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Subject : Monthly Report For November

Problems:

None

Progress:

Refugee Schools

Enemy activity in the Luang Prabang, Pakse and Savannakhet areas caused an influx of refugees in the urban areas. New statistics have been obtained for children from Thakhek, Kengkok, Khong Sedone, Champassak and Luang Prabang area. These will be submitted shortly.

The PSIs are anticipating the arrival of more textbooks and school supplies. Those which arrived have been distributed and follow-ups are being made by the three Education Assistants. Flags are also being distributed.

Non-Refugee Schools

School supplies have been arriving for all the areas and being distributed by the PSI staffs. Vegetable seeds also arrived and have been presented to the schools by the PSI and Agriculture agents of the areas.

Statistics from the PSIs are still being compiled and these will be forwarded to Vientiane when they are ready.

All elementary schools were on the first trimester break from November 25th to December 3rd.

Work began on the urban school slated for the Pakse area and the one approved for Savannakhet will begin soon.

Work is progressing on the groupes scolaires improvements as follows:

Phan Luang	- Luang Prabang	PTA lime washing
Phong Kham	- Luang Prabang	Not started
Ban Thong	- Pakse	USAID carpenter working
Khan Kheung	- Pakse	USAID carpenter working
Nhouy Abhay	- Sithandone	USAID carpenter working
Chomkeo	- Savannakhet	Not started
Thakhek	- Khammouane	USAID carpenter working

Urban school construction for this period is as follows:

Muong Phieng	= Sayaboury	CE-2014	10%
Na Ke	= Savannakhet	CE-2011	95%
Pakse	= Sedone	CE-2010	80%
Done Talat	= Champassak	CE-1005	75%
Ban Saphay	= Sedone	PK-3002	2%
Fa Ngum	= Luang Prabang	LP-3003	Not Started
Na Seng	= Savannakhet	SK 3006	Not Started
Thakhek	= Khammouane	SK-3005	Not Started

Mr. Long, PSI/Savannakhet returned from a seminar held in Singapore on teaching aid production. He was very impressed with the course and stated that he was applying many of the new concepts learned there in his schools. He will insist that all future teaching aids be made by individual teachers and not by the Materials Production Center.

The CEA and PSIs in this area spent most of the month visiting schools. Over 135 schools were visited in the three areas and plans made for assistance needed for them.

The PSI/Kengkok made a report on damages done to his schools, office and housing. The CDAA/Kengkok also made a report to the AC/Savannakhet outlining his recommendations for repairs to schools damaged by the enemy attack last month.

Mr. Phomma, PSI/Nong Bok has established his office in Thakhek since the enemy took over the town on November 11th. Mr. Hoy, Deputy PSI is still in Nong Bok and is trying to keep schools open on orders of the Chao Khoueng.

The Chao Khoueng of Thakhek has informed the CEA and PSI that the military will relinquish the land slated for the construction of the FY 73 urban groupe scolaire. They are in the process of getting squatters off the land and as soon as they vacate the deed will be forwarded to the MoE. Construction will begin in late January.

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