

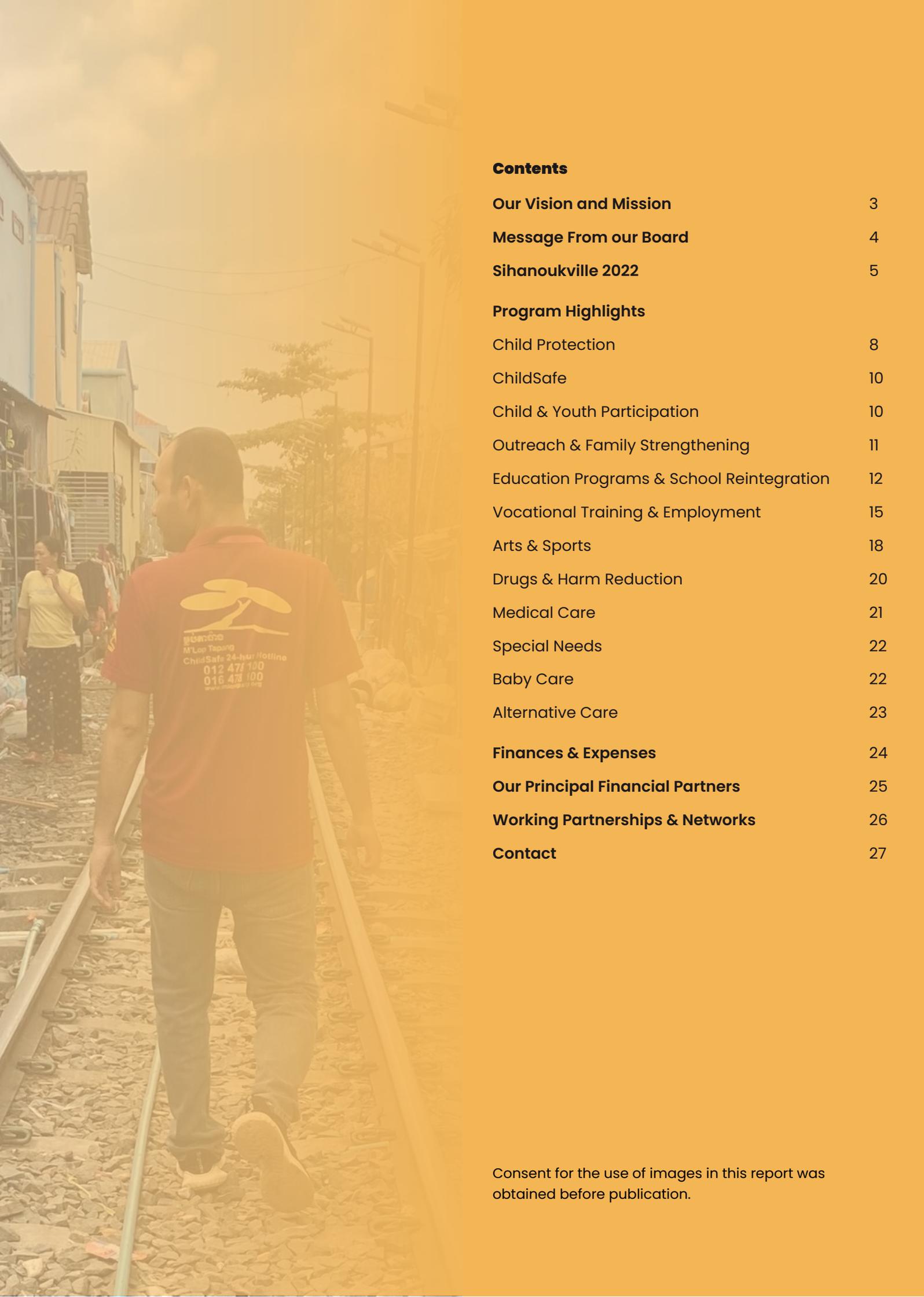


# ANNUAL REPORT

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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, 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.

