



M'Lop Tapang 2021 Annual Report



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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.

MISSION M'Lop Tapang strives to provide a safe haven for the 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.

5,587 children/youth and 3,128 families were provided services by M'Lop Tapang in 2021



Message from our Board

2021 proved a very difficult year globally, and Sihanoukville in Cambodia was no different. As tourism is the main driver of the local economy, the economic and social shocks from Covid-19 were felt severely, most particularly with M'LoP Tapang's beneficiaries, societies most vulnerable and impoverished.

However, M'LoP Tapang remained focused and committed and continued to serve the local community through these difficult times. The following report highlights the activities, responses and collaboration between M'LoP Tapang and local communities.

On behalf of the board of M'LoP Tapang, we would like to acknowledge and thank each and every staff member for their outstanding effort through this last year, and express our appreciation to our partners who make M'LoP Tapang's work possible. We look forward to continuing to work together, in what we hope will be a brighter and better 2022.



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COVID-19 Pandemic Impact on Children

- Disruption in education and risk of not returning to schools
- Social Isolation
- Increased risks to health and nutrition
- Increased risk of abuse and exploitation
- Increased stress at home
- Working to help family earn income
- Increase risk of violence in the home due to increased parental stress



Families already living in poverty were hit especially hard by the economic impacts of the pandemic.

Even before the pandemic, the children and families that M'Lop Tapang works with were dealing with issues of poverty. As COVID-19 cases in the country surged in early 2021, the local economy quickly deteriorated, with the tourism, manufacturing, and construction sectors impacted the most. Already vulnerable Cambodian families found themselves in even more dire circumstances. The inability to earn an income left many families unable to meet even their most basic needs.



During the most severe lockdowns M'Lop Tapang received permission to enter restricted zones.



In 2021, our teams delivered more than 76,000 kg of rice (and other food items) to families in need.

With the incredible help of our partners, donors and supporters, the teams at M'Lop Tapang were able to continue to provide essential services throughout the year to vulnerable and at-risk children and families.

 [YouTube "Supporting Local Families During the Pandemic"](#)



Chamroeun, MT's Outreach Program Manager, meeting with a mother and her children.

Outreach & Family Strengthening

Our Outreach team is the largest department at M'Lop Tapang. These frontline social workers are out in the community every day following up with children and families in their homes and meeting new ones on the streets and in local neighborhoods.

The goal of the Outreach team is to partner with families, helping them to identify problems that are affecting their children's development, and work alongside them to find solutions to these issues. The assistance that Outreach workers provide depends on each individual families' needs. Outreach services range from providing emergency support to helping with urgent house repairs, from referring children to education programs to arranging for medical care, from counseling to alcohol and drug support services.

In 2021, due to worsening economic conditions resulting from the pandemic, a common issue amongst the families we work with was lack of food security and their children simply not having enough to eat.

"I do not have a job now because the shop I worked in closed. I have no income at all, and it has been 2 months already that I have not paid my rent, electricity, or water. I feel ashamed when I see the landlord and don't have money yet. I am so happy that we have food support from M'Lop Tapang. I never had to ask for that before."

- parent of 3 young children

4,689 emergency food packages were delivered to families by MT teams in 2021



Thara, one of our Child Protection team members, talks to children in the community .

Child Protection Services

M’Lop Tapang’s Child Protection services focus on prevention through community education, response and rescue in collaboration with local authorities, medical, legal, safe shelter and emotional support for victims, as well as advocacy of children’s rights. During the pandemic crisis of 2021, our teams worked very hard to ensure the continuation of these services for vulnerable children and their families.

“When my son first went to prison I did not see him for six months and didn’t know what was happening with him. M’Lop Tapang helped me to visit my son, taught me about the court process, and even helped us to find a lawyer.”
 -mother of 15 year old boy

26 new child/youth victims of abuse were identified and provided services

In response to extended school closures, one of the strategies our teams put into place was increasing their frequency of visits to areas that we knew children were spending time (beaches, streets).



Meeting children on the beach late at night.



ChildSafe Activities

M'Lop Tapang proudly remains the implementing partner of the **ChildSafe Movement** for the Sihanoukville area.

