

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 4, 1972

TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, Education Division  
FROM : Hunter Fitzgerald, CEA/National *H. Fitzgerald*  
SUBJECT: Community Education Monthly Report - July 1972

Problems

No new significant problems not reported previously.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

Activity Plans which provide for Refugee textbooks and school supplies are now in the final approval process.

Mr. Woodson, AC's, and CDAA's are currently finalizing activity plans for refugee school construction for Fiscal Year 1973 on the Vientiane Plain and the Xieng Khouang area. Mr. Costantino, CEA/Operations, is working on the other areas of the country on planning and implementing refugee school construction.

CEA/Operations reports that: thirty temporary classrooms for refugees in Na Lao, Xieng Kong, Pak Mont, Kiou Ya, and Houei Hia in the Luang Prabang area have high priority; sixteen rooms for Thasano and eight for That Ing Hang are now under construction; and that a recently completed survey on Phou Ba Chieng Refugee Camp, Pakse area, shows 667 children in ten villages will need classrooms. Staff members have followed up and observed the summer work experience students who are teaching refugee children this summer. All reports indicate that the program is going extremely well and that the refugee school children are benefiting from the instruction. This is very important because the majority of these children have either begun their education late or have had it interrupted many times and need all the help possible.

Permanent refugee classroom construction on the Vientiane Plains is progressing well.

Please see the In-service Training section of this report for a review of CREC/Refugee summer in-service training courses.

Attached to Mr. Woodson's Monthly Report is a summary of current refugee education statistics.

## 2. In-Service Training

During the reporting period the MoE with USAID assistance completed the third year of its project to train and qualify CREC teachers as regular members of the MoE staff. Four preliminary courses were conducted for course instructors which in itself was responsible for considerable improvement in the courses. The Primary School Inspectors organized and carried out the courses in a more responsible and efficient manner.

Eventhough over 1,000 people participated in the courses, Community Education Advisors spent considerable time and effort on the improvement of the content and quality of the training sessions. The CE staff completed a simple check list type of instrument which was translated into the Lao language and was filled out jointly with each course director. Problem areas and items that could be improved were usually implemented on the spot and in the process the Lao officials were made aware of things that had been ignored in the past.

CEA/Program is tabulating all of the observations into a working document, which will be reviewed at this year's annual PSI/CEA planning conference. One critical area already identified for discussion is the selection and evaluation of the candidates themselves.

Nineteen supervisors and testing and guidance specialists will complete their training in Laos next month. They will depart for six months of intensive training in Thailand starting in September. Please see Miss Engler's Monthly Report for further details on this program.

Seventy groupe scolaire directors received training in Houei Sai and Savannakhet. Former supervision participants to Thailand were instrumental in making these two courses much better than in years past.

CEA/Program's monthly report shows additional results on this year's sixth grade examination results. The overall results show a general decrease in the percentage of students passing the examination. This decrease is under analysis by CEA/Program and a report will follow when completed

## 3. Operations

CEA/Operations and field staff have completed all drafts of Activity Plans for groupe scolaire improvement.

Mr. Costantino assisted throughout the country in carrying out the summer in-service training program.

Work with PSI's continued on completion of RSH school construction projects already approved and proposals for Fiscal Year 1973 are under review with Area Coordinators.

All PSI warehouses are being checked and inspected to insure all inventories are current and that approved disposal of non-expendable equipment has been completed.

#### 4. Status of FY 73 Urban Self-Help Construction

<u>AP Number</u>	<u>PSI Area</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Status</u>
VT 3003	Vte/South	Tha Deua	Met with PTA. AP drafted
PK 3001	Wapi	Wapi	Suspended
VT 3004	Ban Keun	Ban Keun	Met with PTA. AP being drafted
VTE 3005	Phone Hong	Phone Hong	" " " " " "
SK 3005	Khammouane	Thakhek	Will meet 8/72 with PTA
VT 3006	Vte/North	Phone Hong	Met with PTA. AP being drafted
VT 3007	Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng	Will meet PTA 8/4/72
PK 3002	Pakse	Ban Saphay	Met with PTA. AP drafted
SK 3006	Savannakhet	Savannakhet	Will meet with PTA 8/72
LP 3003	Luang Prabang	Fa Ngum G.S.	Will meet with PTA 8/9/72

#### 5. Forced Contract Groupe Scolaire Rehabs.

Eighteen small activity plans to rehabilitate groupe scolaires built under forced contract are in the final approval process or have been approved. The major portion of these activities should be completed by the opening of school in September.

#### 6. Other Donors

Asia Foundation has agreed to print some literacy textbooks for the RIG Functional Literacy Program.

USIS assisted the summer work experience program by providing literacy textbooks, charts, and films.

World vision provided some food commodities to summer work experience students who have been assigned to refugee villages.

7. Personnel

Mr. Sayathone, Refugee Education Administrative Assistant, resigned from USAID in order to accept a Colombo Plan Scholarship in England. He departed Laos on July 29, 1972.

Mr. Bounthong, Director of Primary and Adult Education, left for two weeks TDY in Japan to attend the Third International Adult Education Conference. He will return to Vientiane August 8, 1972.

Mr. Souvanh, Administrative Assistant, Luang Prabang, has requested a transfer to Ban Houei Sai and the Personnel Division is recruiting a replacement.

8. Construction

	No. of <u>APs</u>	Number of <u>School</u>	Number of Classrooms New Grades		Number of Classrooms Replace Grade		<u>Total</u>
			<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	
Rural Self-Help	1	1	1	2	-	-	3
CE (Urban)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refugee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3:

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6:

## Status of approved CE construction projects:

CE 0108 Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse) .....	97%
CE 1005 Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak) .....	58%
CE 2006 Urban Self-Help Construction, VTE-North, Hong Seng .....	45%
CE 2007 Urban Self-Help Construction, VTE-South, Phone Kheng .....	35%
CE 2008 Urban Self-Help Construction, VTE-South, Bo-O .....	50%
CE 2009 Urban Self-Help Construction, VTE-South, Chomphet .....	40%
CE 2010 Urban Self-Help Construction, Pakse .....	29%
CE 2011 Urban Self-Help Construction, Savannakhet .....	50%
CE 2012 Urban Self-Help Construction, Luang Prabang .....	100%
CE 2013 Urban Self-Help Construction, Paksane .....	35%
CE 2014 Urban Self-Help Construction, Sayaboury .....	5%
CE 2025 School Construction, Vientiane/North, Nong Boua Thong ....	N.S.

(N.S.- not started)