

# M'Lop Tapang

Working with street children and families in Sihanoukville, Cambodia since 2003

September 2015

Although poverty rates are falling in Cambodia, many families continue to struggle. There are still almost [3 million poor people and over 8.1 million who are near-poor](#).

M'Lop Tapang currently works with more than 4,000 vulnerable or disadvantaged children and youth, but it is not always about working with the children directly. Often it is about helping mothers and fathers with what they need to fulfill their roles as parents and to be better able to provide for their own families needs.



In this newsletter we wanted to share with you a few ways that your support has been helping families.

## Working with Families



Thuch Setha, the Team Leader of M'Lop Tapang's Outreach Program explains why working with families is important. [Watch the video](#).



Recently, Maggie Eno, M'Lop Tapang's Coordinator and one of the Founding Members, provided a [video interview](#) to nursing students at University of Salford (Manchester).

## Investing in Parents

### Income Generating Small Businesses



The Outreach teams often work with local families in helping them start small businesses so that parents will better provide for their children's needs. Sophea, a father of nine, is one of the recent parents we worked with. [Read more about Sophea's story](#).



A new partner! M'Lop Tapang is among the 20 most impactful organizations selected by [Epic Foundation](#) out of 1,400 applicants for their 2015 global portfolio!



*Together, protecting children.*  
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## Looking After the Kids

### Community Day Care



*'Now I feel better as I don't face financial problems...we both work to get money and can now pay the rent' (father)*

For some of the parents that we work, finding a safe place for their children when they go to work is a real challenge. The Baby Care program at our neighborhood [Community Shelter](#) provides day time care so that parents can access employment.

## Safer Homes

### Assisting with House Repairs



Understanding that providing a safe environment for their children to grow up in is also important, the Outreach team collaborates with local families on urgently needed house repairs.

So far this year with your support we have helped 56 poor families with much needed house repairs.

## Learning and Sharing

### Family meetings and support groups



New this year is a regularly scheduled support group for parents of children in the [Special Needs Class](#). Modeled after our [Alcohol Support Group](#), the support group provides parents with an opportunity to share and learn from each other.

Contact Us: [info@mloptapang.org](mailto:info@mloptapang.org)



**M'LoP Tapang**, a local non-profit organization registered with the Royal Government of Cambodia, has been working with disadvantaged children in Sihanoukville since 2003.

We currently work with over 4000 children and 1500 families in the Sihanoukville area providing shelter, medical care, sports and arts, education and training, counseling, family support and protection from all types of abuse.

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