

# M'Lop Tapang NI

Registered Charity in NI (NIC100090)



**The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts.**

**1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024**

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The trustees of M'Lop Tapang NI (MTNI) submit their report for the financial year ending 31st March 2024.

**Summary**

There was one fundraising and awareness raising event this year, held with the Belfast Samba group who generously undertook a street busk in Belfast city centre on 19th May 2023. There was £420 raised and the committee thanks Glenn Simpson for his continued fundraising efforts.

The closing balance of the Lloyds Business Bank Account was £35025.28

No transfers were made to M'Lop Tapang in Cambodia this financial year.

**Receipts and Payments Accounts From 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>
Donations	0
Interest on Deposit Account	0
Samba Busk (May 2023)	420
<b>Total Gross Receipts</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Grants to Cambodia	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	
<b>Net of Receipts/Payments</b>	<b>420</b>
Cash Funds Last Year End	34605
<b>Cash Funds This Year End</b>	<b>35025</b>

**Statement of Balances**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
<b>Cash Funds in Bank</b>	<b>35025</b>	34605
<b>Investment Assets (Merchandise)</b>	<b>213</b>	213
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	0

**Signed by Trustees:**

Chairperson: James Bamford

Treasurer: Paul Taylor

Independent Examination carried out by Amberlea Neely on 05/01/25

## Reference and Administrative Details

M'Lop Tapang NI is registered with HMRC (XR89496).

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MTNI is a small charity with a dedicated core group who undertake the majority of the work in NI. The trustees for this financial year were:

Chairperson: James Bamford

Secretary: Helen Toland

Treasurer: Paul Taylor

M'Lop Tapang NI supports the work carried out by M'Lop Tapang in Cambodia by raising awareness and raising funds in the UK. M'lop Tapang has been working with the street children of Sihanoukville since 2003.

M'Lop Tapang NI exists to allow supporters in the UK to raise funds here and to facilitate the sending of those funds to M'Lop Tapang in Cambodia as and when the need arises. It allows UK citizens to make tax efficient donations and reduces, for supporters, the costs of transferring monies overseas. Finally, MT NI endeavours to promote and raise awareness of the work carried out in Sihanoukville and to encourage and facilitate the sending of appropriate and useful volunteers to work with M'Lop Tapang in Cambodia itself.

*"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. We offer access to education, reintegration with families, life-skills training and 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."*

## Public Purposes of M'Lop Tapang NI

### Purpose: The Relief of Poverty

- The direct benefits which flow from the above purpose include fewer Cambodian children working on the streets in order to support their families. M'Lop Tapang's Outreach Team works with families, helping them start small businesses such as farming projects, small shops, laundry and sewing services. This decreases the need for children to work. Being able to provide for themselves also leads to increased self-esteem, increased economic security, improved living conditions and health status.
- M'lop Tapang's work also reduces the risk of families sliding further into poverty in times of crisis. Many families struggle from day to day and even the smallest unexpected problem can

drive them deeper into poverty and debt. MT provides poor families with support during times of crisis eg. food, clothing, house repairs.

- The benefits will be evidenced through the number of families helped. In 2023, our teams provided services to 6,338 vulnerable children and youths and 4,036 families in the local area.
- There is no harm or possibility of harm with this benefit. The charity's beneficiaries are impoverished children and families living in the Sihanoukville, Cambodia area. The only private benefit flowing from this purpose is to local businesses from which M'Lop Tapang purchases materials (eg. house repair supplies). This is incidental and a necessary result of carrying out the purposes. M'Lop Tapang maintains a strict conflict of interest policy and no employees shall own or benefit from businesses that the organization does business with.

**Purpose: The protection and preservation of the health of children living in Sihanoukville, Cambodia**

- The direct benefits which flow from the above purpose include children becoming well as a result of receiving free medical care through services provided at M'Lop Tapang's Medical Clinic as well as through community visits by the M'Lop Tapang health workers. At risk infants and toddlers grow up healthy through the activities of M'Lop Tapang's Baby Care Program which targets malnourished and neglected children under the age of 5 years. MT's projects lead to improved public understanding and prevention of childhood diseases most common in Cambodia (eg. diarrhea, dengue hemorrhagic fever, malaria and malnutrition).
- In 2023, 263 new community ChildSafe agents were recruited, trained, and certified. 34,310 medical services were provided to children and their families. 91 children with learning and behavioral difficulties benefited from M'Lop Tapang's Special Needs Program. 27 children/youths were provided safe, temporary housing at MT's Transitional Home. 2 new children were placed into Foster Care program. 13 children who had been placed previously continued to receive follow-up support. 6 children were supported in Kinship Care. 3 children were successfully reintegrated back into their families.
- There is no harm or possibility of harm related to this purpose. The charity's beneficiaries are impoverished children and families living in the Sihanoukville, Cambodia area. There is no private benefit related to this purpose.

**Purpose: The advancement of education.**

- The direct benefits which flow from the above purpose include increased numbers of disadvantaged children attending school. M'Lop Tapang provides classroom learning in a variety of settings including providing "bridging" programmes for children that have never attended school before, supporting children to attend local public schools, providing special needs classes and also distance education in remote villages and at slum based community centers. MT provides increased access for disadvantaged youth to attend vocational training programs.
- These benefits will be evidenced through the number of children and youth attending education programs in 2023:
  - 651 children attended Non-formal Education (NFE) classes at the main Education Center
  - 1,538 children/youths attended local public schools with the support of our "Back to School" program
  - 38 students participated in cooking/hospitality training. 29 students participated in electrics and plumbing training. 46 students participated in motorbike repair training.

- There is no harm or possibility of harm related to this purpose. The charity's beneficiaries are disadvantaged children and youth living in the Sihanoukville, Cambodia area. There is no private benefit related to this purpose.

For further reading regarding our work in Cambodia, please see the annual report from M'Lop Tapang: <http://mloptapang.org>