

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief Education Division
FROM : Hunter A. Fitzgerald, CEA/National *Hunter A. Fitzgerald*
SUBJECT : Community Education Monthly Report December 1972

Problems

No new significant problems not previously reported.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

Mr. Woodson is currently reviewing and inspecting traditional village refugee schools some of which are showing extensive termite damage. A complete summary with possible USAID inputs will be submitted at a later date.

Permanent refugee schools in the North Nam Ngum area were given old furniture out of the original temporary schools. A lot of this soft wood furniture is now in poor condition. A draft activity plan will be submitted to OEA for consideration.

The International Rotary Club of Vientiane has started its school and dispensary project in the Ban K Lai I area.

CEA/Refugees and staff completed an up dated inventory of refugee education supplies and textbooks. Also refugee textbooks are beginning to arrive from contractors under Activity Plan CE 3002. The Education Division staff is assisting the MOE warehouse staff in planning distribution, packaging, and shipment of this large quantity of books and other materials.

The entire Department of Primary Education, along with designated refugee schools, is short of chalk. USAID chalk is on back order and will arrive on or about the end of January. This should carry the schools through April or May. A large shipment of chalk is three months over due from Australia.

CEA/Refugee initiated action with SMB to get lumber contractors to either complete deliveries on long over due lumber contracts or cancel old contracts and write new ones with different more reliable contractors.

2. In-Service Training

Technical, community, and logistic support will be provided under the Primary School Inspectors Conference Activity Plan which was approved in December.

A Science Seminar which included five Primary School Inspectors and other MOE science teachers was held December 25-30, 1972. See Curriculum Development below.

The Activity Proposal for supporting CREC and refugee teachers is near completion with the necessary changes to comply with the new format for design of Mission training projects.

3. Curriculum Development

The Science Curriculum Committee met for five days as mentioned above to continue its work in the development of science objectives, course outlines, and materials. Their findings will be presented for appraisal and possible adoption during the Fifteenth Annual Primary School Inspectors Conference, which will be held this month in Phnom Hong. Community Education is sponsoring the attendance of Mr. David Harper, RECSAM Advisor, at the Conference. He will assist and advise the School Inspectors in the completion of this project.

Significant progress has been achieved in the planning and acceptance of a school traffic safety program. A joint meeting was held with MOE, USAID/Edu, USAID/PSD, and the safety Education Director of the National Police all participating. It was decided that pilot projects in the larger municipalities should be instituted as soon as possible and that safety programs would emphasize pedestrian safety and the operation of two and four wheeled vehicles. The Director of Primary Education invited the Police Safety Director to make a presentation at the Primary School Inspectors Conference this month. Implementation planning is already underway and a target of having something, at least in Vientiane, before the Summer vacation has been set.

CEA/Program and staff assisted the MOE design a Lao Language cover for MCE student notebooks. The Materials Production Center, MPE, is doing the artwork.

4. Participant Training

Miss Engler was sent TDY to Bangkok during the reporting period to assist in planning training courses for participants in Educational Testing and Guidance, Statistics, and Budget and Fiscal. She also reviewed training progress with other CE participants now in Thailand. A detailed and comprehensive report is attached to her Monthly Report for your review. The very difficult problem of training Lao middle level educators is of specific interest and the proposed solutions warrant serious consideration.

Three applicants for four year Thai training programs in Language Arts and Social Studies are under study.

5. Urban School Construction

All Activity Plan for FY 73 Urban School Construction have been approved except two, which are in the final approval process. Public Works has developed tentative plans for a simple concrete block toilet complex. Two PTA's of recently completed schools have asked for USAID assistance in building toilets and FWD will use their new plans on these two schools if Activity Plans now being drafted are approved.

6. Other Donors

Please see Refugee Section, this report, for International Rotary Club school project.

7. 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	8	17	16	12	18	1	47
CE (Urban)	8	8	32	32	-	-	64
Refugee	2	14	38	-	-	-	38
	<u>28</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>149</u>

Percent of new classrooms for grades 1-3: 66%
 Percent of new classrooms for grades 4-6: 34%

Status of approved CE construction project

	This Month
CE 1005 Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak).....	85%
CE 2007 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Phone Keng.....	98%
CE 2009 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Chomphet.....	98%
CE 2010 Urban Self-Help Construction, Paksane.....	80%
CE 2011 Urban Self-Help Construction, Savannakhet.....	95%
CE 2013 Urban Self-Help Construction, Paksane.....	85%
CE 2014 Urban Self-Help Construction, Sayaboury.....	10%
CE 2015 Urban Self-Help Construction, Nong Boua Thong.....	40%