



Although the poverty rates in Cambodia continue to fall, the vast majority of families who escaped poverty have only done so by a small margin and millions of Cambodian families remain near-poor, vulnerable to falling back into poverty when exposed to economic and other external disruptions.

Sihanoukville, with its expanding business developments and a rapidly growing tourism industry continue to draw many migrant families and individuals from rural areas seeking employment and better living conditions. The result has been the expansion of slums and an increased numbers of vulnerable children, youth and their families. These children and youth are at increased risk of health problems, drug use, social isolation and discrimination, abuse, lack of education or access to safe employment.

**M'Lop Tapang**, a local non-profit organization registered with the Royal Government of Cambodia, has been working with the street children of Sihanoukville since 2003. The organization regularly works with over 5,000 children and 2,000 families.

**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.

**M'Lop Tapang** strives to provide a safe haven for the vulnerable children of Sihanoukville, offering care and support to any child at risk. Major program areas include:

- Child Protection
- Outreach and Family Support
- Family Reintegration
- Alternative Care
- Education and School Reintegration.
- Vocational Training and Employment Services
- Drugs and Harm Reduction
- Detox and Rehab Center
- Medical Care
- Sports and Recreation
- Community Education
- Arts and Music
- Counseling and Emotional Support

**M'Lop Tapang** employs approximately 220 full-time staff. More than 98% of the staff is Cambodian with a few foreign staff assisting in administration and technical roles.

**M'Lop Tapang's** 2018 operating budget is approximately \$1,800,000 USD.



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