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SUBJ: Education Report for September, 1972

PROBLEMS

No significant problems noted this reporting period.

PROGRESS

All primary schools opened on September 1st. The only problem confronting the PSIs was insufficient amounts of chalk for the schools. A temporary supply is on its way and should be arriving sometime next month. The CEA spent most of the month working with the PSIs on dry season review. Meetings were held with them to determine priorities on school construction, teacher shortages, textbooks etc. Further meetings were then held with the ACs, CDAA's, ORA representatives and Khoueng officials. Dry Season priorities have been drawn up and all have been submitted to the appropriate ACs with their concurrences.

Refugee Schools

Pakse - Mr. Souveng, PSI/Wapikhamthong will supervise the schools consisting of refugees from his province. So far a total of six sites have been chosen with only one site presently underway. Three temporary classrooms will open in October for 380 refugee children from the Khong Sedone area. The remaining sites located at Done Tho, Pak Sone, Ban Na Keo, Xone Phak and Ban Sole (sic) will open temporary classrooms in pagoda schools until other school sites can be chosen. The PSI/Sedone and PSI/Wapikhamthong have requested that all Directors of schools in the Sedone area supply statistics on the number of refugee children, area they came from, etc. This will be submitted in a later refugee report.

Sevannaone - ORA has plans for the construction of 26 permanent classrooms replacing the 24 temporary rooms at Ban Thasano and Ban That Ing Hang.

Luang Prabang - The CEA met with ORA, CDAA and PSI on the needs for refugee classrooms in the Luang Prabang area. The PSI and CEA visited thirteen sites and the priorities were established. The four room school at Pak Meut was beginning construction the day we visited the school. A total of sixteen rooms have been slated for FY 73 with only Ban Louang (1 room) still insecure.

Non-Refugee Schools

Luang Prabang - A total of 40 classrooms are slated for FY73 dry season in the Luang Prabang area. 27 more classrooms have been projected for Sayaboury. 23 teachers will be needed for Luang Prabang and 14 for Sayaboury. The PSIs have proposed that the teachers will be supplied from the normal amount accorded them each school year. The PSI and CEA visited 28 schools in the Luang Prabang area.

Work is progressing slowly on the rehabilitation of the four groups of schools in Luang Prabang and the one groupe scolaire in Sayaboury. The PTAs have met with the PTAs of these schools and they have agreed to supply materials, concrete and lime wash for the work to be completed during the first trimester break. FWD/Luang Prabang and the CDA/Sayaboury have ordered the common use items for the completion of the work on these schools but this will not be done until the PTAs have completed the lime washing of the schools.

FWD/Luang Prabang has made an estimate on the amount of work needed to repair the school at Phong Kham. The CEA/National would like the estimate to be submitted as quickly as possible so that the necessary repairs on the floor, decorative blocks and other areas be completed in the near future.

The CEA met with Mr. Soumeth, Supervisor working with schools in the Luang Prabang area to make up a follow-up report on his work. The report was submitted to CEA/Program.

Mr. Phonekeo Many is being considered for the position vacated by Mr. Soumeth Education Assistant in Luang Prabang who was transferred so that he could be with his family in Ban Houei Sai. Mr. Phonekeo will report to his area around the 15th of October after an orientation period in Vientiane.

Urban self-help construction on schools is as follows:

Sithane	CE 2-011	98%
Muong Phieng	CE-2-014	5%

Savannakhet - The PSIs of the areas have been meeting with all teachers in their areas to discuss routine education problems in their schools. The Teaching Supervisors were an integral part of the program and contributed by explaining newer methods being used in the teaching of science and math. The PSI of Savannakhet did not have all of them assembled at one area but visited each groupe scolaire individually to discuss the problems.

Work began of the rehabilitation of the Khammouane Neua Groupe Scolaire. Work will begin on the Chomkeo Groupe Scolaire and Nong Bok during the first trimester break.

Urban school construction is as follows:

Na Ke School	CE 2011	85%
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Mr. Phoumy, Education Assistant is attending Super Man I Training Course in Vientiane from October 2-6, 1972.

A total of 67 classrooms are projected for FY 73. Of these 39 will be needing teachers which the PSIs of the areas have promised to provide from their regular allotment coming to them in the 1973-74 school year.

The truck assigned to the PSI/Kengkok was transported to Savannakhet where it will be given to the Technical School.

The site for the FY73 urban self help school at Done Talat was selected. The CEA will visit the area next week to determine if the school will be built. The AP will be submitted soon thereafter.

Pakse The PSIs of the Pakse area along with the three DMB representatives have made up a schedule to work with teachers from Sedone, Chouy and Sithandone. The purpose of the seminar is to assist teachers in the methods being used in education. The Teaching Supervisor will conduct one day seminars in nine sites in Sedone with 13 teachers attending; 5 sessions from Champassak at 9 sites and in Sithandone a total of nine sites with 17 teachers.

The rehabilitation of the groupes scolaires in the Pakse area is as follows:

Ban Thong	CE 2-039	275
Khan Khoueng	CE 2-039	105
Champassak	CE 2-041	1001
Nhouy Abhay	CE 2-042	105

Urban self-help school construction for September is as follows:

Pakse	CE 2-010	500
Done Talat	CE 1-005	500