As part of our work, M'Lop Tapang teams recruit, train, certify, and monitor local community ChildSafe agents (street vendors, beach sellers, hotels and guesthouse staff, taxi drivers) who all play a part in helping to protect children.

96 new community ChildSafe agents were recruited and trained by M'Lop Tapang staff in 2021

"I'm very excited to have become a ChildSafe agent. Now I can spread the word on how to protect children and let them know about the ChildSafe movement. I always tell the people who live in the remote areas and poor neighborhoods about the services that M'Lop Tapang offers and it gives them new hope."

- 34 year old tuk-tuk taxi driver

M'Lop Tapang's 24-Hour Confidential ChildSafe Hotline is widely advertised throughout the local area and is an easy and efficient way for community members to contact us.

In 2021 there were 3,001 calls received on our Hotline. The increase in calls was largely due to families and care-takers requesting emergency food support.

66% increase in calls to M'Lop Tapang's 24-Hour Confidential Hotline



Phana, a member of MT's ChildSafe team meeting with a community ChildSafe agents.



ChildSafe agents, like tuk-tuk drivers, help to promote MT's 24-Hour Confidential Hotline .



Education Programs & School Reintegration

For much of the year, schools and education programs across the Cambodia were closed. This had a dramatic impact on the boys and girls attending non-formal education (NFE) classes at M’Lop Tapang’s Education Center, at our Community Education Center, and for the students who had been attending local public schools with the support of our “Back to School” (BTS) program.

In response, our teams followed up with students at their homes during the period when schools were closed, providing learning materials and when needed, their families with emergency food support.

M’Lop Tapang once again successfully advocated with local authorities for permission to allow a limited number of the most high-risk children to come to the Education Center for non-education daily supervised recreation activities, medical care, and nutrition.

 [YouTube “MT Education Center Activity During School Closures”](#)



Providing supplies so children could learn from home during school closures.

300+ vulnerable children were provided daytime services during official school closures

In November, schools were allowed to reopen and classes resumed at M’Lop Tapang’s Education Center and our Community Education Center.

 [YouTube “Classes Reopen at MT Education Center”](#)

“I’m very excited now that the schools have reopened. I love my M’Lop Tapang school so much because I can study, play with friends, and being here always make me feel safe.”
- 14-year-old boy

The reopening of education programs also saw students returning to classes at government public schools. The government reopened the schools for children in Grades 9 and 12 first, and then soon increased to include students in other grades. Our teams spent a lot of time and energy following up with and maintaining contact with the children and youth in MT’s “Back to School” program during the period when public schools were closed.

96% of the students registered with MT’s BTS program before schools closed returned to their studies when classes resumed.



Approximately 50% of the students in MT’s education programs are girls.



Hart, one of our vocational training instructors, helps students learn about motorcycle repair.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

YouTube [“M’Lop Tapang’s Vocational Training”](#)

M’Lop Tapang’s Vocational Training Programs help vulnerable youth develop the skills and confidence necessary to find safe, steady work that will allow them to lead a more dignified life. Areas of vocational training are designed to meet job market needs in Sihanoukville and include bicycle and motorcycle repair, electrics and basic plumbing, and cookery and hospitality.

When vocational training programs were suspended for several months in 2021 due to the pandemic our teams continued to maintain contact with students through texts/phone calls and some online training.

“Now I have a job that fits with the skills I learned and my income is helping to support my family. I am working now to gain more experience for the next 2 or 3 years and then I would like to start my own business.” –youth graduate

82 youth participated in MT vocational training programs in 2021

“Futures” is our employment services program that works with youth and caretakers. The program provides youth and caretakers with skills and needs assessments, social support, employment training and technical support (job readiness, micro- enterprise, tips on becoming a top employee, staying in jobs, preparing CV’s, job searching, interview techniques), and connections to reputable employers.

366 individuals were assisted with securing safe employment through Futures in 2021



Medical Care

In the wake of the pandemic, our Cambodian team of doctors and nurses faced many challenges in ensuring the delivery of medical services.

During the period when our Education Center was closed and during times of city lockdowns it was not as easy for children and families to access our Medical Center. In response, M'Lop Tapang's doctors and nurses increased efforts to deliver medical care directly in the community.

