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SUBJECT

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Refugee Education Program

The following report describes the refugee school program. This paper is organized to provide: (1) background statement; (2) the Ministry of Education program and Community Education Branch organization; (3) actual activities; (4) proposed future activities; and (5) general conclusions designed to give an overview of the refugee school situation.

1. General Background

Currently there are about 1,000,000 people in Laos classified as refugees. Of this amount approximately 30,000 are school age children who need to take educational opportunities provided.

2. Ministry of Education

The Lao Ministry of Education has operated under the general policy of treating refugee school children the same as any other group of children. Any new construction, teachers, or students become part of the on-going educational program and are administratively part of a Royal Lao Government activity. However, the large influx of new students has definitely been difficult both from monetary and staffing viewpoints on an organization that even without this problem is minimally funded because of limited national resources.

3. Community Education Branch Organization

The Community Education Branch last year was staffed with a Chief, a Curriculum Specialist, and two field advisors for the

3,117
2,800
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not only the... of the project was... Department of Primary and Secondary Education with the advent of large scale refugee camps... given to refugee educational work... Community Education... by the education. The additional... of the existing staff... to work toward a satisfactory... and complex problem.

1. Actual Activities

Brief descriptions of activities underway or completed are outlined below:

- a. 250,000 planning cards and tag books were printed locally with USAID assistance and turned over to the RLC for distribution to refugee children.
- b. 250,000 copybooks were printed locally with USAID assistance and turned over to the RLC for distribution to refugee school-children.
- c. The Ministry of Education has allocated 100 extra teacher positions for refugee schools.
- d. The Department of Primary Education with USAID assistance completed 51 temporary classrooms with furniture for Plain de Jar refugee children.
- e. The Department of Primary Education is currently in the process of building an additional 57 temporary classrooms for additional Plain de Jar refugee children.
- f. Last March over 200 Sam Khong sixth grade children were airlifted to Vientiane by USAID to finish the sixth grade. A dormitory was built and maintenance was provided.

- h. The ... of ... building ...
- i. ... assistance to ... of over 350 refugees
- j. ... with Public Works ... repair and making of ...
- k. The ... was moved to the ... campus and ... enrolled.
- l. In the ... the Sam Thong College was relocated at ... and 130 students are enrolled. ... Colleges were moved to the city of ... people are enrolled in two facilities.

5. Proposed Future Activities

Brief outlines of proposed future activities are listed below:

- a. The Community Education Council is preparing the "dry season" refugee sheltering and education program with Area Coordinators.
- b. Activity Plans are in the approval process for an additional 207,530 notebooks and 133,000 mathematics and geography textbooks for refugee school children.
- c. An Activity Plan is drafted and awaiting a funding source to train 144 refugee teachers next summer.
- d. An Activity Plan is drafted to construct 42 classrooms and two offices in Long Tieng at three separate locations.

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Identification

- AG/LE
- AG/Paleo
- AG/Sat
- CEA/LE
- CEA/Paleo
- CEA/Sat
- CEA/Refugee

Primary Schools

Province	STUDENTS						TOTAL	TEACHERS			Completed
	P.1	P.2	P.3	P.4	P.5	P.6		CRG	RLG	TOTAL	
5 Vientiane <i>VANG VIENG</i>							523			10	
Existing School	290	108	95	30			5124*				
Temporary School	3,016	881	606	209	47	54		19	52	71	+37
	<u>1,636</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>3,117</u>		62	99	
4 Kam Muang								37		47	+35
5 Vientiane											+80
2 Savanay	(1,476)	(2,174)	1,614	947	530	420	13,161	241	374	376	274 (NR)
3 Kam Muang	(1,142)	501	307	176	107	66		9	55		NR
8 Kam Muang		48	21								NR
7 Kam Muang		43	27								NR
9 Kam Muang		40	24		133	114					NR
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	15,387	5,383	3,928	1,927	1,014	539					
	18,344	5,925					30,086			556	427

Other schools:

Teacher Training College

(Junior High School)

(Junior High School)

(Junior High School)

NOTE - Figures in PARENTH () are previously reported figures OTHERS CURRENT.