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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for April, 1972

PROBLEM:

Due to the current local market situation some difficulty is being experienced in procuring local construction materials.

PROJECT PROGRESS:

Construction of temporary classrooms in the Hin Heub Area is approximately 75% complete.

Construction of 37 permanent refugee classrooms on the Vientiane plain is in progress. Some difficulty was encountered getting USAID equipment assigned to these projects during the early phases of construction. The activity manager has been requested to readjust time schedules on these activities to reflect a realistic work schedule.

The refugee education budget was prepared and submitted to ORA for consideration. The budget reflected fewer temporary schools and more permanent schools to coincide with the permanent resettlement of the refugees.

A suggested distribution list of refugee school supplies for the 1972-73 school year was prepared and forwarded to the Ministry of Education for their approval. The distribution list included reserve supplies which have been audited.

Training programs at Vang Vieng and Song Lai in progress for displaced teachers. Teachers at Song Lai enjoyed a visit and a short discussion period with Dr. Hill, who was visiting the American School in Vientiane.

During the month, this advisor was on R&R for 10 days which coincided with Lao New Year.

School Statistics Attached:

(Same as March - No change reported.)

The Ministry of Education has nominated four participants for educational statistics evaluation (2), and budget and fiscal. CEA/Program is currently working with HRDD/Participant Training in reviewing applications and proposing courses of study in Thailand.

3. Urban Self Help Construction - All nine FY72 Urban Self Help Construction Projects are under way and it appears the RIG, Ministry of Finance, is releasing monies without undue delay to pay for labor contracts and local construction materials.

4. Personnel - Mr. Costantino returned from Home Leave and assumed his new duties as Community Education Advisor/Operations.

Mr. Soukane Souksamlane returned to work for USAID and has been assigned to his prior post of Office Manager; Community Education Branch.

5. Other Donors - None reported

6. Construction - Summary of FY72 self-help projects approved to date:

	No. of APs	Number of Schools	Number of Classrooms New Grades		Number of Classroom Replace Grades		Total
			1-3	4-6	1-3	4-6	
Rural Self-Help	22	90	64	24	138	16	242
CE (Urban)	10	10	39	39	0	0	78
Refugees	6	46	97	7	17	0	121
Refugees (L.P.)	1	12	Information		not	available	34
	39	158	200	70	155	16	475

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 74%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 26%

Status of approved CE Construction projects:

CE 0108	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	90%
CE 0187	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/South)	100%
CE 1005	Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak)	45%
CE 2006	Urban School Construction Vientiane/North, Hong Seng	8%
CE 2007	Urban School Construction Vientiane/South, Phone Kheng	15%
CE 2008	Urban School Construction Vientiane/South Bo-O	10%
CE 2009	Urban School Construction Vientiane/South, Chomphet	10%
CE 2010	Urban School Construction, Pakse	15%
CE 2011	Urban School Construction, Savannakhet	37%
CE 2012	Urban School Construction, Luang Prabang	75%
CE 2013	Urban School Construction, Paksane	1%
CE 2014	Urban School Construction, Sayaboury	1%
CE 2025	School Construction, Vientiane/North, Nong Boua Thong N.S	

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