6.325 children/youth and 3.800 families were provided services, by M'Lop Tapang in 2022.





# MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD



**Mr. John McGinley**

Chairman  
M'Lop Tapang's Board of Directors

Dear friends and supporters of M'Lop Tapang,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication of our staff, volunteers, and donors. Despite the challenges that were brought on by the global pandemic in recent years, M'Lop Tapang has continued to focus on providing essential services and support to vulnerable children and families in Sihanoukville.

In 2022, we were able to reach over 6,300 children through our education, healthcare, and protection programs and continued to advocate for child rights at the local and national level.

None of this would have been possible without your support. As we move into celebrating our 20th year of operations in 2023, we are excited for the year ahead and look forward to opportunities to mark this milestone together with all our staff, children and supporters

On behalf of the children and families we serve, thank you for your commitment to M'Lop Tapang and our mission to create a brighter future for all.

Sincerely,  
John

## M'Lop Tapang's Board of Directors



**Mr. John McGinley**  
Chairman



**Mr. Khieu Chetra**  
Vice-Chair



**Professor (Dr.) Andrew Rowland**



**Mr. Martin Reimann**



**Mr. Yi Moden**



**Ms. Soksophea Suong**



**Mr. Hong Sovann**

## M'Lop Tapang's Management Team



**Maggie Eno**  
Co-Founder  
Co-Director



**Roth Chanphalkun**  
Co-Director



**Iv Sok**  
Admin Manager



**Lao Bunnary**  
Senior Financial Officer



**Dom Sinat**  
Monitoring & Evaluation Officer

# SIHANOUKVILLE IN 2022

## Highs and Lows

M'Lop Tapang has been working in the Sihanoukville area since 2003. Over the course of almost 20 years, we have seen dramatic changes in the city as it has evolved from a sleepy backpacker beach town to a growing urban center. In 2022, the changes continued – some good, some bad.

In 2022 a new expressway was completed between Sihanoukville and Phnom Penh. This has been a game changer for our work and personal lives. With the new highway, travel time between the two cities has been cut down from about 6 hours to 2 hours, making it much easier for our teams to attend partner workshops and government meetings in the capital. The new expressway is also proving to be a factor in increasing domestic tourism. The new expressway has also been a game changer for the families with children needing specialist health care services, since we are now able to them from our center to Phnom Penh in a couple of hours rather than taking all day. This makes difference for, for example, those families where children might need specialist surgery or cardiac support.

One of the most shocking and disturbing events in Cambodia occurring in the last year was the proliferation of online gambling and scamming organizations, with Sihanoukville being the epicenter of these illegal operations. The government did finally crack down on numerous unlawful businesses after months of increasing pressure and negative publicity from the local and foreign media, embassies, and other parties. Although while Sihanoukville's situation has improved, the sad truth is that much of it has just relocated deeper underground or to other regions of the nation or neighboring nations.

Read more: [🔗 \*\*"Cambodia's modern slavery nightmare: the human trafficking crisis overlooked by authorities"\*\*](#) (The Guardian, November 2022)

Any visitor to Sihanoukville recently cannot help but be struck by the look of the city, particularly the sheer number of large-scale buildings left abandoned and unfinished. In 2019 there were a crash of the Chinese fueled building boom here and then in early 2020 the pandemic slowed development down even further. There are now an estimated 1000 plus unfinished buildings scattered throughout the city, and what will happen to all of these constructions is unclear.

Read more: [🔗 \*\*"Ghost buildings' show boom times are over for Cambodian resort town"\*\*](#) (RFA, August, 2022)

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*When I was younger, I was just a boy who got bullied a lot and people looked down on me. But after being at M'Lop Tapang for a few years I've grown up and become a person who gets a lot of admiration from my relatives, teachers and people around me. Those who once looked down on me must be regretting their comments now, I'm sure."*

**Member of M'Lop Tapang's Youth Group**



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



# CHILD PROTECTION



M'Lop Tapang works with the most vulnerable population in Sihanoukville. In our policies and practices, child protection is embedded in all we do. Our designated Child Protection team focuses on prevention through community education, response/rescue in collaboration with local authorities, medical, legal, safe shelter, emotional support for victims, and advocacy of children's rights.