All of our medical staff, as well as other frontline workers, were highly vigilant in looking out for possible COVID-19 cases. However, the majority of what our doctors and nurses treated in 2021 continued to be those kinds of diseases and illness often associated with living in poverty.

Most common illnesses/diseases treated by M'Lop Tapang Medical Team

- Respiratory Infections
- Diarrheal Diseases
- Malnutrition
- Skin Infections
- Anemia
- Minor Trauma



Dr. Dora, our Medical Program Manager, seeing a young child in MT's Clinic.

13,839 medical services were provided to children and their families.



Chan, a caretaker in the Baby Care Program, provides learning and play activities to young children.

M'Lop Tapang's Baby Care Program, under the supervision of the medical team, provides daytime care for children under the age of 5 years old who have been identified as suffering from neglect or severe malnutrition.

Although the program was temporarily suspended because of the pandemic, these children were made a priority when we received permission from local authorities to allow a limited number of children back to our Center for daytime activities.

18 infants and toddlers received care in the Baby Care Program at our Main Center



Romdourl, one of the teachers in our Special Needs Program, spends one-on-one time with a young student.

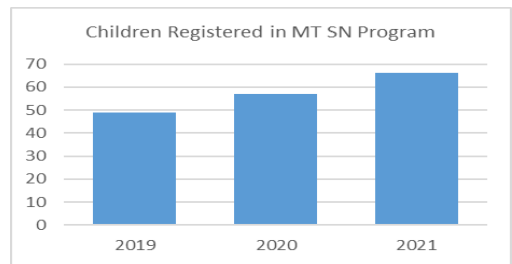
Special Needs Program

[YouTube “M’Lop Tapang’s Special Needs Program”](#)

M’Lop Tapang’s Special Needs (SN) program remains the only one of its kind in Sihanoukville and provides daytime activities for children at our Education Center as well as support for children and their families in the community. The children have a range of behavioral and developmental challenges, including autism, Down’s syndrome, cerebral palsy, developmental delay, and other diagnoses.

Although the Special Needs program did not have to close entirely due to the pandemic, our staff did need to adjust the way they delivered services. In response to feedback we received from a short survey conducted when the classes were temporarily suspended ([“The Impact of Special Need Program Closures Due to COVID-19”](#)) the staff increased visits to the homes of the children and their families as well as developing and providing a series of video/online teaching sessions.

“My daughter just started coming to M’Lop Tapang this year. Before she couldn’t say anything. Now she can say ‘mama’ and ‘papa’.
 - mother of young girl with Down’s syndrome



66 children with learning and behavioral difficulties benefited from M’Lop Tapang’s Special Needs Program



Alternative Care & Family Reintegration

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

All our teams work very hard to try and support families to prevent children from being separated. In the event that a child has been separated, our aim is to try and help solve the issues that led to the separation and assist in reunification back to the family. Follow up with children and families post-reintegration is an integral part of this process.

3 children were successful reintegrated back into their families in 2021

When it happens that a child cannot be immediately reintegrated back to their family, Alternative Care options are made available.

19 children were provided safe temporary housing in our Transitional Home

2 children were placed in family-like Foster Care homes.

In addition to the 2 new children placed in Foster Care in 2021, our teams continued to follow up and support 10 children who had been placed in Foster Care previously.



Every child deserves to grow up in a loving home.

“We love her so much. I know her own mother could not take care of her and she needs a family. My husband and I want to adopt her so she can stay with us forever.”

- foster care mother



Follow up is an important part of the family reintegration process



Drugs & Harm Reduction Programs

Throughout the year our teams continued to meet with individuals in the local community who are known to have substance abuse issues. Offering harm reduction information and education, providing basic food and hygiene support, and referrals for medical care and other services, remained the focus of our staff when meeting these youth and adults.

COVID-19 did impact the way the team worked. When group meetings in the community had to be cancelled due to social distancing regulations, our staff instead increased the number of individual meetings with clients. Unfortunately, we did also have to suspend our routine relapse prevention work with inmates in the local prisons.

