

Resettlement

All the ... Province of Ben Tre
by ...

Resettlement Project for the Evacuees from NVN.

I- Number of families taken care by this province:

1,500, or from 6,000 to 7,000 persons.

II - Locations: 6 villages:

Delegation of Sat Tri	{ Tan Thuy	100 Families
	{ Bao Thanh	100 -
	{ Binh Khuong	300 -
Delegation of Thanh Phu	{ Cau Vang	300 -
	{ Con Rung	400 -
	{ Chau Bang	300 -
		1,500 -

III - Estimate of project : (See recapitulatory table)

A - Housing

- Wooden houses and pailletes. (1 unit per family , 2m50 x 6m, at 1,200\$ ea) 1,200\$ x 1,500 = 1,800,000\$00
- Small wooden dispensary and pailletes of 5m x 6m with furniture at 5,000\$ ea, or for 6 villages... 5,000\$ x 6 = 30,000\$00
- Maternity, wood or paillete, of 7m50 x 6m with furniture at 20,000\$ ea, for 6 villages.....20,000\$ x 6 = 120,000\$00
- School, wood or paillete, 2 or 4 classrooms according to the need, (each classroom: 7m x 5m with furniture at 20,000\$ ea) for 6 villages: 20,000 x 6 = 120,000\$00
- Community house, wood or paillete of 7m5 x 6m with furniture at 10,000\$ ea, for 6 villages 10,000 x 6 = 60,000\$00

B - Roads and highways

Very important problem that needs solving immediately since they are indispensable for the implementation of project.

All the roads are impracticable, they are completely destroyed by VietMinh. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The repair would cost 5 millions piastres. It is requested that 2 millions be contributed by General Commissariat of Refugees. This is ~~an~~ a very urgent problem that must be solved immediately in order to secure the liaison, supplying of food and above/^{all to} maintain security.

Transportation (Will be furnished by General Commissariat of Refugees)

2 trucks	{	for inter-provincial liaison and supplying of food for refugees.
2 Jeeps		
1 motor-boat		

Security : Construction of posts. Necessary credits: 400,000\$00

IV - Subsistence means of the Refugees -

- Cutting of wood and palmtrees.
- Fishing.
- Exploitation of waste land.

The local authorities will help the refugees to negotiate with:

- landowners for renting of land. There is practically no difficulties.
 - trademen for selling commodities: wood, palm-leaves, fishes, etc.)
- No difficulties.

The provincial administration will provide necessary facilities which are charged on credits of General Commissariat of Refugees.

Estimate:.... 10,000\$00

V - Project Implementation Procedures

- 1/ Arrival of Evacuees by groups of ~~from~~ 100 to 200 families.
- 2/ Transportation, by waterways, from Saigon to resettlement camps. (Short stopover at BenTre). Detailed plan will be furnished later.
- 3/ For the region of ThanhPhu: Groups of refugees can be "put up" in this region while ~~awaiting~~ houses are built by themselves with material bought on the spot. This problem can be fixed up easily between local authorities and indigenous population.

4/ For the region of BaTri: Necessary time-limit for the construction of houses by local authorities before reception of Evacuees: 1 month.

VI- Important remarks:

- 1 - Personnel needed to manage the administration, maternities, dispensaries and schools will be furnished by General Commissariat of Refugees.
- 2 - General Commissariat for Refugees will provide subsistence means for the first three months.
- 3 - Immediate of 1 million piastres for the implementation of this project.

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The Chief of Province,
Huynh van Suu

Recapitulatory table of expenses

- Houses	1,800,000\$00
- Dispensaries.....	30,000\$00
- Maternities.....	120,000\$00
- Schools.....	120,000\$00
- Community Houses...	60,000\$00
- Roads and waterworks...	2,000,000\$00
- Construction of guard posts	400,000\$00
- Tools	<u>10,000\$00</u>
Total....	4,540,000\$00