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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director 16 November 1972

FROM : John W. MacQueen, AD/RA *John W. MacQueen*

SUBJECT : Office of Refugee Affairs
Monthly Report - October 1972

I. GENERAL

Enemy activity intensified during the month and encompassed the entire Kingdom from Ban Houei Sai in the north to Pakse in the south. Sixty kilometers northeast of Ban Houei Sai the enemy occupied Ban Tha Fa (LS-216) resulting in 114 new refugees being reported. Several sharp enemy attacks were staged north of the Royal Capital of Luang Prabang causing more than 2,000 currently supported refugees from the Pak Ou (TH 09115) - Pak Xuang (TH 121102) areas to flee southward. The bulk (about 60%) are reported living with relatives in Luang Prabang. The balance are living in temporary shelters in villages between Luang Prabang and Pak Xuang. Heavy fighting was reported on the Plain of Jars throughout October which did not, however, add any new refugees to the rolls. The increase in the total number of refugees in MR II resulted from the transfer of support responsibility of a group of refugees from the Vientiane area to Central 272.

Towards the end of the month the enemy overran both Kengkok (WD-220185) in Savannakhet Province and Nam Thone (LS-141A - VE 2595), Ban Tha Na (WE 4483) and Nong Bok (VD 7989) in Khammouane Province. Two companies of PL/NVA visited the Seno Relocation Project and abducted 145 persons. Complete reports concerning the number of persons displaced by the foregoing actions were not available at month's end, however, subsequently it has been established that the fall of Nam Thone resulted in 2,505 new refugees, plus the 600 old refugees already on the rolls. The occupation of Kengkok produced 3,257 refugees. Further south, Pakse in MR IV, enemy pressures were also felt with 4,846 people evacuating from fourteen villages in the enemy held area of Ban Hinsiou (WB 825185). In MR V, Paksane counted 329 new refugees from Na Nyao (VF 259408). In all cases, local officials both RLG and USAID moved quickly and provided shelter materials and commodity support as required.

DISTR: OD, DD, AD/M, AD/FIN, AD/P, AD/RA(9), EPM(2), AD/FO, SMB(2), FFPO, C&R (3), AC: Vte, Sby, LP, BHS, Svkt, Pkse, XK, All Division Chiefs, Laos Desk-AID/W(3)

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During the month, the RLG Ministry of Social Welfare moved over 400 metric tons of refugee relief commodities on the Vientiane Plain utilizing its own cargo fleet. In view of this capability, which has shown a steady improvement, it is no longer necessary to use contractor vehicles for additional support.

The Consolidated Rice Warehouse facility at Wattay Airport is progressing with steel being erected as per schedule. At month's end the expansion of the warehouse facilities at Pha Khao was underway with the site being readied and work on the foundation commenced. The steel pre-fabricated warehouse in Savannakhet is now 90% finished and the warehouse addition at Ban Houei Sai is progressing as planned.

II. RELOCATION ACTIVITIES

The following comments are relative to relocation activities:

A. Xieng Ngeun-Muong Nane Relocation Project, MR I, Luang Prabang:

Project is progressing on schedule and there have not been any major problems to date. The area has remained relatively secure. Housing, schools, and small development programs are progressing well. The survey of village lots, streets, and roads are approximately 80% complete.

B. Thasano Relocation Project, MR III, Savannakhet.

This project has been moving along without any major problems. 1,010 families consisting of 6,066 persons are now located in the project. All temporary houses have been completed and work is now progressing on permanent housing units. Completion of all temporary schools and dispensaries has been accomplished as well as 36 wells and 22 kilometers of road. Plans for this dry season call for the construction of permanent structures such as schools, offices, and the completion of 40 kilometers of village streets.

C. Phou Ba Chiang Relocation Project, MR IV, Pakse.

The major problem in this area continues to be the lack of security. Since this project commenced both the inhabitants and USAID construction equipment have been forced to evacuate on several occasions. In spite of these interruptions some progress has been made in implementing the development of the area. Eleven villages have been established and 12 kilometers of road completed together with the construction of three bridges and fish ponds.

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D. Vientiane Plain Relocation Project, MR V, Vientiane.

