

Pakse

Refugees

A report on distribution of school supplies to the students at Enou San Ching was made by OMA/Pakse. Copies were sent to USA/National and the PSI/Sedone. Another distribution will be made when the third trimester begins on March 5th to the two other schools. The PSI has promised to supply three qualified teachers and three GSEI teachers when he receives his reports from the Chao Hong that the school is ready.

The plastic covering the walls of the two school buildings at Salakou Refugee Center has been replaced by that supplied by OMA and the villagers.

OMA/Pakse is contemplating two more refugee centers for approximately 9,000 refugees from Saravane at Ban Dampol and Ban Eya. As soon as they have resettled, plans will be made for their school needs.

The PSI/Sedone and PSI/Wapikhamhong are working with OMA in obtaining up-to-date statistics for all refugee centers in the Pakse area. It is hoped that after the second trimester break that the results can be presented to Vientiane.

Non-Refugees

Meetings were held with the IDA, PWD and AC on the Thakel School toilets needed at the school. The problem of water still has not been solved. The PSI has offered to supply the water from his well located near the school. He has requested that the PTA reimburse him for this service. We are in agreement that the school must have its own well and be completely independent from a private source. The PTA has submitted estimates on various use items needed which total \$317,100.

Approximately 150 copies of "Sorrow Goes Unwritten" will be distributed to the Khung Drotge Students in Khung Island, Sathakonea early next month. Several women from the American Women's Club in Pakse and the OMA will make the distribution.

The PSI/Wapikhamhong has made a complete report on the schools which are still closed in his area. He has listed the amount of students attending before the schools were closed, where they are presently studying, reason for closing, and percent of damage. The IDA/Wapikhamhong and OMA will submit a reconstruction rehabilitation report when villagers return to their areas.

The materials requested by the construction are three urban schools needed in this area. All three would be eight room, two story buildings at Thong Silyay, Thabongkum and Thabong Groupes Scolaires.

Drum efforts would be made to provide assistance for all three schools on the reconstruction/rehabilitation plan. Mr. Chanthalath Sithavong, PSL/Surveys has been assigned as a participant for three months training at INKOTEC in Singapore.

Urban self-help construction is as follows:

Luang Prabang

PK 3-032

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No construction has taken place this reporting period due to insecurity.

Non-Refugees

FWD/Vientiane requested that the PIA of Ban Heng Groupes Scolaires follow the standard P4 plan for three room schools. A meeting was held with eight members of the PIA, PSL, Chao Khong and CEA present and they voted to accept the plan. The new AP will be drafted next week.

Tiao Vannitha and three other VOA officials will accompany the CEA to Luang Prabang to dedicate 5 houses, Pak Thut and Liang Kame Groupes Scolaires. The dedication will take place next week.

Status of urban school construction:

Fa Ngum Groupes Scolaire
Moung Phing

LP 3-003
CS 2-014

Materials ordered
15%

Mr. Chanthal Sithavong, CEA Assistant in Luang Prabang will replace Mr. Phombao Many, former CEA/Assistant who will not be returning to Luang Prabang.

The lumber problem for Luang Prabang and Sayaboury has not been completely resolved. Several projects have been held up due to delays in getting of the lumber in both places. The Chao Khong are meeting this week to try to resolve the problem since the Chao Khong of Sayaboury will not allow any lumber to leave his area until projects have been completed. Fa Ngum Groupes Scolaire and Moung Phing are both short of lumber.

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Work has begun on the construction of a school for the Khmer refugees who have arrived in Phnom Penh. The school will offer classes for children and the staff members should and other necessary items. Teachers and school supplies are available.

The USA visited refugee schools at the Phnom Penh and Kampong Speu where work was progressing well.

Work is progressing slowly on the Social Groups Sociaux Improvement. The PIA President stated that he was going to call a meeting of the PIA but that he hopes to do so in the next week. USAID commodities have been delivered to the site and painting of the doors and windows has begun.

General

All PSIs are busy working on the following projects:

1. School Workbooks - Plans are (except Vapihthong, Saravann and Akkapea). Savannakhet area (except Nong Bok), Luang Prabang and Ratanak and Van Hovet Sal have completed requests to WOE for furniture needed for groups education.
2. PT II School Construction - Working with CMAs, CEA, PWB and USA.
3. Urban School Construction - Pakse, Savannakhet and Luang Prabang have chosen sites for schools (eight-room, two story buildings). These requests have been submitted to WOE for approval.
4. Dedication of Schools - WOE recommended delays at Pakse and Savannakhet but these schools will be turned over to the PSI in Luang Prabang this week.
5. Reconstruction Rehabilitation on Schools - Working with CEA, USA, CMAs, AGs and other officials.
6. Second Trimester Break - Week of February 26-March 2, 1973, PSIs working on school improvements in all groups scolaires.
7. Dry Season Review on School Construction - Progress reports by CMAs, Activity Managers, and CMAs are being made to all PSIs.

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