

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 3, 1972

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

Problems

No new significant problems not reported previously.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

An Activity Plan to train 54 Long Tieng area teachers currently do not have students and the Teacher Training Division of MoE has agreed to provide instructors to upgrade their skills. Mr. Bounthong, Director of Primary Education; Mr. Phansy, Teacher Training; Mr. Colman, Teacher Training Advisor; Mr. Thanh, TT Administrative Assistant; CEA/Refugees, PSI/Xieng Khouang, and CEA/National visited the training site and worked out details with USAID and Lao local officials. It is quite significant that the Lao Teacher Training staff is assuming this important segment of in-service training.

An Activity Plan for twenty classrooms for ten sites in the Hin Heup refugee area has been drafted and is being forwarded to ORA for processing. The Director of Primary Education has agreed to provide additional teachers from three PSI districts and has put the PSI Vang Vieng in charge of the project.

The Activity Plan for nine rooms in Borikhane Province for refugee children has been completed and nine Xieng Khouang teachers have been assigned to the area by the PSI Xieng Khouang.

The PSI/Xieng Khouang is working on a proposal to submit to MoE to provide for the possible continuing of XK schools for children who are

currently out of school due to enemy activity. Please see Mr. Woodson's monthly report for current refugee education statistics.

2. In-Service Training

The Annual PSI Conference was held in Sayaboury and each year the Primary Department of Education shows significant growth, especially in the area of the Lao working toward solving their own problems with a minimum of outside assistance. CEA/Program is working with the local staff in the preparation of a comprehensive report. This report will be issued when completed.

The second in a series of four seminars to train instructors for CEA/Refugee summer workshops was completed in Vientiane. Miss Engler's monthly report describes this activity very well.

CEA/Program has worked during the reporting period on activity plans to train over 700 CREC and Refugee teachers. These APs have now been sent to AC's for local inputs and signatures.

3. Urban Self-Help Construction

The Ministry of Education proposed ten additional eight-room self-help groupè scolaires for FY 73. The PSI districts concerned are: Vientiane/South, Wapi, Ban Keun, Phone Hong, Khammouane, Vientiane/North, Kengkok, Sedone, Savannakhet, and Luang Prabang. All pertinent information has already been forwarded to AC's for review and inclusion in this year's Spring Review.

The RLG is still experiencing difficulty in setting up an adequate system to get money issued quickly to pay contracts and bills for construction. CEA/National is working closely with MoE to improve the situation.

4. Personnel

Mr. Costantino, CEA/South, departed on Home Leave February 16, 1972.

Mr. Phoumy Phommuchak will be assigned to Savannakhet during the next reporting period to assume the duties of Administrative Assistant.

5. School Maintenance

CEAs have submitted estimates for the rehabilitation of eighteen forced contract groupe scolaires. A special request has been submitted to PRO justifying this non-refugee activity.

6. Other Donors

None reported.

7. Construction

Summary of FY 72 self-help projects approved to date:

	No. of <u>APs</u>	Number of <u>Schools</u>	Number of Classrooms New Grades		Number of Classroom Replace Grades		<u>Total</u>
			<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	
Rural Self-Help	18	72	60	21	118	9	208
CE (Urban)	10	10	39	39	0	0	78
Refugees	5	38	77	7	17	0	101
Refugees (L. P.)	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Information</u>		<u>not</u>	<u>available</u>	<u>34</u>
	<u>34</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>421</u>

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 72%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 28%

8. Construction (continued)

Status of approved CE construction projects:

CE 0108	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	55%
CE 0187	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/South)	95%
CE 0190	Urban Self-Help Construction (Savannakhet)	100%
CE 1004	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vang Vieng)	97%
CE 1005	Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak)	40%
CE 1021	Groupe Scolaire Repair (Savannakhet)	100%
CE 2003	Repair, PSI Office/Champassak	100%
CE 2006	Urban School Construction Vientiane/North, Hong Seng	N. S.
CE 2007	Urban School Construction Vientiane/South, Phone Kheng	3%
CE 2008	Urban School Construction Vientiane South Bo-O	N. S.
CE 2009	Urban School Construction Vientiane South, Champhet	N. S.
CE 2010	Urban School Construction, Pakse	5%
CE 2011	Urban School Construction, Savannakhet	10%
CE 2012	Urban School Construction, Luang Prabang	45%
CE 2013	Urban School Construction, Paksane	N. S.
CE 2014	Urban School Construction, Sayaboury	N. S.
CE 2025	School Construction, Vientiane/North, Nong Boua Thong	N. S.

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