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Subject: Monthly Report for April, 1973

PROBLEMS

No significant items noted this reporting period.

R E F U G E E

PROGRESS:

South: In the Pakse area a total of twenty temporary classrooms are being constructed along the Saigon Road and for Saravane refugees. Approximately 10,000 persons are displaced on the Saigon Road and schools will be built as follows:

Km 13	3
Km 14	3
Km 16	2
Km 21	2

There are about 9,000 Saravane refugees and schools for them will be constructed as follows:

Khammakna	2
Khamluang	2
Champi	3
Boun Kha	3

The PSI/Sedone has promised teachers; textbooks and supplies will be supplies by CRA.

Construction work has begun on eleven temporary classrooms for the Savannakhet area refugees from Atsaphone and Dons Hene. Five classrooms have already been constructed with bamboo and thatch roofing and six more classrooms are being built. It is estimated that two months will be needed to complete the schools and furniture so classes will most probably begin in September. The PSI/Savannakhet will provide the eleven teachers, texts and school supplies.

The Activity Plan (SK 3-045) for 26 permanent classrooms for Thasane has been approved. The CDAA will supervise the construction.

N O N R E F U G E E

Houa Khong

Military Teachers Training - Discussions are being held with Ministry of Education officials to decide status of thirty-one military teachers interested in becoming CRIC and qualified teachers. Thirteen of them have CRP certificates but the MoE must decide levels since twenty-nine of them have received prior in-service training. The MoE is also considering the possibility of giving...

for prior training received.

Teacher Training for Ethnic Groups - The MoE is planning to give special consideration to minority ethnic students on entrance exams into the ENIs. A committee would take a percentage of the total ethnic groups to be admitted into the ENI in that area.

Adult Literacy - Two directors of groupes scolaires from the Houa Khong area were given special training in Vientiane to train fifteen local teachers in adult literacy courses. Training will begin in July for a three week period and classes for adults in Ban Done, Nam Kheung and Na Kong will begin in September.

IVS Summer Work Experience Program - Approximately twenty positions will be needed for summer work. Students will be hired to teach refugees in primary schools, conduct sport programs, agriculture and other work in social welfare.

Houei Sai Tai Groupe Scolaire Nine Classroom Building - PW/Vientiane has questioned the land available for this school. Mr. Myers, PW/Vientiane will make a study of the topography to determine if the site is adequate for a nine classroom building and playground. It was agreed that work would not begin on this school until the rehabilitation of the Bo Keo Groupe Scolaire was completed.

#### Luang Prabang

##### Status of school construction projects:

Fa Ngum	LP 3-003	8 rooms	Started 4/24
Phong Kham	LP 3-036	Repair	5% completed
Aphay	LP 3-040	SRDA	100% completed
Ban Khoy		3 rooms	Postponed FY 74
School Furniture	LP 3-039	300 sets	In process
Muong Phieng	CE 2-014	8 rooms	40% completed

Dedication of Xieng Mene and Paks Muot Groupes Scolaires - These two refugee schools were dedicated early this month.

##### Wind Damage to PSI Office/Warehouse and Several Schools -

Severe winds damaged the roof of the PSI Office and three schools in the Sayaboury vicinity. It was decided that assistance would be given to the PSI office in supplying six aluminum roofing sheets and 13 pairs of ridge caps. The PTAs have agreed to repair the three damaged schools.

##### FY 74 Urban School Site -

The PSI/Luang Prabang has chosen Luang Prabang Groupe Scolaire as the FY 74 urban eight classroom construction site. He also requested assistance with a similar school for Ban Done but the MoE did not approve it. The CDAA has agreed to consider it in FY 74 planning.

#### PAKSE

##### FY 74 Urban School Construction Sites -

Two sites are being considered for the Sedone area. The Pakse Groupe Scolaire needs an additional eight classroom building and the second site will be at Phou Silyay Groupe Scolaire which is located in the

Thahim district. The PSI requested that Pathoumphone Groupe Scolaire be considered but it is 56 kilometers from Pakse and security is still a problem. The CDA/Pakse has promised to include it in FY 74 planning.

School Construction Status:

Saphay	PK 3-002	8 rooms	45%
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Repairs on War Damaged Areas in Wapikhamthong -

Two activity plans have been drawn up for repairs to the PSI Office/Warehouse and the Wapikhamthong Groupe Scolaire in Khong Sedone. Signatures are being obtained for approvals. The PSI/Wapikhamthong requested assistance from the Chao Khoueng for roofing sheets and lumber for schools damaged when the enemy occupied the town.

Khong Sedone College

Discussions were held with the Chao Khoueng and other officials on the possibility of continuing the construction the college in Khong Sedone. Approximately 636 persons have returned but it was agreed that work would not begin until sufficient students could be enrolled in the school. Labor will be paid out of the RLG budget and USAID would replace common use items lost when the enemy occupied the town.

FY 74 Urban Construction at Khong Sedone Groupe Scolaire -

Presently there are 140 students enrolled in the town and it was decided that unless more return in August recommendation would be made that the site be changed to another area.

Summer Work Experience Program -

Thirteen positions are being considered for teaching and physical education positions for Saravane refugees. A letter has been sent by the PSI/Saravane to the Director of Sports and Youth requesting the positions. The summer work will be held at the schools along the Saigon Road and the four villages where Saravane refugees are located. (See Refugee).

Transportation of School Supplies to Sithandone -

USAID will continue to transport small amounts of supplies via weekly flights to Khong Island but the PSI/Sithandone must find a way to large quantities to his area.

SAVANN/KHET

Status of school construction projects:

Na Seng	SK 3-006	8 rooms	20%
Na Bo	SK 3-005	8 rooms	10%

Dedication of Na Ke Groupe Scolaire and Nong Saphay School -

The American Ambassador assisted at the ceremonies for the turning over of these two schools to Lao authorities.

Savannakhet Groupes Scolaire -

Work has been completed on the making of cement blocks for this school. The PSI/Savannakhet states that the work will be completed during the summer vacation. He has requested assistance from the MoE from the IVS Summer Work Experience Program.

Repair on War Damage to Keng Kok Neua and Keng Kok Khang Groupes Scolaires -

Work is progressing slowly. Repairs are taking place at the Keng Kok Neua school and will move to the second school when completed.

G E N E R A L

CREC Training - All PSIs are busy submitting their recommendations to the MoE for CREC teachers training. The in-service training programs are firm for all areas except Houei Sai where discussions are still being held with MoE officials on status of trainees.

FY 74 Planning and Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of War Damaged Areas -

The PSIs have received instructions from the MoE on reporting school construction needs for FY 74 and war damaged areas. Most of them have submitted their tentative recommendations but have stated that this is extremely difficult since they have not visited these insecure areas.

PSI Vehicles - The PSIs of Luang Prabang, Pakse, Savannakhet, Sayaboury and Houei Sai have reported problems with their vehicles this month. All of these vehicles are ready for deadlining and should be replaced with new ones.

Dry Season Planning - The CEA visited school construction sites with the PSIs in his areas. Work is progressing well.

Participant Training - Various educators in Luang Prabang, Sayaboury, Pakse, Savannakhet have returned from training programs in Penang and Thailand. Detailed reports were made in the Field Trip Reports from their areas.

Sports Equipment Donated By the American Women's Club - Footballs and Volleyballs for refugees have arrived. Schedules have been made up with the assistance of American women in the provinces to distribute these balls. In most areas it was recommended that they not be distributed until the opening of the 1973-74 school year. The Basketballs should be arriving soon and will also be turned over to the women in the refugee areas.

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