THE TEACHERS OF M'LOP TAPANG'S ART PROGRAM](#)



Organized sports have many benefits for children both physically and mentally. By playing sports children develop physical skills, exercise, make new friends, and have fun. Sports are a great way for children to learn essential life skills that will serve them in later life, such as teamwork and cooperation.

In 2017, more than 500 children and youth participated in organized sports activities under the supervision and guidance of M'Lop Tapang's designated sports team.

MEDICAL CARE



Families living in poverty are at a higher risk of health problems but often have decreased access to appropriate health care services.

M'Lop Tapang's Medical Program aims to ensure that poor and disadvantaged children and families living in the Sihanoukville area have access to free quality health care.

We do this by providing medical and dental care at M'Lop Tapang's Medical Clinic, providing care through Medical **Outreach trips** into the community, and through **Health Education**.

Dr. Dora examines one of the children in our Baby Care Program.

The program, under the supervision of the Medical Team, provides daytime care for children under the age of five years old that have been diagnosed with severe malnutrition or neglect.

HOW WE HELPED

27,595

medical services provided to children

1,890

medical services provided to adults

2,967

dental treatments provided for children and adults



12-year old Thida* was born with a congenital disorder that affected both her hands and one foot, leaving her unable to walk properly or use her hands very well. A teacher at Thida's school told her mother about M'Lop Tapang and suggested they go there for help. After being assessed by our nurses and doctor, the Medical Team arranged for Thida to be sent to Phnom Penh for free corrective surgery. The surgeries were successful and Thida has returned home and is back to school where she is one of the top students in her class.

"I want to become a doctor in the future because I want to help other people who can't help themselves, like M'Lop Tapang helped me and my family."

 VIDEO: [M'LOP TAPANG'S MEDICAL PROGRAM](#)

We understand that nutrition is vital to good health.

In 2017, more than
200,000 hot meals
were provided.



 VIDEO: [LUNCHTIME AT M'LOP TAPANG](#)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



One of our major challenges in 2017 was having to unexpectedly relocate our Vocational Training Center as well as Sandan, our restaurant.

Although we had multi-year leases at both locations, we were notified by the landlords that they were breaking the contracts so they could create new businesses to cater to an increased tourist market. [This was a trend in 2017 among many local land owners.](#)

New locations for our training center and restaurant were found and will reopen in early 2018.

Cooking instructors supervise students at Sandan, M'Lop Tapang's vocational training restaurant.

Vocational training programs at M'Lop Tapang for vulnerable youth include bicycle and motorbike repair, sewing, electrics, and cooking/hospitality.

HOW WE HELPED

147

youth learned new skills in our vocational training programs

23


mothers earned increased incomes by sewing items from home

212

young adults/caretakers were assisted in finding employment through our "Futures" program



 VIDEO: [M'LOP TAPANG YOUTH EMPLOYMENT](#)

 HOW YOU CAN HELP: Visit our restaurant [Sandan](#) if visiting Sihanoukville or one of the other [Tree Alliance Restaurants](#) that provide training to disadvantaged youth.



Our **Home Based Production Program** helps poor families develop a steady, safe source of income generation by teaching them sewing skills and providing sewing machines to work from their homes. The items they produce are sold in the Tapang's Shops and other outlets, providing the families with a dependable income.

In 2017, one of Tapang's Gift Shops relocated to Otres Beach.

 VIDEO: [M'LOP TAPANG'S GIFT SHOP AT OTRES BEACH](#)


"**Futures**" is our employment program for young people and their caretakers in Sihanoukville. Working in partnership with Mith Samlanh and Friends-International, the program provides skills and needs assessments, social support, employment training, technical support, and assistance with preparing CV's, job searching, interview techniques, and connections to reputable employers.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL USER SUPPORT SERVICES



Samnang and Kosal from our Drugs Team work in the local community distributing posters the team developed that provide easy to understand information on the dangers of using drugs.

In June, 2017, an external evaluation of M'Lop Tapang's Drug and Alcohol Social Work Programs was completed.

