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Two fish ponds were completed and stocked during July as was the demonstration of fish raising in the paddies. A total of about 3500 fish was involved. Both rice demonstrations were transplanted with a total of about 100 participating villagers. Two more pumps were purchased and 2 more were ordered. Until the last few days of the month there was almost no rain and this has resulted in late transplanting and some ruined crops although the extent of the damage is not yet known. Harvest results from the Na Seng dry season rice crop (irrigated by pumps) show an overall return of 60 kilograms harvested for one planted, total harvest of 14,400 kilograms. The results were considered encouraging and it is planned to expand this dry season rice cropping next year. The Houei Bak lake area yielded 12,200 kilograms of dry season rice. Other dry season rice cropping areas have not yet been surveyed.

Work has started on a Cluster Information Center in Kengkok. Since most of the people are busy in the fields, taking advantage of the recent heavy rains, labor for the project is being hired out of town funds in order to avoid delay. This is the first time I have seen this done on a USAID construction project in Kengkok.

Village workers are doing an intensive survey of Ban Nateui in preparation for the establishment of a wide-ranging training program in that village.