

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief Education

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SUBJECT : Community Education Monthly Report September 1973

Problems

No new significant problems not reported in prior reports.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

CEA/Refugees spent one week in Ban Houei Sai working on refugee school problems. His trip report dated September 24, 1973 is on file.

1. New teachers for 1973-74 School Year - The PSI requested twenty three regular civil service teachers; the MoE allocated sixteen positions; and the PSI reported that fourteen new teachers have reported for duty. Of the total amount of teachers available nationwide the PSI/BHS received an allocation somewhat higher than normal.

2. There are twelve vacant classrooms.

<u>School</u>	<u>Teachers needed</u>
Ban Houei Thap	1
Ban Houei Mon	1
Ban Houei Ne	1
Ban Pha Oy	1
Ban Phi Soum Xhuang	1
Ban Muong Man	1
Ban Muong Lung	2
Ban Nam Puk	2
Ban Nam Ngan (nam yon)	2
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All of these classes have thirty five or more students available, which is the Primary School Department's requirement to assign a teacher. Under another program in Ban Houei Sai there were "military" teachers assigned to smaller classes. However, the PSI/BHS cannot staff such schools or rooms with less than thirty five students according to MoE regulations.

There appears to be a need for further follow up on the PSI/BHS dry season proposal and the AC/BHS requirement since

there are significant differences.

- D. Again as EDU has recommended in the past an accurate statistical survey should be made of each refugee area in Ban Houei Sai by MoE and/or the Ministry of Social Welfare to find how many children there really are and the actual number of teachers needed. So far most of our proposals and requirements have been based on statistical interpretation of rise distribution charts which can only give an idea or trend but do not give the exact picture. The Deputy PSI is in the process of surveying the refugee areas.
- E. Mr. Bounthong, the Director of Primary Education, was willing last year to assign CREC teacher positions to Ban Houei Sai if the PSI/BHS would request them. To date the PSI/BHS has not requested the positions. If the PSI/BHS makes the request now Mr. Bounthong said he will go to the Minister of Education for the positions. Now, may be the time to consider cutting off or lowering significantly USAID educational support to Ban Houei Sai until this problem is resolved.

As anticipated last month schools are beginning to open in the Long Cheng area. Six teachers have been assigned and 501 students are enrolled.

Lumber for furniture is being cut at 272 for Long Cheng and will be available as other schools are opened.

A three room traditional refugee school was completed in Na Nhao, Vientiane/North, for Meo refugees from Phou Khao Khouei.

Another nine room traditional school was opened at Pak Sap for Khammouane refugees. Five teachers from the Vientiane/South Inspectorate are on duty and four teachers are due in from Thakhek.

2. In-Service Training

The Department of Primary Education, MoE, is planning the following major training programs for teachers and administrators this year.

- A. Primary Inspectors Conference - January.
- B. Refugee/CREC teacher training during the summer.
- C. Training for Youth and Sports Movement - Physical Education.

D. Training for groupe scolaire directors in the fundamentals of classroom supervision - in the summer.

The Community Education Branch will assist each of these activities. It is interesting to note that each year the primary school educational leadership is becoming more and more concerned about the quality of education in the primary schools.

CEA/Program has developed a comprehensive historical statistical analysis of primary school in service training projects from 1964 to 1973. The complete report will be submitted to the Division Chief as part of a complete project study. The 1973 summary is attached to her monthly report for information and review.

3. Participant Training

Two short term participants in testing and guidance and educational planning and statistics have completed three months of training in Thailand. The MoE will review their programs with them when they return. The participants will return for an additional three months of training if it is determined that further training is valuable.

4. Sixth Grade Final Examinations

Miss Engler's Monthly Report contains a summary of the 1972-1973 National Sixth Grade Final Examination Results. Seventy three percent of the children examined passed the test. Of the 17,133 tested in public, private and other schools, 12,454 passed. Please see the chart for provincial results.

5. Personnel

Six primary school officials including the Deputy Director departed for a three month course in programmed technology at INNOTECH in Saigon.

Mr. Bounmy Srihannouvong, (former deputy PSI Sedone), PSI/Wapi-khamthong is attending a ten day course at RECSAM, in Penang, on production of science and mathematics apparatus.

Mr. Bounthong, Director of Primary Education, will participate in a two week literacy education conference sponsored by UNESCO in Thailand in October.

Mr. Bouahom, Director of Program and Studies, is attending a UNESCO sponsored seminar on Primary School Teaching in Asia in Tokyo.

Mr. Phoumy, Education Assistant/Savannakhet is in Vientiane TDY attending the two week Superman II Course.

Mr. Chanthay, Education Assistant/Luang Prabang is in Vientiane TDY for one month to attend typing classes and learn office procedures.

Mr. Yang Heur, CEA/Refugee Field Assistant has submitted his resignation. He has decided to return to school and complete his education.

6. Urban Self Help School Construction

Most of the eleven urban self help schools now under construction will be completed by the end of this calendar year making it possible for a smooth transition into FY74 projects as RIG Development Budget monies become available. FY74 Activity Plans are all in the draft stage at the local level and should be processed by the end of November.

<u>AC Area</u>	<u>MoE Official</u>	<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Activity Mgr.</u>	<u>Vte Backstop</u>
Vte	PSI/Vte/N	Sithaneua G. S.	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald
Vte	PSI/Vte/N	Pak Thang G. S.	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald
Vte	PSI/Vte/S	Phan Manh G. S.	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald
Vte	Dir.Tech Edu	Tech. School (12 rooms)	Liston	Fitzgerald
Vte	Dir.Fine Arts	Fine Arts School	Liston	Fitzgerald
Sedone	PSI/Sedone	Pakse G. S.	Schoepfer	Fitzgerald
Sedone	PSI/Sedone	New site - next to Fa Ngum	Schoepfer	Fitzgerald
Sedone	PSI/Wapi	Khongsedone G. S.	Schoepfer	Fitzgerald
Svkt	PSI/Svkt	Sayamngkhoun G.S.	Flynn	Fitzgerald
L.P	PSI/L.P.	L.P. Groupe Scolaire	Bayer	Fitzgerald

7. Dry Season Review

Area Coordinator Dry Season Review proposals for primary schools were reviewed with CDS. Proposals total over 900 classrooms including carry overs and new proposals. The Mission has averaged about 450 completed classrooms per year and the Ministry has shown a capability of maintaining a seven per cent growth rate in terms of teaching staff availability. I would recommend these guidelines be continued to be followed in the overall final program.

8. Field Visitations

CEA/Refugees spent most of the reporting period in the field assisting MoE to staff and supply refugee schools.

CEA/National visited Luang Prabang, Pakse, Savannakhet and Wapikhamthong. Separate Field Trip Reports have been submitted.

9. Construction

	No. of APs	No. of Schools	Number of Classrooms New Grades		Number of Classrooms Replace Grade		Total
			1-3	4-6	1-3	4-6	
Rural Self-Help	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CE (Urban)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refugee	3	33	76	1	-	-	77
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Status of Approved CE Construction Project

This Month

CE 2014	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Sayaboury	70%
VT 3003	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Vientiane/South Tha Deua	90%
VT 3004	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Ban Keun	80%
VT 3005	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Phone Hong	80%
VT 3006	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Vientiane/North Phone Tong	55%
VT 3007	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Vang Vieng	68%
SK 3005	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Khammouane	48%
PK 3002	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Sedone	95%
SK 3006	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Savannakhet	65%
LP 3003	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Luang Prabang	80%
VT 3032	Urban Self-Help Construction,	Vientiane/North Sithannoua	65%

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