 [View the Research Report](#)



In December, 2017, after months of planning, we opened “Phteah Romchang” (Water Lilly House), our new Drugs and Alcohol Detox and Rehabilitation Center.



Our drugs team works in local neighborhoods using new educational materials they developed. In 2017, the team designed and has been using new educational materials to deliver messages to known drug users that we work with. These tools are being shared with partners around the country.



Our Outreach Team continues to organize and lead a support group for parents suffering with alcoholism. In 2017, 30 parents participated in this Alcohol Support Group.

HOW WE HELPED

214

known drug using youth in the community received support services

49

drug using children and youth accessed services at our 24 Hour Drop-In Center

476

youth in local prisons received relapse prevention support

FAMILY STRENGTHENING

Our teams continue to work with vulnerable families in the local area so that parents are better able to provide for their children's needs.

Rithy, one of M'Lop Tapang's Outreach social workers, meets with the grandfather who heads a household of 17 family members all living in this small tin-walled house.

Eight of the children living here walk to our Community Education Center each day to attend non-formal education classes, join in organized sports activities, and have something to eat. Another older sibling is learning motor repair in vocational training programs.

The family was also provided with building materials to add an outdoor kitchen area to their home, making it safer for everyone living there.

HOW WE HELPED

47

families helped with urgent house repairs

42

families assisted to set up small businesses

942

provisions of emergency food supplies



M'Lop Tapang believes that the best place for children to grow up is with their family, and if this is not safe, a family-like setting. In 2017:

- 40 children were reintegrated back into their families
- 9 children were supported in foster care
- 4 children supported in kinship care



"If the center was not here, there wouldn't be a place for them to study or play."

– 84 year old Sreymom brings seven of her grandchildren, ages 1 year to 14 years old, to the M'Lop Tapang Community Education Center every day.



VIDEO: [M'LOP TAPANG'S COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER](#)

"M'Lop Tapang helped me to have a job when I had no job. The extra income has helped reduce my worrying and now we have money to buy food and send my children to school."

– 48 year old single mother of five children

In 2017, an internal research project was completed to look at the impact of our small business set up program that helps families to start-up simple income generating ventures.



[View the Research Report](#)



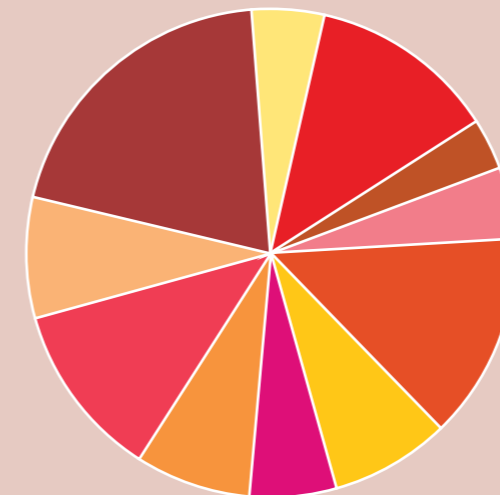
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2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2017 EXPENSES



- Education Programs (20%)
- Sandan Restaurant (5%)
- Outreach Programs (12%)
- Arts Program (3%)
- Admin (5%)
- Program Support (14%)
- Child Protection Services (8%)
- Alternative Care Programs (6%)
- Drugs Programs (7%)
- Vocational Training & Employment Services (12%)
- Medical Care Program (8%)

Funds received in 2017*: \$1,876,125.74 USD
 *This total represents all funds received between January 01 and December 31, 2017. A small portion of this amount represents funds designated for Year 2018 and late fund transfers for Year 2016.
 **not including income generating businesses.

Operating Expenses in 2017: \$1,564,010.49 USD
 Program and operating expenses remain very stable. 2017 expenditures are less than 1% higher than in 2016. An external audit of 2017 finances is scheduled for March 2018. An audit summary will be available upon request after completion.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
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 Contact us for more information:
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