**In 2022:**

**52**

VICTIMS OF ABUSE RECEIVED **SUPPORT SERVICES**

**3**

CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE **ASSISTED WITH THE COURT PROCESS**

**1,205**

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ATTENDED **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS INFORMATION SESSIONS**

In 2022, our Child Protection team completed a study looking at mobile phone and app use among children. You can view the full report here: ["Online Safety Survey Analysis & Findings 2022"](#).

**In 2022:**

**514**

CHILDREN/YOUTH RECEIVED **ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING**

**315**

ADULTS AND TEACHERS RECEIVED **ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING**





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As part of our child protection activities, M'Lop Tapang continues to operate a 24-Hour Hotline that is in operation at all times. The number is widely advertised throughout the community and we regularly receive calls from families, community ChildSafe agents, partner organizations, and local authorities.

**In 2022:**

**2,599**

**CALLS RECEIVED ON OUR HOTLINE**

**From these calls, the following cases were opened:**

- 35** RELATED TO **PHYSICAL VIOLENCE**
- 5** RELATED TO **SEXUAL ABUSE**
- 17** RELATED TO **NEGLECT/EMOTIONAL ABUSE/LOST CHILDREN**
- 456** RELATED TO **REQUESTING FOOD SUPPORT**
- 59** RELATED TO **MEDICAL/HEALTH CONCERNS**
- 6** RELATED TO **CONFLICT WITH THE LAW/DRUGS**
- 7** RELATED TO **REQUESTING EDUCATION SUPPORT**

# CHILDSAFE



M'LoP Tapang is very proud to remain the implementing partner of the ChildSafe program for the Sihanoukville area. A part of that work involves recruiting, training, certifying, and following up with community ChildSafe agents. These individuals include members of the public who are in ideal positions to watch out and report when they see a child in trouble; as well as taxis and tuk-tuk drivers, beach sellers and street vendors, hotel staff, and teachers. Learn more <https://thinkchildsafesafe.org>

**In 2022:**

**87** NEW COMMUNITY **CHILDSAFE AGENTS** WERE CERTIFIED

*"Youth protecting youth"*

# CHILD & YOUTH PARTICIPATION



M'LoP Tapang's Kid's Network is comprised of young people between the ages of 9-15 years old. This group plays a critical role in empowering children to become leaders and role models in their communities. With a focus on training and education, this initiative equips kids with the skills and knowledge they need to report on issues and disseminate important information from M'LoP Tapang. For many of these children, the Kid's Network provides a sense of purpose and belonging.

**There are currently:**

**56** MEMBERS OF M'LOP TAPANG **KID'S NETWORK.**



# OUTREACH & FAMILY STRENGTHENING



The Outreach team collaborates with families to identify difficulties that are impeding the development of their children and then works with them to find long-term solutions to these concerns. Our social workers offer assistance tailored to the needs of each family, including helping to set up small businesses to boost family income, making essential home repairs, providing emergency food assistance, and making connections to other M'Lop Tapang initiatives.

## In 2022, our Outreach team:

- 3,099** CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND **2,033** FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH SUPPORT SERVICES (including 884 new children that we had never worked with before)
- 50** TONS OF **RICE AND OTHER EMERGENCY FOOD AND HYGIENE PACKAGES** PROVIDED TO VULNERABLE FAMILIES (a lot, but much less than the pandemic years)
- 30** FAMILIES ASSISTED WITH **URGENT HOUSE REPAIRS**
- 43** FAMILIES HELPED IN **SETTING UP SMALL INCOME-GENERATING BUSINESSES**

In 2022, M'Lop Tapang conducted a survey examining the impact of helping vulnerable families by setting up small income-generating activities.

