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SUBJECT : Food For Peace Branch Monthly Report - January

Commodity Summary - Metric Tons MT

Commodity	Bangkok		Field		Vientiane		TA-2608 Balance
	Commod. Storage	Min. St. Storage	Diversion Jan	FY 73	Issues Jan	FY 73	
Flour	341	716	-	-	415	2,216	880
Commeal	-	-	-	-	-	2,224	517
CSM	37	91	119	161	127	509	828
WSB	-	10	-	-	91	560	154
Sugar	-	43	-	121	46	477	1,000
NFD Milk	-	320	-	-	19	110	443
Veget. Oil	-	369	-	-	30	172	400
Totals	378	1,459	119	316	600	6,290	4,222

635 MTs of All-purpose Flour and 509 MTs of Commeal arrived in Bangkok during the reporting period.

P1-480 loads included in the January air drop operations from Vientiane totaled 15 MTs commeal and 70 MTs powder. A recent arrival of commeal which was delayed by the shipping strike will allow a substantial increase of this commodity in the February air-drop operations.

Recipients

P1-480 food was distributed at the usual percentage rate of rice replacement to the following 3764 refugee recipients during January:

Area	No. Recipients	Rice Replacement
Ban Hoiay Sai	17,625	84%
Ban Son	38,301	77
Luang Prabang	40,254	40%
Taloung	2,592	30%
Other	10,854	25%

<u>Area</u>	<u>No. Recipients</u>	<u>% Rice Replacement</u>
Sayaboury	275	31%
Savannakhet	11,392	49%
Thakhek	3,772	34%
Vang Vieng	1,024	27%
Vientiane	0	-
Total	183,449	

Refugees on the support rolls qualify for an initial 90-day all rice ration. After that period, the refugees are provided with PL-480 food substitution for 47% of the original rice ration. Excluding Ban Houei Seng refugees 499,581 kgs of PL-480 food were distributed to 84,548 qualified recipients during January. This averages 5.9 kgs. per recipient or approximately 40% of the normal 15.0 kg. monthly food consumption.

#### III. Noodle Production

The Km-4 Noodle Factory reported a stock in hand of 55 MTs at the beginning of this report period. During the month of January, production totalled 439 MTs and 420 MTs were distributed to refugees. Stock on hand at the end of the month was 54 MTs.

Further expansion of the factory is now under way. Daily production levels now average approximately 10 MTs, and could reach 20 MTs per day upon completion of the new addition. This will depend to a large extent on availability of wheat flour stocks in the United States.

#### IV. Clothing Project

After several weeks of inactivity due to poor security, the Thakhek clothing project has resumed operations. 20,411 pieces of clothing are now in process, including 11,142 finished pieces which are ready for shipment to Vientiane.

Ban Houei Seng reports 2,971 pieces completed during the month. The Houei Seng and Thakhek clothing project continues to receive epibusette support from all participants.

#### V. PL-480 Food Demonstration for Refugees

In Savannakhet, a total of 163 refugees attended two-day PL-480 food preparation training sessions conducted at the DUMC camp sites.

One-day sessions were also conducted in the Ban Houei Seng area during the month of January. 110 refugees trained attended.

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Poor security conditions in the Luang Prabang area prevented the home economics teams from conducting any sessions during this reporting period.

VI. Field Trips

The Food For Peace staff made field trips to Luang Prabang, Ban Houei Say, Pakeo, and Sayaboury during the month.

VII. Personnel

Mr. Wade Chubbuck, Jr., Assistant Food for Peace Officer, concluded a two-year tour of service with USAID Laos in January and returned to his home in Connecticut.

Mr. Robert M. Hearn has replaced Mr. Chubbuck.

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