

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 6, 1972

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

PROBLEMS

No new significant problems not previously reported.

PROJECT PROGRESS

1. Refugee Schools

Activity Plans for Refugee textbooks and school supplies have been approved. Chalk, pencils, and other materials have been delivered or are enroute.

An Activity Plan for temporary school construction and some repair work of Vientiane Plain Refugee Schools is in the approval process.

This year refugee school furniture is being pre-cut and banded at the FWD/Kao Iiao facility for shipment to school sites. This procedure should not only insure a higher quality furniture but will save time.

Permanent school construction for refugees is progressing in a satisfactory manner in all locations where lumber contractors have made delivery.

Summer Work Experience Students completed eight weeks of their scheduled program and are spending two weeks in other projects such as school repair and small construction jobs.

CEA/Operations reports that 2,566 Wapikhamthong refugees consisting of 360 families have been settled in the Pakse/Selabam relocation site and six other smaller sites. Ten temporary class-rooms will be constructed for the refugee school children and pagodas will also be used as schools.

In the Savannakhet area twenty-four temporary classrooms at Ban Thasano and Ban That Ing Mang have been completed and will be ready for the opening of school.

Mr. Costantino, CEA/Operations, and local officials in both Luang Prabang and Houa Khong provinces have worked out refugee school construction plans.

Please see Mr. Woodson's Monthly Report for the latest refugee school statistics available.

2. In-Service Training

Seventeen Primary School Inspectors were invited to participate in the National Family Planning Seminar, sponsored by the Secretary of State for Public Health. Following the Seminar the PSI's and the Director of Primary and Adult Education held their annual planning meeting jointly with the USAID/CE staff. A detailed report of the planning meetings will be submitted later.

August 5, 1972 marked the closing of a very successful in-service training project conducted for CREC/military teachers in Nam You, Houa Khong Province. Mr. Sage, CDAA/BHS, participated and supported the program along with the Deputy Director of Primary and Adult Education.

Two home economics instructors from the Home Economics School in Vientiane were nominated by the Primary Education Department to attend a Home Economics Seminar to be conducted at Fa Ngum Vientiane.

3. Participants

Nineteen participants in Supervision and testing and guidance finished three months of local training and will depart in September for six months of intensive training in Thailand.

Four two-year participants slated for two year training in Thailand in testing and guidance; statistics, and budget and finance will begin pre-academic training at HRDD/LT September 5, 1972.

4. Test Reform

Work continues on reform of the Lao testing procedures at the primary level. CEA/Program in conjunction with the MoE Test Committee is developing definitive studies upon which recommendations will be based to improve the current system.

5. The Report on Primary School Inspectors Conference

The CE staff completed the publication of this year's Annual Primary School Inspectors Conference Report. A wide USAID and RIG distribution is planned. This report and its predecessors provide a good reference on the Lao primary education system.

6. Operations

CEA/Operations and CEA/National spent considerable time on full visits during the reporting period covering all major field posts.

Work continues on Activity Plans for forced contract groupe scolaire improvements with about fifty percent of the jobs completed.

7. Status of FY 73 Urban Self-Help Construction

<u>AP Number</u>	<u>PSI Area</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Status</u>
VT 3001	Vte/S	Tha Deua	Local signatures
PK 3001	Wapi	Khong Sedone	Suspended
VT 3004	Ban Keun	Ban Keun	MoE for signatures
VT 3005	Phone Hong	Phone Hong	Local signatures
SK 3005	Khammouane	Thakhek	Local signatures
VT 3006	Vte/N	Phone Tong	Final approval
VT 3007	Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng	MoE for signatures
PK 3002	Pakse	Ban Saphay	MoE for signatures
SK 3006	Savannakhet	Na Seng	Local signatures
IP 3003	Luang Prabang	Fa Ngum	MoE for signatures

8. Other Donors

The Australian Embassy reports that they have obtained approximately \$100,000 of school supplies for the Primary Education Department. They will be shipped to Laos in the near future. These supplies include chalk, notebooks, slides, and large writing pads.

9. Construction

	No of <u>APs</u>	Number of <u>School</u>	Number of <u>Classrooms</u>		Number of <u>Classrooms</u>		<u>Total</u>
			New Grades		Replace Grades		
			<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)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refugee	1	11	18	-	-	-	18
	5	15	27	7			34

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 97%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 21%

Status of approved CE construction project:

CE 0108 Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	100%
CE 1005 Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak)	51%
CE 2006 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/N, Hong Seng	90%
CE 2007 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Phone Kheng	75%
CE 2008 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Bo O	80%
CE 2009 Urban Self-Help Construction, Vte/S, Chomphet	65%
CE 2010 Urban Self-Help Construction, Pakse	50%
CE 2011 Urban Self-Help Construction, Savannakhet	80%
CE 2013 Urban Self-Help Construction, Paksane	45%
CE 2014 Urban Self-Help Construction, Sayaboury	5%
CE 2025 Urban Self-Help Construction, Nong Boua Thong	N.S.

(N.S. not started)

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