Read more: [🔗 "M'Lop Tapang's Small Business Set-Up Program Results of Survey with Families"](#)



# EDUCATION PROGRAMS & SCHOOL REINTEGRATION



Article 28 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that every child has a right to education no matter who they are. Unfortunately, in Cambodia, children from poor families face many difficulties getting to, and staying in, school. M'Lop Tapang continues to provide opportunities and support for vulnerable children to achieve an education and a pathway to a better future.

**In 2022:**

**799**

CHILDREN ATTENDED **NON-FORMAL EDUCATION (NFE) CLASSES** AT OUR MAIN EDUCATION CENTER AND AT OUR COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

**1,268**

CHILDREN FROM POOR FAMILIES WERE SUPPORTED TO ATTEND LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH OUR **"BACK TO SCHOOL"** PROGRAM  
NFE classes are designed to help children who have never been to school or out of school for a long time, to catch up with their studies.



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*The night before I came here I was so excited. I wished the morning would come soon because I couldn't wait to go to school. Before, sometimes when I was out, I would see other kids in their uniforms going to school and I wanted to be like them."*

**Read more about this story:**

[“At-risk children given chance at lifelong learning”](#) (UNICEF Cambodia, June 2022).



“

*I love the food here so much. At home we don't have food like here. Sometimes at home we just have the canned fish and rice that M'Lop Tapang gives my mother when there is nothing else to eat at my house. "*



**In 2022:**

**Over a quarter  
of a million**

**Hot Meals Served To Children And Youth in Our Programs**

# VOCATIONAL TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT



M'Lop Tapang's vocational training programs continue to provide vulnerable youth (aged 15 years and older) with opportunities to learn marketable skills, with the goal of improving their employment prospects to secure decent work that will allow them to lead a more dignified life and a better future. Areas of M'Lop Tapang's vocational training program include bicycle and motor repair, electrics and plumbing, cookery and hospitality.

**In 2022:**

**47**

STUDENTS STUDIED  
MOTORBIKE REPAIR

**28**

STUDENTS STUDIED  
ELECTRICS/PLUMBING

**34**

STUDENTS STUDIED  
COOKING/HOSPITALITY



'Futures' is M'Lop Tapang employment services program for young people and their caretakers. The program provides participants with skills and needs assessments, social support, employment training, technical support, and connections to reputable employers.



**In 2022:**

**564**

INDIVIDUALS WERE DIRECTLY ASSISTED IN **SECURING SAFE EMPLOYMENT**

**854**

OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE PROVIDED WITH **EMPLOYMENT-RELATED SERVICES** (helping with CV preparation, arranging for interviews, information about job vacancies, etc.)

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*I was so nervous in my interview but very excited when I learned I had got the job at the cafe. I love my new job so much and the staff I work with. It was a bit difficult for me during the first week of work because I have to get up at 4 am to get ready and then ride my bicycle to work at 5:45 am, but I always smile and am excited to go. I will get my very first salary soon, at the end of the month, and I plan to keep 50% for myself and 50% to help my parents back home.”*

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**VEASNA**

GRADUATE OF VOCATIONAL  
TRAINING PROGRAM



# SANDAN RESTAURANT

**Sandan**, M'Lop Tapang's vocational training restaurant, provides valuable supervised hands-on training for students studying cooking/hospitality.



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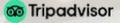
★★★★★

**My best experience in the city!**

Good food, excellent attention from the staff and a shop where you can buy and support the vulnerable children (Very good prices)

[Read the review](#)



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★★★★★

**Best khmer food I've ever had in 10 years**

Staff were friendly and the place had a great vibe to it. Will definitely be going back.

[Read the review](#)

# ARTS & SPORTS



M'Lop Tapang provides a variety of extracurricular activities for students that help them develop social skills, explore new interests, and increase self-esteem, which is so vitally important to protect and promote their health and wellbeing.

