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To : Mr. Norman Green, Chief Education Division  
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Problems

No new significant problems not previously reported.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

Attachment A of this report outlines the approved construction of elementary classrooms for FY 73 from the recently completed Dry Season Review. A total of 704 rooms were approved with 336 refugee or narcotics related rooms and 368 other rooms, making up the two major classifications.

ADFO and Community Education worked on assisting two Meo refugee schools in Phou Khao Khouei.

CEA/Refugees and SMB reviewed Mission excess commodity lists and items that could be used were ordered for the refugee school program.

Due to the annual rice harvest the self help inputs for refugee school construction have been low but should be back to normal by the middle of November.

The International Rotary Club of Vientiane is planning to assist the RIG build a permanent refugee school on the Vientiane Plain and also sponsor a tutoring program for Meo students. CEA/Refugees is coordinating the various groups involved in these two worthwhile endeavors.

Please see Mr. Woodson's monthly report for the latest refugee school statistics.

During the reporting period the CE staff spent considerable time and effort working with MOE officials and USAID area staffs to develop realistic and well planned proposals for the Dry Season Review.

2. In-Service Training

MOE officials and CEA/Program are currently developing activity proposals for four levels of CREC/Refugee teachers for July 1973.

The Activity Plan for the fifteenth National Primary School Inspectors' Conference is in the approval process.

CEA/Operations reports that the PSI/LP and the newly assigned teaching supervisor are conducting local inservice training courses at twelve sites in La; language, science, and mathematics.

### 3. Curricular Materials

CEA/Program completed compilation of the Sixth Grade final examination results and additional recommendations are being prepared on test reform in primary education.

As part of the Division effort to include population education activities in the school system CE, TT, and AACTE met with Mr. Patrick, AID/W, and Mr. Morse, PHD, to explore ideas for expansion of the program.

MPC is revising the grade four geography textbook which will provide a complete Lao language edition.

Arrangements have been made for a RECSAM Science and Math Advisor to visit the Department of Primary Education to assist in establishing guidelines on the revision of the primary school science curriculum. Currently details are being completed to send five PSI's to the RECSAM Center in November to obtain information of and possible assistance in the actual revision.

### 4. Operations

Mr. Costantino reports that the majority of the Urban Forced Contract School rehabilitations are proceeding in a satisfactory manner.

Over seventy five schools were visited in Sayaboury, Savannakhet, Pakse, and Luang Prabang during the reporting period.

### 5. 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/S	Tha Deua	Final Approval Process
PK 3001	Wapi	Kong Sedone	Cancel - Transferred to Vte
VT 3004	Ban Keun	Ban Keun	Final Approval Process
VT 3005	Phone Hong	Phone Hong	Final Approval Process
SK 3005	Khammouane	Thakhek	Local signatures
VT 3006	VTE/N	Phone Tong	Approved
VT 3007	Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng	Final Approval Process
PK 3002	Pakse	Ban Saphay	Final Approval Process
SK 3006	Savannakhet	Na Seng	Final Approval Process
LP 3003	Luang Prabang	Fa Ngum	Final Approval Process

### 6. Other Donors

The Asia Foundation assisted the Department of Primary Education print 4,500 copies of a new reading book for functional literacy classes for farmers.

1,250 copies of a supplementary reader Somchai Goes to Market, supplied by the American Women's Club of Laos, were distributed in Savannakhet.

Please see Refugee Section for Rotary Club.

## 7. Other

At the That Luang Fair this year the MOE will sponsor a section on International Book year, featuring Lao language textbooks and other educational materials.

## 8. Personnel

Mr. Phonekeo, Edu. Admin. Asst., will assume his new duties in Luang Prabang on November 7, 1972.

Tiao Vannitha, Deputy Director of Primary Education, and three other MOE officials departed, under UNESCO sponsorship to study adult education projects in France, Iran, Afghanistan, and Thailand.

Mr. Boumy Srihanouvong, Deputy PSI Sedone, is attending a one month Science and Math Seminar in Singapore.

Mr. Long, PSI/Savannakhet departed for Singapore for a one week conference on Teaching Aids production.

## 9. 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	4	4	9	7	-	-	16
CE (Urban)	1	1	4	4	-	-	8
Refugee	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18</u>
	6	16	31	11			42

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 79%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 21%

### Status of approved CE construction project:

CE 1105 Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak)	62%
CE 2106 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/N, Hong Seng	100%
CE 2107 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Phone Keng	90%
CE 2108 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Bo O	100%
CE 2109 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Chomphet	95%
CE 2110 Urban Self-Help Construction, Pakse	65%
CE 2111 Urban Self-Help Construction, Savannakhet	90%
CE 2113 Urban Self-Help Construction, Paksane	65%
CE 2114 Urban Self-Help Construction, Sayaboury	8%
CE 2125 Urban Self-Help Construction, Nong Boua Thong	25%
VF 3106 Urban Self-Help Construction, Phone Tong	NS *

\* Not Started

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## Approved Construction of Elementary Classrooms - FY 73

	<u>REFUGEE-NARCOTICS</u>			<u>OTHER</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Already Approved</u>	<u>New - Temporary</u>	<u>New - Permanent</u>	<u>Already Approved</u>	<u>New</u>	
Kieng Khouang	37	75	8	-	-	120
Houei Sai	9	2	8	-	15	34
Luang Prabang-Sayaboury	25	-	29	15	52 20 (repairs)	141
Vientiane	35	22	50	16	40	163
Savannakhet	-	10	26	31	69	136
Pakse	-	-	-	54	56	110
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>106</u> *****	<u>109</u> *****	<u>121</u> *****	<u>116</u> *****	<u>252</u> *****	<u>704</u> *****