

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 5, 1972

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

Problems

No new significant problems not previously reported.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

Please review Mr. Woodson's Monthly Report for November. He and other CE staff members have compiled a comprehensive statistical summary of refugee education activities. The compilation includes: (1) Elementary school enrollment by grade; (2) Secondary enrollment by school; (3) Elementary teacher assignment by teacher status; (4) Textbooks and educational materials printed since FY 69; (5) School supply support; (6) Classroom construction since FY 69; (7) Number of Refugee Teachers trained since FY 70; (8) Location of refugee students by School District; (9) Comparison by per cent in each grade; (10) Comparison of students passing each grade; (11) Xieng Khouang Province Elementary School enrollment by school year since 1968.

With the completion of the rice harvest, villagers have returned to their self-help school projects. Most of the current Vientiane Plain refugee school construction projects are nearing completion.

Based on a survey taken in the Y Lai 1 area The International Rotary Club of Vientiane will assist the MoE build three classrooms at Ban Y Lai 1. They also plan to construct a small dispensary. This project is scheduled to begin in December 1972.

CEA/Refugees and staff are in the process of up-dating the inventory of Refugee Education supplies and textbooks.

Mr. Constantino, CEA/Operations, reports that new refugees have arrived in urban areas from Thakhek, Kengkok, Khong Sedone, Champassak, and Luang Prabang. He will submit a summary of these statistics later.

2. In-Service Training

The activity proposal for the Fifteenth National Primary School Inspectors' Conference is being revised to comply with the new design for training programs.

The planning and working out of details for next Summer's CREC/Refugee Teacher Training Program are completed and an activity plan will start circulation for signature next month.

3. Curriculum Development

Mr. David Harper, RECSAM Science and Mathematics Advisor, visited Vientiane and planned and developed a twelve day study/observation tour for five Primary School Inspectors to go to Penang to prepare for the revision of the Lao primary school science curriculum, grades 1-6. Miss Engler in her Monthly Report has prepared a good synopsis of the program.

MoE has revised the textbook for grade four Geography which will be printed for refugee school children under activity Plan CE 3001. Grade four History has been revised and new texts for History, grades five and six are currently being typed.

4. Participant Training

CEA/Program will go to Bangkok in December to work with USOM and Thai Officials on setting up two year special programs for four participants who are now in local pre-academic training. Their programs will be in educational testing and guidance, statistics, and, budget and fiscal. She will also interview and evaluate progress of Community Education participants now studying in Thailand.

5. Operations

Work is progressing satisfactorily on urban groupe scolaire improvements.

Mr. Phomma, PSI/Nongbok, has established his office in Thakhek and the Deputy PSI/Nongbok remained in Nongbok.

Construction on the Thakhek Urban Self-Help School will begin in late January as soon as squatters are off the school site.

6. 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	Approved
VT 3004	Ban Keun	Ban Keun	Approved
VT 3005	Phone Hong	Phone Hong	Approved
SK 3005	Khammouane	Thakhek	Final Approval Process
VT 3006	VTE/N	Phone Tong	Approved
VT 3007	Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng	Approved
PK 3002	Pakse	Ban Saphay	Approved
SK 3006	Savannakhet	Na Seng	Approved
LP 3003	Luang Prabang	Fa Ngum	Approved
VT 3002	VTE/N	Sithanneua	Local Signatures

7. Other Donors

Community Education staff members made suggestion to the American Women's Club on ways in which support could be given to elementary schools with emphasis on refugee school children.

The French Cultural Mission is conducting a course to train instructors in teaching French in grade five. They also completed textbooks for French, grades four and five, but will only distribute copies to teachers trained in their courses. No provision has been made for children's books.

Please see Refugee Section, this report, for Rotary Club contribution

8. Adult Literacy

Mr. Bounthong, Director of Primary Education; Mr. Ali Hamadash, UNESCO Literacy Expert; and the Chief of Adult Education; visited the Ban Houei Sai region and met with local officials about the possibility of establishing adult functional literacy classes for hill tribes in the area. Currently the Community Education Branch is studying this proposal in terms of a possible narcotics related program.

9. Personnel

Mr. Long, PSI/Savannakhet, returned very impressed with the seminar on teaching aid production which was held in Singapore. He stated he learned many new ideas and techniques which he intends to institute in his School District.

10. Construction

	<u>No of APs</u>	<u>No of School</u>	<u>Number of Classrooms New Grades</u>		<u>Number of Classrooms Replace Grades</u>		<u>Total</u>
			<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	
Rural Self-Help	4	4	9	7	-	-	16
CE (Urban)	8	8	32	32	-	-	64
Refugee	2	4	38	-	-	-	38
	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>39</u>			<u>118</u>

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 67%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 33%

Status of approved CE construction project

CE 1005 Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak).....	75%
CE 2007 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Phone Keng.....	95%
CE 2009 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Chomphet.....	95%
CE 2010 Urban Self-Help Construction, Pakse	80%
CE 2011 Urban Self-Help Construction, Savannakhet	95%
CE 2013 Urban Self-Help Construction, Paksane	80%
CE 2014 Urban Self-Help Construction, Sayaboury	100%
CE 2025 Urban Self-Help Construction, Nong Boua Thong	40%

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