**Sports** can play a big part in the healthy development of children and youth. In addition to offering daily sports through our Education program, our staff organizes sports tournaments for boys and girls during the year at M'Lop Tapang.

In 2022, we conducted a short survey and interviewed 100 children and youth (51 boys/49 girls, average age of 12.6 years old) who regularly take part in sports activities at M'Lop Tapang. Among the findings of that survey were the following:

**99%** REPORTED THAT PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS MADE THEM FEEL **HEALTHIER** AND **STRONGER**

**98%** REPORTED THAT PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS **HELPED THEM TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

**Arts** activities are another another way we provide vulnerable children and youth with opportunities to learn, have fun, and to express themselves. Our Arts Centers offer classes in circus/acrobatics, dance and movement, drawing and painting, and music. The concerts and performances that the Arts program staff and children put on several times a year are always a highlight for the students and parents.

**In 2022:**

**420**

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN ORGANIZED SPORTS ACTIVITIES



**337**

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN ORGANIZED ARTS ACTIVITIES



Students and staff of the Arts program also continue to play an important part in M'Lop Tapang's efforts to raise awareness of environmental issues, which is so important given the health and wellbeing dangers of climate change and an adverse or dangerous community environment. In 2022, we added to our growing series of videos aimed at helping children and their communities about the urgent need to be environmentally responsible.

You can view the entire series at: ["Child Rights News Series"](#)

“

*Actually, I didn't want to come because I have to work, but my daughter told me that she wanted me to see her perform so I decided to skip work half a day to see her. I almost cried when I saw her dressed up and in makeup. I couldn't believe that my girl can do what she did. I'm so proud of her.”*

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**Sreynich**  
Mother of Student



# DRUGS & HARM REDUCTION



M'Lop Tapang's Drugs team continues to provide harm reduction services and support to drug and alcohol-addicted youth, young adults, and those who care for children. In addition, the teams spend considerable time providing drugs awareness education to children and youth in the local community.

Pteah Romchang, M'Lop Tapang's 24-hour detoxification and rehabilitation center, provides clients with a range of holistic services necessary for successful addiction treatment, including medical treatment and supervision, case management, social work services, and follow-up.

**In 2022:**

**117**

KNOWN DRUG-USING YOUTH/CARETAKERS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY RECEIVED REGULAR HARM REDUCTION SERVICES AND SUPPORT

**41**

PARENTS/CARERS WITH ALCOHOL ADDICTION ISSUES RECEIVED SUPPORT, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN SCHEDULED ALCOHOL SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

**741**

CHILDREN/YOUTH RECEIVED DRUGS AWARENESS/EDUCATION SESSIONS IN THE COMMUNITY AND AT LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**28**

INDIVIDUALS BENEFITED FROM SERVICES THROUGH 'PTEAH ROMCHANG', M'LOP TAPANG'S DRUGS AND ALCOHOL DETOX/REHAB CENTER



# MEDICAL CARE

Our team of Khmer medical professionals, and occasionally along with qualified medical and dental volunteers, see children and families at M'Lop Tapang's Medical Clinic as well as in the neighborhood through community outreach visits.

The children M'Lop Tapang works with on a regular basis are poor and frequently don't have access to safe drinking water, decent housing, or reliable food sources. Understandably, respiratory illnesses, diarrhea, skin infections, malnutrition, and minor injuries are among the most frequent ailments that our medical staff encounters.



**In 2022:**

**30,460**

**MEDICAL SERVICES** DELIVERED TO CHILDREN/YOUTH

**1,652**

**MEDICAL SERVICES** DELIVERED TO ADULTS/CARETAKERS

**879**

**DENTAL TREATMENTS** PROVIDED

**745**

**PEOPLE ATTENDED HEALTH EDUCATION SESSIONS**



# SPECIAL NEEDS



M'Lop Tapang's Special Needs Program works with children and youth with learning and behavioral challenges, including children with an autism spectrum condition, Down syndrome (Trisomy 21), and other neurodevelopmental conditions. The Special Needs Program team provides services and support for students and their families at the designated classrooms at our Education Center as well as directly at the children's homes in the community.

