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# M'LOP TAPANG IMPACT FUND

Child Protection | Serving At-risk Communities



## FUND OVERVIEW

### NAME

M'Lop Tapang Impact Fund

### FUND OBJECTIVES

This fund aims to support the yearly operational costs of this community-based organisation, and ensure that their incredible work can continue.

### COUNTRY OF OPERATIONS

Cambodia

### LAUNCH DATE

26 July 2024

### MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION

SGD20,000 / USD15,000

Multi-year contributions welcome

### FUND TARGET AND DURATION

SGD2,700,000 / USD2,000,000

Over 4 years

## OUR PARTNER

Founded in 2003, **M'Lop Tapang** is a community-led not-for-profit organisation working with at-risk children, youth, and families in Sihanoukville, Cambodia.

Those served by M'Lop Tapang often live in a situation of acute crisis. **M'Lop Tapang's immediate goal is stabilising their situation and ensuring their safety.** Once stabilised, M'Lop Tapang helps communities access opportunities for a better future.

## THE MODEL

M'Lop Tapang focuses on addressing the causes which force children to:

Drop out  
of school

Engage in  
dangerous  
work

Live in  
perilous  
situations

These causes typically involve complex family situations and require solutions like healthcare, education, livelihood support, safe shelter, and protection.

This is why **M'Lop Tapang offers diverse direct services and partners with public and private institutions** to solve family problems and strengthen the community.

In 2023 alone, M'Lop Tapang **impacted the lives of more than 6,000 vulnerable and at-risk children and youth.** More than 4,000 marginalised families were provided support through their community services.

## WHAT YOUR FUNDING COULD UNLOCK

### USD25,000

Supports 25 victims of abuse and the management of an **emergency hotline service**

### USD50,000

Supports access to **educational** activities for 150 children

### USD125,000

Provides temporary **safe shelter** to about 30 children annually, as well as **foster care and independent living placement** for about 15 children and youth annually

### USD130,000

Supports **vocational training** for 100 youth and **job skills training and connection** to safe employment for 500 youth and parents

### USD150,000

Provides up to 25,000 **medical services** to vulnerable children and their communities

## TO GIVE:

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5% of the total funds raised will cover ACF's fundraising and administrative costs.

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## KEY FUND PRIORITIES



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- 1 Enable access to education and life skills training
- 2 Provide access to quality healthcare services to marginalised families
- 3 Build safe communities and strong support systems for at-risk children and youth

## CHAMPION DONOR

“ I’ve supported M’Lop Tapang since its grassroots beginnings and watched it grow into an impactful organisation serving thousands of children. It has maintained the founders’ passion and drive to work with families and communities to help children thrive.

FRANCESCO CARUSO  
Firetree Philanthropy



**FIRETREE PHILANTHROPY** has been supporting M’Lop Tapang for over 10 years, providing multi-year unrestricted funding towards the operational budget of the organisation.

## WHY GIVE?

- 1 **Learn alongside experienced givers**  
Join the champion’s giving journey and learn about the issue and needs.
- 2 **Fund high-quality social impact organisations**  
Support impactful nonprofits with a proven track record of driving positive change.
- 3 **Join a network of donors**  
Be part of a community of impact-minded donors.
- 4 **Focus on your giving**  
Leverage ACF’s grant management capabilities to reduce your administrative burden.
- 5 **Ensure security and accountability**  
Rely on the ACF team to conduct due diligence and manage grant tracking and reporting.

## THE BACKGROUND

Over the last two decades, rapid commercial development has dramatically transformed Sihanoukville from a sleepy beach town into a bustling hub of activity. Construction projects span the city, **attracting migrant workers from rural areas in search of labour opportunities**. These unskilled, often uneducated workers frequently move to Sihanoukville with their families, hoping for a better future.

However, the conditions for these families are dire, particularly for the children. They **face exposure to drug trafficking, organised crime, substance abuse, and the domestic violence that often accompanies these issues**. Children in these environments grow up in precarious conditions where basic needs are often unmet. Their physical health is compromised by poor living conditions, and their mental well-being is threatened by exposure to violence and instability. There is also a severe lack of access to educational opportunities and safe play areas for children, further limiting their prospects for breaking out of this cycle of poverty and vulnerability.

As Sihanoukville continues its development, **addressing these multi-faceted challenges is crucial to creating a more inclusive and sustainable environment for all its residents, ensuring that the city's progress does not leave its most vulnerable behind.**

Recent data from UNICEF states that in Cambodia :

**40%** of the population lives just above the poverty line

**Nearly 55%** of students will have dropped out of school by the time they turn 17

**32%** of children under five years of age experience stunted growth

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