The most important project now ongoing is the cadastral survey taking place in Areas #4 and #5. Work in both of these areas will be completed within the next sixty days and cultivation permits issued. Other projects such as schools and wells are in various stages of completion. Harvesting of the rice crop is now underway and the results look promising.

E. Relocation areas completed.

The following relocation areas are considered to be complete and any further activities should be considered as regular community development programs:

Seno Relocation Project, MR III, Savannakhet
Houei Nam Pak Relocation Project, MR IV, Pakse
Paksane Relocation Project, MR V, Borikhane
Hin Heup Relocation Project, MR V, Vientiane

III. PERSONNEL

No changes occurred in personnel during the month.

IV. FOOD FOR PEACE

See attached report.

V. LOGISTICS

The following items were distributed nationwide for the periods shown. PL 480 Title II items are reported as an enclosure to this report.

<u>Item</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Rice	3,809.54 MT	3,907.24 MT
Meat	14,444 cases	23,248 cases
Salt	123.32 MT	03.52 MT
Mosquito Nets	1,322	3,099
Sleeping Mats	1,424	3,354
Blankets	2,672	5,773
Water Buckets	667	1,074
Cooking Pots	670	847
Steamer	717	849
Saute Pans	364	671

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<u>Item</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Plates	3,518	4,056
Wash Basin	268	167
Tools	573	2,394
Plastic, rolls	257	509
Clothing, piece	4,227	6,141
Anvils	11	12
Steel Bars	17	2,007
Plough Shares	-0-	13

Attachments (2)

- 1) Monthly Refugee Status Report
- 2) FFP Monthly Report

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Relocation Project Area

REFUGEES RECEIVING FOOD AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

REFUGEES RECEIVING REHABILITATION ONLY

MONTHLY REFUGEE STATUS REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1972 POPULATION BREAKDOWN BY REGION

REGION	Full Support		Partial Support		REFUGEES RECEIVING REHABILITATION ONLY		Total For September	Total For October	Net Change
	For Sept	For Oct	For Sept	For Oct	For Sept	For Oct			
MR-I									
Ban Houei Sai	19,658	19,571					19,658	19,571	- 87
Luang Prabang	43,079	43,043					43,079	43,043	- 36
Sayaboury	1,982	1,711					1,982	1,711	- 271
MR-II									
N Rim PDJ	8,924	8,924					8,924	8,924	
SE Rim PDJ	4,255	4,255					4,255	4,255	
Central 272	118,867	120,642	4,753	5,088			123,620	125,730	+ 2,110
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MR-III									
Thakhek	618	600					618	600	- 18
Svannakhet	12,449	12,945	2,912	2,912			15,361	15,857	+ 496
MR-IV									
Paks	27,349	31,453					27,349	31,453	+ 4,104
Schandone	484	18					484	18	- 466
MR-V									
VTE/Plain	33,388	33,388	6,664	6,664			40,052	40,052	
Paksane	9,460	9,460		329	209	209	9,669	9,789	+ 120
VV/M. Kassy	12,267	12,267	979	979			13,246	13,246	
TOTAL	292,780	298,277	15,308	15,972	209	209	308,297	314,427	+ 6,130

BHS: 114 new refugees added to full support, after escaping enemy control. 231 dependent refugees removed from rolls after eligibility review.

LP: 45 new refugees added to full support. 81 removed from rolls after eligibility review. At end of month, more than 2,000 refugees evacuating southward from Pak Ou-Pak Xeung areas northeast of Luang Prabang.

SBY: 271 refugees removed from rolls after eligibility review

PDJ Sites: No changes

CEN 272: 2,364 new refugees, mostly returnees from temporary relocation on Vientiane Plain, were added to the rolls, (2,029 Full, 335 Partial). 254 removed from full support after eligibility review.

THK: 18 refugees removed from full support after leaving site

SVKT: 555 new and 15 former refugees from Khong Sedone area were added to full support. 74 removed after eligibility review.

PKSE: 4,367 new refugees from Ban Hin Siou area added to full support. 263 removed after leaving site.

STND: 18 new refugees added to full support at Khong Island. The entire original refugee population of 484 removed from rolls at end of month after a good rice harvest

VTE Plain: No changes

PSN: 329 new refugees from Na Nyao added to partial support rolls

VV/MK: No changes.