**In 2022**

**91**

**CHILDREN BENEFITTED FROM THE SERVICES OF M'LOP TAPANG'S SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM**

# BABY CARE



M'Lop Tapang's Baby Care Program, under the supervision of our medical team, provides supervised daytime care for children under the age of five years old that have been diagnosed with severe malnutrition or neglect. The program includes age-appropriate stimulation and play and fortified healthy meals for the children as well as education and support for their parents/caregivers.

**In 2022**

**22**

**INFANTS AND TODDLERS RECEIVED CARE IN THE BABY CARE PROGRAM**



# ALTERNATIVE CARE



We very much believe that children are best growing up in a loving, supportive family. We also understand that for various reasons, some children may become separated from their parents.

Our Alternative Care team works to ensure that children who have been separated from their families are safe and plans are made to reunite them with their parents or a family-like environment.

**In 2022**

**16** CHILDREN/YOUTH WERE PROVIDED WITH **SAFE TEMPORARY HOUSING** IN M'LOP TAPANG'S TRANSITIONAL HOME

**1** NEW CHILD WAS PLACED IN **FOSTER CARE**

The team also continued to follow up with 12 children/families placed previously in Foster Care and 2 children placed previously in Kinship Care

No children were reintegrated with their immediate families in 2022. The team continued to provide follow-up and support to children/families reunited previously.



