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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for September 1973

Problems:

None that have not been previously reported.

Project Progress:

Four traditional refugee classrooms were constructed at Na Nhao (RA 1015) and classes have started. Refugee school supplies were shipped to the school and there are currently 103 children enrolled in grades 1 through 5. The teachers reported numerous absences every day - mostly due to Malaria - and one teacher left the area after three members of his family died in a single week.

Refugee schools were visited in Ban Houei Sai during the month. Initial reports indicated a shortage of teachers. The PSI first reported that he had sufficient teachers and was later contradicted by his assistant who listed twelve classrooms that were without teachers. The problem has been reported and the Ministry of Education is aware of the situation. The local school authorities agreed to forward a list of refugee school supplies required in the area.

Thakhek reported 12 traditional classrooms as 90% completed and showed an enrollment of 612 refugee children. Refugee school supplies were issued based on the Primary School Inspector's request.

Six teachers have been assigned to Long Cheng as of the first of October and 512 children were attending classes.

Traditional classrooms were constructed at Houei Deua and Nam Cheng. Both villages are along the road currently under construction by Public Works at Km-52.

A semi-permanent school was constructed at Vang Monh by the Hous Phan Student Association. World Vision provided roofing sheets and the Association raised money for the furniture. The Hous Phan Association also assisted with the construction (TF 2859).

Partial Shipment has been made of school furniture for Nam Phot, Hat Deua and Ban Thia per activity plan VT-3047.

Nine teachers have been assigned to Pak Sap and refugee school supplies were delivered by boat since the road was impassable. The latest report indicated that the five teachers that were to come up from Thakhek had yet to arrive. Both the Primary School Inspector and the Ministry of Education are aware of the problem and they are checking into the situation.

School statistics for the beginning of this school year are not available at this writing. They will be ready by the end of October.

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