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Subject : Monthly Report For November

Problems:

None that have not been previously reported.

Project Progress:

Self-help labor has improved with the completion of rice harvest in the refugee villages. The main structures have all been completed and only doors, windows and furniture remain.

A survey was taken in the Y-Lai#1 area in connection with the Rotary Club Refugee School Construction Project. Based on next years projected enrollment, the Rotary Club plans to build three classrooms and a small dispensary at Y-Lai#1. They plan to start construction by the end of December.

An inventory of Refugee Education supplies and textbooks is in process and will be completed by next December.

The remainder of this report will deal with the latest refugee statistics and some comparisons that have been made.

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT - COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Refugee Education Assistance

1. Enrollment - FY 73:

A. Elementary

Grade 1	18,176
Grade 2	7,652
Grade 3	5,552
Grade 4	2,796
Grade 5	1,790
Grade 6	<u>1,551</u>
TOTAL:	37,517

B. Secondary

Sam Thong College	130	4	+	6
Sam Thong ENI	86	4	+	6
Attapeu	140	4	+	6
Saravane	190	5	+	1
Khong Sedone	<u>114</u>	4	+	6
TOTAL:	<u>660</u>			

Education Development - Community Education

2. Teachers Assigned Elementary Schools, FY 73:

A. Regular RLG	701
B. CREC/Military	<u>463</u>
Total:	1,164

3. Textbooks and Educational Materials Printed:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Texts</u>	<u>Notebooks</u>	<u>Other Instructional Materials</u>
FY 69	-	250,000	-
FY 70	136,600	100,000	-
FY 71	115,400	207,500	-
FY 72	200,000	200,000	165,000
FY 73	<u>86,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>538,000</u>	<u>1,057,500</u>	<u>190,000</u>

4. School Supplies - FY 73:

A. U.S. G.I.	\$11,600
B. Local	Kip 340,000

This support was approximately the same for FY 71 and FY 72 as shown in A. and B. The MoE also as part of their regular program is providing about Kip 65 per pupil in terms of commodity support.

Education Development - Community Education

5. Construction

A. Classroom Completed FY 69-71 747

B. Elementary Classrooms in Process or Completed - FY 72

(1) Traditional 311
(2) Permanent 134

Total: 445

C. Approved New Classrooms - FY 73 Dry Season Review

(1) Traditional 109
(2) Permanent 121

Total: 230

6 Training Programs for Refugee Teachers

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Participants</u>
FY 70	161
FY 71	570
FY 72	1,037
FY 73	<u>874</u> (projected)
Total	<u>2,642</u>

8. Grade breakdown by percentage %

	All students 1968-69	National 1970-71	All Refugee 1970-71	Xieng Khouang		
				1968-69	1970-71	1972-73
Grade 1	42.48 %	40.70 %	48.45 %	52.96 %	54.15 %	52.25 %
" 2	20.16 %	19.95 %	20.40 %	18.87 %	17.66 %	18.47 %
" 3	14.87 %	15.14 %	17.80 %	13.19 %	12.58 %	13.89 %
" 4	9.27 %	10.04 %	7.45 %	7.34 %	6.58 %	7.10 %
" 5	6.87 %	7.14 %	4.77 %	4.77 %	3.70 %	4.60 %
" 6	6.19 %	6.92 %	4.13 %	2.83 %	5.31 %	3.69 %

The reader can observe the comparison between the percentage of students in grade 1 and in grade 6. Nationally there has been an increase in number of students in the upper grades i.e. grades 4-6 while the refugees are still concentrated in the lower grades. This is due the interruptions of the education cycle caused by the war which increased the drop out rate. Older refugee children have to help at home more. Meo children in XK province can join the army to help the family economic situation after they reach the age of 15 years and have completed three years of school.

9. Percentage Passing by Grade - Comparison

	All students 1968-69	National 1970-71	Xieng Khouang - Refugee	
			1968-69	1970-71
Grade 1	52.05 %	51.95 %	40.43 %	44.93 %
" 2	63.61 %	65.76 %	51.35 %	64.22 %
" 3	62.14 %	64.10 %	44.44 %	44.91 %
" 4	69.58 %	66.59 %	56.23 %	61.31 %
" 5	73.07 %	71.96 %	65.06 %	69.92 %
" 6	61.38 %	62.78 %	72.16 %	37.43 %
Total	<u>59.56 %</u>	<u>60.20 %</u>	<u>46.26 %</u>	<u>49.94 %</u>

Refugee Students passing grade 3 and grade 6 are considerably less in Xieng Khouang province. Passing the grade 3 exam allows the students to go on to the second cycle. After passing the 6th grade the student gets a CEP. (Certificat d'Etudes Primaires) which also gives an indication of the success these pupils had in being admitted to the secondary schools in the country traditionally kept the girls out of school. With the opening of various training programs for girls in nursing and other fields, the attitude is slowly changing and the number of girls attending school is increasing. Xieng Khouang Province is still far behind the national percentages. The percentage of girls in grade 6 is only 9.19 % in comparison with the National Average of 28.38 %.

11. Xieng Khouang Province - Enrollment by Year

	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
Grade 1	5,780	2,142	3,890	7,555	7,411
" 2	2,060	872	1,269	2,647	2,620
" 3	1,440	582	904	1,825	1,970
" 4	802	231	473	968	1,007
" 5	521	180	266	630	653
" 6	309	336	382	469	522
Total	<u>10,912</u>	<u>4,343</u>	<u>7,184</u>	<u>14,094</u>	<u>14,183</u>

Going back even farther, there were 13,431 students in XK, HP provinces in 1966-67. Adding the current Xieng Khouang, Houa Phan Enrollment to the Vientiane Plain enrollment the total number comes to over 22,000. This would indicate that more children are attending school than in the past and the yearly increase is probably greater in the XK/HP area as education opportunities improve and as more girls attend school.

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