126 youth and adults with drugs and alcohol abuse issues received support services

“Pteah Romchang”, our Drugs and Alcohol Detoxification and Rehab program was challenged in 2021 when, due to government COVID-19 restrictions, we were required to temporarily stop the intake of new clients for a few months. During this time our staff worked with the clients already in the program and continued to provide post-recovery follow up for clients that had already completed the program. In June we were allowed to resume taking new clients. 15 individuals received rehab/detox services at Pteah Romchang in 2021



It's not always easy visiting clients where they live but our social workers make the effort.



Group session at Pteah Romchang

“I feel so much better in my body now and much relief in my mind too. I’m so happy to have completed the program and to finally have a job. I promised myself to try my best when I got a job and start saving money from my salary so that my neighbors don’t look down on me and talk bad about me like they used to before. I made a commitment to myself not to start using drugs again for my daughter’s future even if someone tries to persuade me to. I am on the right way now.” - client from Pteah Romchang



Dancing, music, drawing and painting, and circus activities help children express themselves, encourage creativity, and promote socialization.

Arts Activities

Arts have always played a big part at M'Lop Tapang. In 2021, arts activities were even more prominent. During the months that regular classroom teaching activities were suspended at our Education Center, children were instead kept busy and engaged in dance classes, drawing activities, music sessions, and acrobatics.

After schools were allowed to reopen near the end of the year, the Arts team and students took to the stage to show off their talents.

 [YouTube "M'Lop Tapang's Arts Concert"](#)

"It was my very first time on stage and I was nervous and excited. I could see my friends and my teacher and my parents in the audience watching me. When I finished and got off the stage my parents told me that I had danced beautifully. At home they told me again about how well I did and they even told our neighbours that I had danced beautifully. That made me feel good."

- 12-year-old girl



"Youth Protecting Youth" is the motto of our Beach Kids' Network

Child & Youth Participation

We very much believe that children have a voice and the right to be heard. Although due to the pandemic our various youth peer groups (MT Youth Group, Beach Kids Network) were not able to meet as often as they usually do.



"I wanted to join the Youth Group because I'm not a kid anymore. I want to help the teachers when I'm free from school. Being a Youth Group member is cool because that makes me feel like I'm a helpful person."
 - 17 year old student

As M'LoP Tapang continues to take more and more steps towards being environmentally responsible, children and youth continue to be part of that movement. One of the ways has been their involvement in producing an ongoing series of videos aimed to increase awareness.

[YouTube Child Rights News Series](#)



The Numbers

Total Beneficiaries	2021
Total number of beneficiaries reached (children + youth)	5587
Total number of beneficiaries reached (families)	3128

Program Data Highlights	2021
Outreach	
Number of children supported by Outreach Team	2367
Number of families supported by Outreach Team	1520
Number children/youth supported in “Back to School” program	1096
Child Protection	
Cases of abuse/violence/neglect /missing (children and youth)	26
Total number of children helped through 24 Hour Hotline	1534
Total number of ChildSafe hotels/guesthouse	8
Total number of children in Kids Beach Network	51
Education	
Number children/youth in NFE program at Education Center	511
Vocational Training / Futures	
Number of youth in vocational training programs	82
Number of youth/caretakers placed in employment through Futures Program	366
Drugs and Harm Reduction	
Number of drug using youth in community provided support	126
Pteah Romcheng (Alcohol/ Drugs Detox and Rehab Center)	
Number of clients supported at Pteah Romchang	15
Community Shelter at Phum 35	
Number of children/youth accessing services	329
Medical Services	
Number of medical treatments in Medical Clinic/Outreach	13839
Alternative Care	
Number of boys/girls provided safe, temporary shelter at Transitional Home	19
Number of children supported through Foster Care program	12
Number of children reintegrated back to families	3



