

October 30, 1972

TO : Mr. Hunter A. Fitzgerald, CEA/National

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for October, 1972

Problems:

No significant problems noted this reporting period.

Progress

Refugee Schools

All refugee classrooms requested on dry season planning for Houei Sai, Luang Prabang, and Savannakhet areas have been approved. The Pakse area failed to include the 20 classrooms already approved for the Phou Ba Chieng Center but which cannot be built until security returns to there. Also three temporary classrooms were built at Selabam and five more are slated for the region from Done Kho to Selabam.

The PSIs were requesting items (chalk, notebooks, ink and alphabet charts) for refugee schools. The MoE stated that the supplies have been packed and are ready for distribution.

Non-Refugee Schools

The PSIs are still working on statistics for the 1972-73 school year. As soon as they are completed a report will be made.

Most of the PSIs received chalk and other school supplies.

The CEA and PSIs visited over 75 schools in Sayaboury, Savannakhet, Pakse and Luang Prabang areas. Field trip reports were made on these visits.

Ban Houei Sai

Fifteen classrooms are slated for construction during the dry season. All were approved.

Work has not begun on the rehabilitation of the force account; groupe scolaire. The PTA promised to raise 140,000 kips for painters, paint, brushes, etc. and the work would be completed by December 1st.

The CNA and his Assistant all refugee schools from October 23rd to 29th to gather refugee statistics. Report will follow next month.

Luang Prabang

Work began on the Abhay Groupe Scolaire rehabilitation. Glass louvers

were put in all of the four groupes scolaires and work should be completed by December 1st. The PSI requested a carpenter from the MoE to assist with the supervising on the repair needed. USAID has supplied a painter supervisor to assist with the installation of the common use items being supplied on the activity plan.

Mr. Bewetz, FWD has agreed to give a detailed estimate on the items needed to repair the Phong Kham Groupe Scolaire. This force account school was built in 1968 and is badly in need of repairs since the foundation sank and the decorative blocks on the left side of the building are ready to fall down. The PTA will assist with obtaining sand, bricks and toilet heads and USAID will supply other common use items.

The PSI and Teaching Supervisor spent the entire month working with in-service training courses for teachers in their area. Twelve sites were chosen with seminars held for six days in the Lao language, Science and Math.

Urban self-help construction is as follows:

Muong Phiang CE-2014	8%
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The Chao Khoueng, CDAA, PSI and sixteen khoueng officials visited nineteen schools in the Sayaboury area. The visit was set up to determine priorities for construction in the dry season and for FY-74.

The PTA of the Sayaboury Groupe Scolaire met to raise 70,000 kips needed to paint the school. The items have been ordered and work should be completed by December 1st.

#### Savannakhet

An inspection was made on the two groupes scolaires needing repairs. Rattanarangsy was in very good condition and the school grounds were clean. Painting of the Chomkeo Groupe Scolaire has not started since the PTA has not raised the necessary money needed. The self-help constructed Sayaphoum Groupe Scolaire was in good condition and the children were busy cleaning their classrooms. This school is being renamed by the PSI and will be called the Tha He Groupe Scolaire.

Mr. Long, PSI departed on October 26th for Vientiane on his way to Singapore to represent the MoE on a week's conference on the production of teaching aids for primary schools.

The AP for Old Sayaphoum Groupe Scolaire was disapproved by the PSI. He argues that the PTA cannot provide the 580,000 kips needed for the repairs because they still have a debt of 300,000 kips outstanding from the new self-help constructed school. A copy of his letter is being translated and will be submitted soon.

Five women from the American Women's Club in Vientiane distributed 1,250 copies of the supplementary reader, "Somchai Goes to Market," to P-1 and P-2 at Sayamounkhoun, Phone Savanh and Rattanakongsy groupes scolaires.

The CEA Assistant and CDAA/Kengkok made a survey in the Lahanam area to determine how many classrooms are vacant. The Chao Muong and his staff assisted in the survey. It was determined that 17 teachers are still needed for that area. The survey will now be continued at Phommachedy to see if teachers are needed for that area.

The truck belonging to the PSI/Kengkok was picked up and given to the Technical School in Savannakhet.

The PSI/Khammouane is still trying to obtain the lease for the land adjacent to the USAID compound in Thakhek so that the new self-help school can be constructed this year.

The CDAA is still waiting for the common use items needed for the completion of the rehabilitation of the Thakhek Groupe Scolaire.

The PSI/Nong Bok has agreed to ship the heads of the three sewing machines which were not included with the machines when they were shipped to Vientiane.

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Na Ke CE-2011.	90%
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Pakse

The two groupes scolaires in Pakse City have been painted and are ready for the common use items which USAID will provide.

The CEA obtained statistics on secondary education in Pakse. He also visited the Khong Sedone College in the city. Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief, Education, Vientiane also visited the College with Mr. Thomas Liston, Maintenance Advisor. They made a trip to Saphay to view the site of the new self-help groupe scolaire and other education projects in Pakse City.

The PSI/Mapikhamthong and CEA visited Khong Sedone to determine the needs for the PSI Conference which may be held there. The AP has been signed and will be submitted shortly to Vientiane.

Mr. Bounmy Srihanouvong, Deputy PSI/Sedone is presently attending a Science and Math seminar in Singapore. He will return in January, 1973.

Urban self-help construction is as follows:

Pakse	CE 2-010	65%
Done Talat	CE 1-005	62%