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Monthly Report April 1973

Problems

No serious problems not previously reported.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

A three room school and dispensary was dedicated at Ban Y-Lai #1. This project was sponsored and funded by the Rotary Club of Laos.

Two Activity Plans to rehabilitate the Kongsedone Groupe Scolaire and the PSI/Wapikhantong Office are in the final approval process.

In Sedona twenty temporary classrooms are being constructed for Saravane refugees. Eleven more temporary rooms are being built in Savannakhet. These classes will be ready for the opening of school in September.

An Activity Plan to construct twenty-six permanent classrooms in Thasane center has been approved.

The Xieng Mene and Paks Muout refugee groupe scolaire in the L.P. area were dedicated during the reporting period.

Planning continued with CEA staff and area personnel in the planning of education inputs for the Director's Annual Spring Review.

2. In-Service Training

The Activity Plan to train over 1,000 CREC/Refugee teachers is in the final approval process. Miss Engler and her staff are to be congratulated on the fine organizational job they have prepared.

A follow-up on the recently returned short term supervisor and testing trainees who were in Thailand six months has been made by CEA/Program. A full report will follow after they have been on the job for a longer period.

CE participants who have returned to Laos on vacation have enrolled in English and Mathematics classes arranged by HRDD/PT and HRDD/LT.

3. Ethnic Minorities

A Ministerial Decree has ordered all Normal School Directors and PSI's to recruit teacher training candidates from ethnic minority groups. This is a significant move by the MoE to increase opportunities in education for these groups of people.

4. Other Donors

50,275 Civics textbooks for grades 4, 5, and 6 were provided by the American Women's Club of Laos to the Department of Primary Education.

Functional literacy received support from :

- a. UNESCO Clubs of Holland - \$5,000 for supplies and equipment.
- b. Asia Foundation - Kip 1,200,000 for literacy libraries.
- c. American Women's Club - 500 reams of paper to print books.

5. Personnel

Mr. Larry Woodson departed on HL/RTP orders during the month.

The PSI/Vang Vieng was killed in a tragic Lao Army helicopter crash.

6. Urban Self Help Schools

Two more urban self-help schools were completed in Pakse and Vientiane South. FY73 projects are underway and there are no serious problems to report.

7. Operations

CE staff is assisting IVS and MoE officials work out the Summer Work Experience Project. This year the requests and logistics are being handled through RIG channels.

Mr. Costantino spent most of the reporting period in the field assisting in program implementation.

8. Construction

	No. of APs	No. of School	Number of Classrooms New Grades		Number of Classrooms Replace Grades		Total
			1-3	4-6	1-3	4-6	
Rural Self Help	31	61	76	19	62	26	183
CE (Urban)	10	10	40	40	-	-	80
Refugee	<u>7</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>99</u>
	48	111	186	62	75	39	362

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3 : 75%
Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6 : 25%

<u>Status of Approved CE Construction Project</u>		<u>This Month</u>
CE 2007	Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte-South, Phone Kheng	100%
CE 2010	Urban Self-Help Construction, Pakse	100%
CE 2014	Urban Self-Help Construction, Sayaboury	46%
CE 2025	Urban Self-Help Construction, Nong Boua Thong	55%
VT 3003	Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte-South, Thadewa	30%
VT 3004	Urban Self-Help Construction, Ban Keun	14%
VT 3005	Urban Self-Help Construction, Phone Hong	29%
VT 3007	Urban Self-Help Construction, Vang Vieng	15%
SK 3005	Urban Self-Help Construction, Khammouane	10%
VT 3006	Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte-North, Phone Tong	1%
PK 3002	Urban Self-Help Construction, Sedone	40%
SK 3006	Urban Self-Help Construction, Savannakhet	15%
LP 3003	Urban Self-Help Construction, Luang Prabang	3%
VT 3032	Urban Self-Help Construction, VTE-North, Sithane Neua	3%

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