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Catholic Relief Services is carrying on programs in the field of education, rural development, agriculture, medicine and large scale feeding programs, 1966. It works with the Montagnards. Its Title III PL 480 program approved for FY 1965 totals 61,576,000 lbs. of milk, dry beans, bulgur, cornmeal, fats and oils, wheat flour and rolled wheat to assist 480,400 needy men, women and children in schools, institutions, families, refugees and health cases. Its Director is: Mr. Matthew G. Heim, 91 Duong Pasteur, Saigon.

CARE provides agricultural equipment, tools and training, distributing with the equipment, rice and salt. Mr. Herman L. Strouse, Chief of CARE Mission, 27 Duong Nguyen Thong, Saigon.

CARE/MEDICO provides doctors and nurses, who offer advisory surgical specialty services and who conduct on-the-job training programs to prepare Vietnamese nurses and midwives for much needed health services throughout Viet-Nam, especially in the rural and mountain areas. A medical team has been stationed at Quang Ngai, Viet-Nam, but a CARE/MEDICO has indicated its intention to discontinue this team because of recruitment difficulty.

Foster Parents' Plan sponsors needy children. This sponsorship includes assistance to families of these children as well. The Plan provides food, clothing, medical care, schooling and a cash grant of \$8.00 a month. As of September 1964 there were approximately 4600 children in the program. Miss Elizabeth Brown is the Director with offices at 105 Yen Do, Saigon.

Mennonite Central Committee provides clothing, assistance to its hospital, which was launched in 1960 with the National Evangelical Church. At present there are three Americans at the hospital and a number of Vietnamese. Mr. Robert Miller stated that the MCC have not heard from the 3 MCC workers which were captured some time ago. He plans to go to Viet-Nam in April. MCC is quite concerned about security of this hospital. The Title III PL 480 FY 1965 program was approved for 8,626,000 lbs. of various commodities to assist 215,500 persons in institutions, schools, families, individuals and refugees. It is our understanding that MCC is planning to expand its Title III program. The MCC Director is Mr. Paul Longacre at the CRS address.

Seventh-Day Adventist Welfare Service is carrying on a medical and hospital program. Its Director is Mr. Charles Harris, 124 Dai-lo Vo-tanh Phunbuan, Saigon.

Christian Children's Fund has a number of children housed in institutions under the care of several missionaries. No U.S. citizen representative.

People-to-People Foundation is carrying on a small rehabilitation and medical training program. Its Director is: Dr. M. H. Lipsey, Project Hope Rehabilitation Center, 70 Ba Huyen Thank Quan, Saigon.

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OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN VIET-NAM

American Friends of Viet-Nam have an embryonic program to bring several Vietnamese journalists to the United States to expose them to the U. S. press and democratic system. AFV also received numerous inquiries following mention in an article by Ray Cromley urging expanded "sister-city" efforts for Viet-Nam.

American Leprosy Missions provides medical services.

Asia Foundation provides educational services and training in agriculture and teaching.

International Voluntary Services provides technicians and technical and vocational training under contract with A.I.D.

China Medical Board, Christian Medical Society, and World Medical Relief provide drugs and medicines, usually to agencies operating in Viet-Nam.

UNICEF has a milk program for school children and child and maternal care. Its FY 1965 approval was for 1,385,000 pounds of milk to assist 106,000 mothers and children.

Others are listed in Directory: Boy Scouts; Darien Book Aid; International Catholic Auxiliaries; International Schools Service, Medical Mission Sisters; VITA.

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