Principal Financial Partners



ADM Capital Foundation

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Epic Foundation

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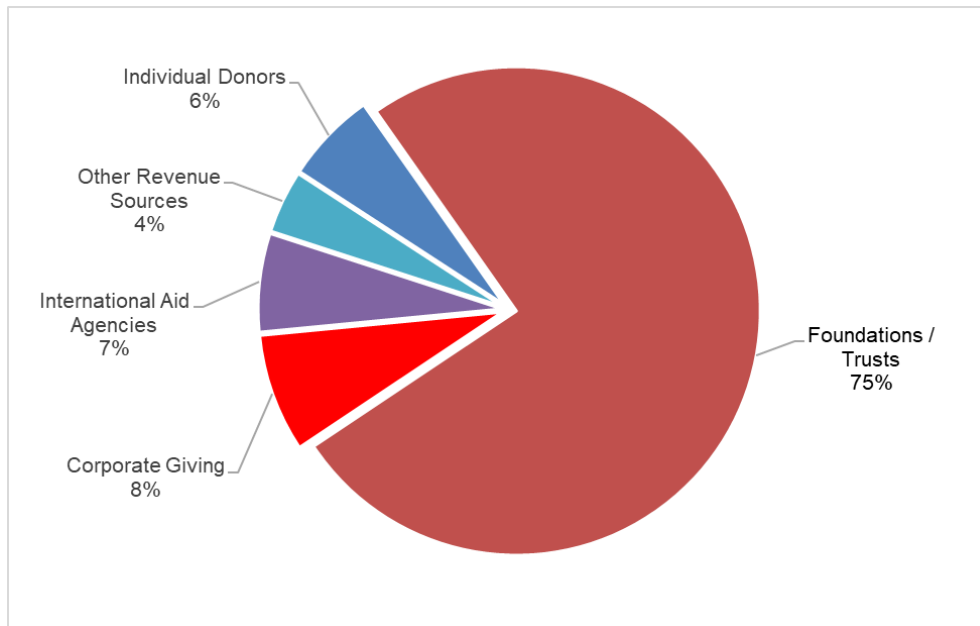
World Childhood Foundation



Finances and Operating Expenses

M'LoP Tapang Revenue (FY 2021): **\$ 1,711,404.98**
(Not including in-kind donations)

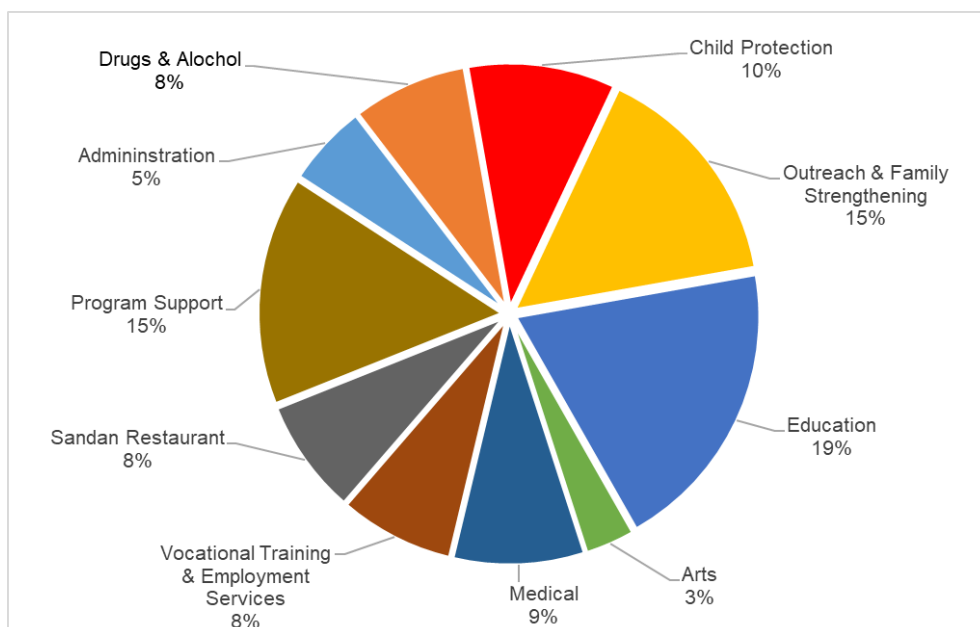
REVENUE SOURCES



M'LoP Tapang Operating Expenses (FY 2021): **\$1,800,805.90 USD**

- This is approximately an 8.5% increase from the previous year.

EXPENSES BREAKDOWN





“I think a big reason for family problems is education. I do not mean formal education; I did not get much of that. It’s not about the education in schools , it is about moral education; the education on things such as paying attention, taking care, showing respect, kindness to others. This is very important . . . this education that I received from M'Lop Tapang was a big part of my life - a very big part . . . many people miss this part - it is life education.”

- quote of former beneficiary when asked what he felt the reasons for family breakdown were



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