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Home Economics

Activities/Accomplishments

Hopefully, the 10th Grade Home Economics Textbook will be ready for printing in September. Mrs. Theothong has been working with me this month on the final editing of the book, and approximately 1/3 of the book has been typed in final form. About 1/4 of the illustrations and the cover need to be completed in August. USAID/PH and others are helping to check for content accuracy.

Other Donors (Cooperative Activities)

1. A group of home economists representing WHO, CB, RIG Agriculture, Ministry of Education, IVS and USAID met to plan a revision of the Basic Nutrition and Child Feeding posters. These posters were then redrawn by CM, and are now awaiting final approval from the home economics group. An attempt is being made to get funding for printing of the charts.
2. Under the leadership of Nian Maxins Rangsi of the Home Economics Division of RIG Agriculture, and Mr. Nisorn Plachongsy, Director of the Agency for Development of the Vientiane Plain, a meeting to study "Nutrition Strategies for Laos" was held July 27. The 25 people attending represented ADVP, WHO, UNDP, UN, Droley Foundation, Asian Christian Service, Maosot Hospital, RIG Agriculture, Ministry of Education, IVS, as well as USAID representatives from Program, Public Health and Education. It was decided to make this a permanent committee with monthly meetings, and to perhaps get legitimacy from the Ministry of Plan. This was the first Nutrition meeting of this kind in Laos. I feel this committee can serve as a valuable tool for coordinating nutrition programs and materials, to discuss nutrition related problems in Laos, and to cooperate in bringing needed nutrition information to the public.
3. Mrs. Barbara Underwood, Chalmers, Nelson, Daniel SHADIG, visited Vientiane in July. Discussions were held with her on nutrition objectives for Laos.

FUTURE:

Mrs. Theothong and I are continuing with plans for the Workshop for Home Economics Teachers to be held at P.O. Ngua School Aug. 29-31.