# FINANCES AND EXPENSES

## M'Lop Tapang's Revenue (FY 2022):

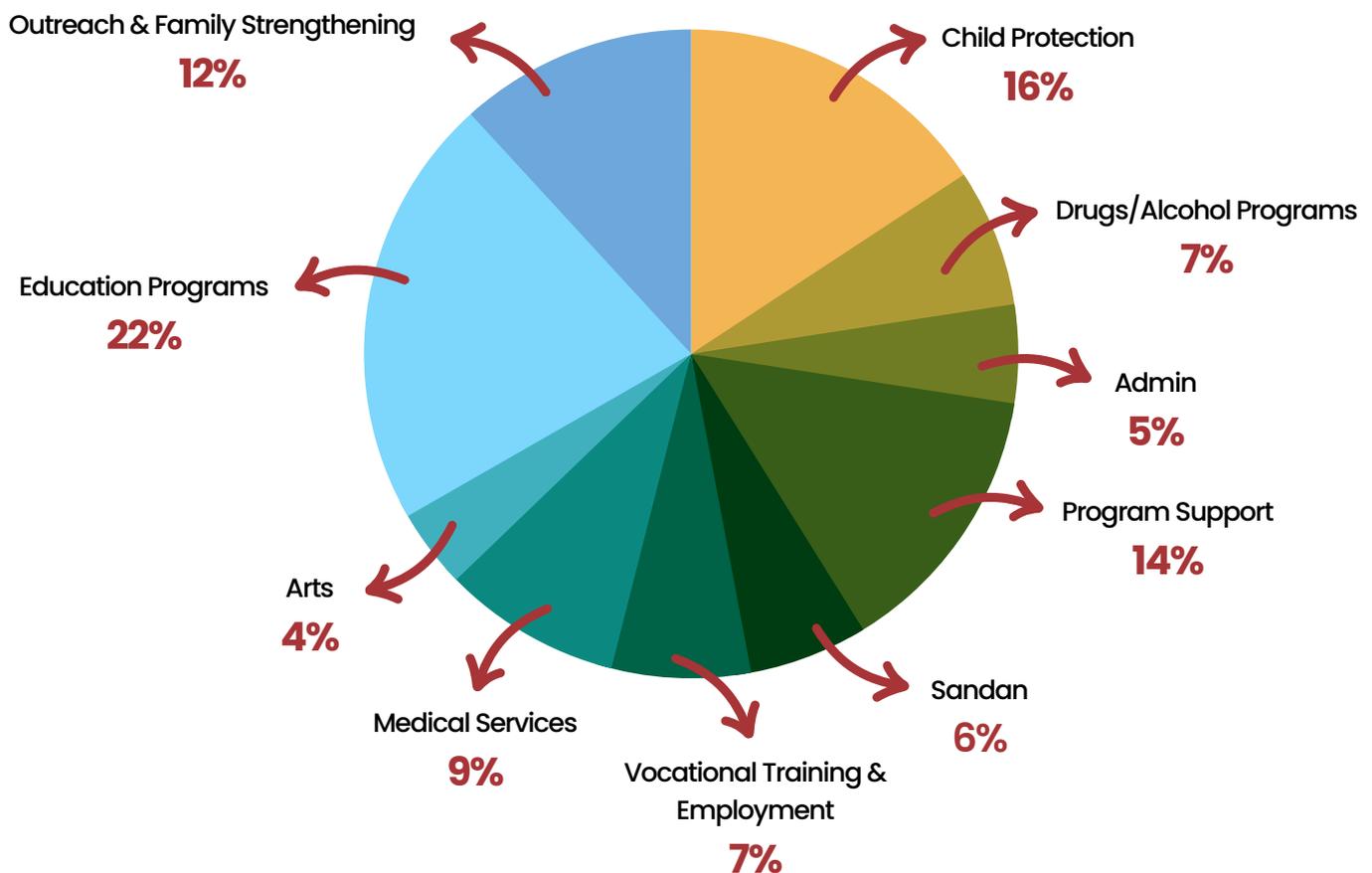
**\$1,982,273.98 USD**

Not including in-kind donations

## M'Lop Tapang's Operating Expenses (FY 2022):

**\$2,032,341.69 USD**

This is approximately a 12% increase from the previous year.



# PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL PARTNERS

ADM Capital Foundation

Luff Foundation

Avery Family

Manan Trust

Bryn Dearman

M'Lop Tapang N. Ireland

Carraresi Foundation

MT Social Businesses

DAK Foundation

Partners For Equity

Dorrie Alcock Memorial Fund

Pink Umbrella Foundation

Edrington

Planet Wheeler Foundation

Epic Foundation

Prosper Foundation

Firetree Asia Foundation

Ride Expeditions

Friends-International

Ripple Foundation

GHR Foundation

Taminda Holding Limited

Horseware Products (Cambodia) Co., Ltd

UNICEF

GlobalGiving

Virginia Yee

Jeanine Kappé

Wise Philanthropy

Kadoorie Charitable Foundation

World Childhood Foundation

Kids Unlimited Trust

# WORKING PARTNERSHIPS & NETWORKS

We are very proud to have been able to provide services to so many at-risk and vulnerable children and their families in 2022. We very much recognize that in addition to our financial contributors, our achievements have also been possible through the tremendous support and collaboration of a diverse group of working partners.

Our sincere appreciation to all the local and provincial authorities, commune and village chiefs, community leaders, and police for their fruitful working relationships. We are also grateful for the ongoing collaboration with relevant government agencies, in particular the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Directorate General of Prisons, the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans & Youth Rehabilitation, and the Ministry of Interior.

Our work has also been made stronger through partnerships with other child-focused networks and organizations in Cambodia and abroad, including the UNICEF-funded [3PC Network](#) of experienced child protection NGO's in Cambodia, the GHR Foundation's network of partners in Cambodia, and the ChildSafe Alliance Network. To support the continuing professional development of our medical professionals, we are honored to continue our partnership with the School of Health and Society at the University of Salford (Salford, UK).

Furthermore, a growing partnership with [TONTOTON](#) is helping all of us to understand better what we can do to make positive changes in our environment and make the world a cleaner and healthier place for us all to live in.

**WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE  
IT WITHOUT YOUR  
GENEROUS *support.***



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR  
PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS**



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