

March, 1972

TO: : Hunter Fitzgerald, CEA/National  
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February, 1972

The Activity Plan for permanent refugee school construction was approved during the month, however, delays in getting final plans and material lists are being caused by numerous priority projects being given to Public Works Division. Permanent refugee classrooms will, thus, not be ready for the opening of school in September.

Lines of authority and responsibility between Lao Field Assistants, normally under the CDAI, and this advisor needs additional clarification in order to refine and implement more efficient coordination of field projects.

Permanent Refugee school construction was suspended at Nam Pot 1 due to problems with self-help labor. Work was also temporarily suspended at Ban Thine due to unauthorized revision of the AP by the PWD carpenter.

Project Progress:

In consultation with the Ministry of Education, PSI/Xieng Khouang and the USAID teacher training department, an activity plan is being drafted by teacher training and CEA/Program for the training of displaced refugee teachers in Xieng Khouang province (See Jan's M R)

The PSI/Xieng Khouang has forwarded a proposal to the Ministry of Education to extend the school year in Xieng Khouang province for those students that have been out of class for 2 - 3 months. This will, hopefully, prevent them from losing one school year due to being unable to pass the final school examinations.

Three temporary classrooms are under construction at the Y-Lai No. 2 site to allow students, who moved from the old Y-Lai village, to continue their education.

Construction on three temporary classrooms at the Veun Khene new Refugee Site is 90% complete. Classes are scheduled to commence on March 6th.

Ten temporary classrooms were completed in Paksane and are in use. These classes are being taught by the teachers transferred from Xieng Khouang province.

Form lumber was delivered to four sites in preparation of permanent school construction on the Vientiane Plain. Sand and gravel was hauled to one of the four sites and construction is scheduled to commence on March 6th with the assignment of a PWD carpenter.

An activity plan for the construction of 3 temporary classrooms for the Meo refugees from Long Chieng is being circulated for approval. This construction will provide education for over 100 Meo children who are unable to get into already over crowded government schools. PSI/Xieng Khouang will assign the necessary teaching staff and the Meo Student Association from the Lycee has agreed to assist with the construction.

The Ministry of Education has assigned the PSI/Vang Vieng to coordinate the refugee school program in Hin Heub. PSI's from Xieng Khouang and Houa Phan have also been asked to assist with the survey of students and assist with teacher assignment.

An Activity Plan for 20 temporary classrooms based on the current population, as provided by ORA, is being circulated for approval

Construction will commence upon approval of the activity plan and will be determined by need and self-help availability.

CDAA/Vang Vieng reports that Ten temporary classrooms are under construction in the Vang Vieng area for the Muong Kassy students. Additional refugee school supplies have been ordered along with plywood for chalkboards.

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Attachment: Refugee School Statistics

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REFUGEE EDUCATION STATISTICS

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SCHOOLS	S T U D E N T S							TEACHERS			TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS			PERMANENT CLASSROOMS		
	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	P-6	Total	CRSU /Military	RLG	Total	Comp.	In process	Total	Comp.	In process	Total
VTE Plain	2990	1257	807	425	167	114	5,760	40	110	150	124	0	124	0	37 30	30
Thakhek	102	31	15	0	0	0	148	7	2	9	0	0	0	7	2	9
Vang Viang	X	X	X	X	X	X	702	0	19	19	14	0	14	6	7	13
Houa Phang	X	X	X	X	X	2	2,000	36	80	116	93	0	93	12	0	12
Xiang Khouang	X	X	X	X	X	X	7,158 <sup>(1)</sup>	116 <sup>50</sup> M	198	319	172	0	172	31	24 <sup>(2)</sup>	55
Sayaboury	744	383	282	168	99	63	2,739	10	94	104	56	4	60	51	19	70
Luang Prabang	X	X	X	X	X	X	3,035	8	25	33	0	0	0	22	35	57
Savannakhet	763	221	61	45	24	7	1,121	17	7	24	10	0	10	14	0	14
Horikhan	448	138	44	0	0	0	630	9 19	9	19	10	0	10	8	1	9
Wapikhanthong	X	X	X	X	X	X	83	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Sithandone	X	X	X	X	X	X	28	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pakse	1067	547	384	242	163	201	2,604	33	58	91	27	0	27	0	0	0
Ban Houei Sai	X	X	X	X	X	X	3,862	51	3	54	54	0	54	32	0	32

T O T A L

28,930

X- Grade breakdown not available  
 1- Decrease due to enemy activity  
 2- Construction suspended

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 67  
 37  
 12  
 6  
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