

## Looking Back: 10 great things that you helped to make happen in 2014

It's December already!

I can't believe how time goes by so quickly and another year is almost over. So much happened in 2014 and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for being part of it through your support and encouragement and to share with you some of the things I remember most about the year.

M'Lop Tapang's mission has always been to provide a safe place for the street children of Sihanoukville, offering care and support to any child at risk. In this last year we were able to do that more than ever and making an impact in the lives of thousands of Cambodian children.

With gratitude,



Eve Saosarin  
Director



### Thet's Story

13-year old "Thet" was arrested by the local police earlier this year for stealing. Now, for the very first time in his life, he is in a classroom studying. [Read Thet's story.](#)

In 2014, more than 250 more Cambodian children and youth joined [education programs](#) at M'Lop Tapang.



### Heng's Story

When we first met "Heng" he and his single-parent mother and siblings had moved to Sihanoukville looking for work and a better place to live.

This year Heng won a scholarship to the National Football Centre. We hope to see him play in the 2023 ASEAN Games. [Read Heng's story.](#)



### More children looking out for each other

20 more Cambodian youth joined the [Kid's Beach Network](#) group in the last year. Their motto is "Youth Protecting Youth" and they are followed up by our [Child Protection](#) team.

[Read what UNICEF Cambodia wrote about when they visited and saw the program.](#)



### Training restaurant gets great reviews

[Sandan](#), M'Lop Tapang's [vocational training](#) restaurant, not only continued to provide training to disadvantaged youth it did so while also providing great food. The restaurant was awarded a **Certificate of Excellence** 2014 by *Tripadvisor*, the online review forum.

[Read what customers are saying about Sandan.](#)



### **Champeth's Story**

One of the new children to join our [Special Needs Program](#) this year was "Campeth". It has been terrific watching her making new friends and learning new things.

[Watch a short video about Champeth and the Special Needs Program.](#)



### **Collaborating on research**

We understand the importance of making sure our services are meeting the needs of children most at-risk.

["A baseline of information on street-working boys in Sihanoukville, Cambodia."](#) was completed earlier this year. This month we are working on a similar project focused on girls.



### **Sochin's Story**

When we first met "Sochin" he was a 12-year old boy living by himself on the streets, scavenging, begging and stealing to get by, but is now back happily living with his grandmother. [Read Sochin's story.](#)

In 2014 the Outreach Team was successful in assisting more than 40 children with [family reintegration.](#)



### **Mrs. Smath's Story**

Mrs. Sameth, a 78 year old grandmother who lives in a very small house on the beach with four people including her young grandson had [help with a new roof in rainy season.](#)

The [Outreach Team](#) helped more 70 families make emergency repairs to thier homes this year.



### **Put's Story**

M'lop Tapang has been working for more than 10 years now. It is wonderful to see come of the first kids we started working with years ago grow up and now are helping and becoming role models for others. [Read Put's story.](#)



### **Bros' Story**

There were so many highlights in the [Arts and Music program](#): the [annual street carnival](#), [public performances](#), collaborative concerts, and [special events](#). With all that happened, we will always remember how much the arts program made a difference in one young blind man's life. [Read Bros's story.](#)

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