M’Lop Tapang

Working with vulnerable children, youth, their families, and their communities.

Annual Report 2016
Message from the Chairman

I know that some of you reading this report have not had the opportunity to visit us in Sihanoukville yet so I encourage you to view our short [2016 Year-End video](#) and meet some of the faces of the M’Lop Tapang team.

2016 was a productive year and there were several changes made to better serve the children, youth and families we work with. Construction of our new Transitional Home and new Arts Center was completed. The process of certification for good NGO practice was successful. New programs were implemented to help young people and parents find employment, to help youths in prison prepare for life after their release, and vocational training for students to get more hands on experience. Existing programs were strengthened and resulted in more children being reintegrated back into the public school system, an increase in the number of children receiving daily nutrition, and an increased number of local community members learning how to be ChildSafe.

My deepest appreciation to my fellow Board Members, for their commitment and dedication to the amazing team that work here every day on the ground, helping children and families, and to our wonderful partners, supporters, and volunteers for their generosity and encouragement. The accomplishments of M’Lop Tapang have truly been a team effort and we look forward to working with you again in 2017.

Mr. Pin Sokhom  
Chairman, Board of Directors, M’Lop Tapang

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**Our 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.

**Our 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.
**M’Lop Tapang**, a local non-profit organization registered with the Royal Government of Cambodia, has been working with disadvantaged children, youths, families and communities of Sihanoukville since 2003.

Like other major cities in Cambodia, Sihanoukville continues to see an increased number of urban poor, the majority of which have moved here from rural areas for better employment prospects.

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In 2016, M’Lop Tapang services reached **7,765 children** and **4,347 families** in the local area.

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### Our Board of Directors

- **Mr. Pin Sokhom** (Chairman) / Drugs Team Leader, Mith Samlanh
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### Our Team

M’Lop Tapang employs just over 200 program and support staff members. There is also a small foreign team working in supporting roles.

98% of our staff here in Sihanoukville are local Cambodians.

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In November, 2016, our Director, Mr. Eve Saosarin, traveled to Stockholm, Sweden to accept a **Child 10 Award**. These annual awards recognize remarkable individuals who, across the world, work for the protection of some of the children who are the most vulnerable to abuse and trafficking.
Working with Children and Youth

M’Lop Tapang provides services to help keep children safe and healthy and opportunities for them to build the foundations for a better future.

104 child victims of abuse, violence, neglect, or that had been missing were supported

72 boys and girls were provided safe temporary shelter
- The new Transitional Home makes it easier for the residents to access other services

149 known drug using youths in the local community received support services

24 children were reintegrated back to their families or foster care
- There remains 121 open cases that our teams continue to work with

500+ children participated in organized sports programs

700+ children participated in arts activities
- The new Arts Center provides designated areas for music and dance classes

159 youth were engaged in vocational training programs.

For students like 20-year old Chenda, completing training and being assisted to find safe employment has meant he can help his family move into better housing and he can support one of his younger siblings to go to school. Read more

2,615 children benefited from educational activities

Programs like the “Bridging Program” at our Education Center are helping children like 14 year old Srey leak and her younger sisters whom have never been to school before to catch up with their studies. Read more.

30,493 free medical and dental services were delivered

270,000 hot meals were provided
Working with Families

Our teams work with mothers and fathers so that they can better provide for their children. The overall goal of our work is preventing the separation of children from their parents, and the reintegration of separated children back into their families or a family-like environment.

"Futures", an employment program for young people and their caretakers opened in early 2016 and is helping parents 24 year old Sreykhouch find safe, steady employment. Read more.

In 2016, the Futures team assisted 160 people with finding safe employment in the local area. 95% of those individuals remain employed.

1,818 local families received services from our Outreach Team in 2016

- Emergency support (food, clothing, materials) was provided to vulnerable families more than 1,300 times
- Official birth documents were obtained for 92 Cambodian children

57 families were helped to set up small income generating businesses

Sreyneth is the grandmother and primary caretaker for two young boys. Having an increased income means she is a better provider for her grandchildren’s needs. Read more

55 families were helped with urgent house repairs

34 parents with alcohol abuse issues attended regular Alcohol Support Group meetings
Working with Communities

We believe it is vital that community members are engaged and participate in solving issues effecting their children’s health and safety.

1,600+ community members received information on topics such as health education, child protection, drugs awareness, domestic violence, and the importance of sending children to school.

400+ trips by the Mobile Library team to impoverished neighborhoods.

The Mobile Library brings teaching lessons, age appropriate books, toys, games and medical care to disadvantaged children living in impoverished neighborhoods. The program also allows our teams to maintain regular contact with families living in these areas and the chance to connect with new children and families to the area that are in need of support.

“I’m happy to be a ChildSafe member because I am a part of helping children” - Ms. Som Sokpha is a beach seller here in Sihanoukville and has also been a community ChildSafe member for about 6 years.

203 new community ChildSafe members were trained and certified.

827 calls received on our 24-Hour ChildSafe Confidential Hotline.

Our Community Shelter is located in Phnom Kiev, one of the poorest areas of Sihanoukville and offers daily non-formal educational classes, as well as a safe space for sports and recreation. It is also a place where all the neighbors can come together to celebrate traditional holidays such as Pchum Ben, and this helps to build a stronger sense of community.
Our Strategic Partners

Our partnerships help to increase information sharing, strengthen programs through learning together, improve efficiency, and promote change through advocacy.

M’Lop Tapang partners with the local and provincial authorities, police, and ministries, in particular the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, and the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans & Youth Rehabilitation. At a grassroots level, we continue to build working relationships and provide training to local area pagodas and monks, commune and village chiefs, and other local community leaders and local authorities.

Key organizations we partner with include Friends-International, Mith Samlanh, Action Pour Les Enfants (APLE), First Step Cambodia, ChildSafe Movement, and the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Salford. M’Lop Tapang remain a key partner in the UNICEF-funded 3PC program of experienced and close child protection NGO’s in Cambodia, as well as the ChildSafe Alliance, partnering with other organizations to raise awareness and bring about change on a national and international level.

Principal Financial Partners

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- Sipar Cambodia
- Sovereign Art Foundation
- Swiss Philanthropy Foundation (SPF)
- Under The Tree
- UNICEF
- Virginia Yee
- Wettstein Family
- Wise Philanthropy
- World Childhood Foundation
Finances

Funds received in 2016*: $ 1,827,709.83 USD

Expenses in 2016: $ 1,553,622.01 USD

*This total represents all funds received between January 01 and December 31, 2016. A portion of this amount represents funds designated for Year 2017 and late fund transfers for Year 2015.

*External audit of 2016 finances by the audit firm of KPMG Cambodia is scheduled for April 2017. Audit summary will be available upon request after completion.

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M'Lop Tapang is very proud to have received NGO Governance & Professional Practice (GPP) certification in 2016 from the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC). This voluntary certification system for NGOs in Cambodia is a way to recognize those NGOs that demonstrate standards of good practice and efforts to act with accountability and transparency.
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