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TO : Mr. James B. Chandler
 Acting Director

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

SUBJECT : Office of Refugee Affairs
 Monthly Report - July 1972

15 August 1972

I. GENERAL

The month closed with 318,084 refugees being reported nationwide, an increase of 12,417 over the previous month. Most of this increase was due to depletion of family stocks of rice causing local officials to add these persons to the rolls. The number of new refugees being reported in Savannakhet and Pakse has slowed considerably, indicating a decline in enemy activity, particularly in the Khong Sedone area. Elsewhere in the country enemy activity was at a low level resulting in a few new refugees.

It had been hoped that friendly forces would be able to secure the Khong Sedone area permitting the thousands of displaced persons in Savannakhet and Pakse to return to their homes. Failing this, plans have now been made to relocate these refugees in temporary sites thus evacuating the schools and other public buildings where they have taken refuge. In Pakse, plans are underway to develop temporary sites at Salabam Dam area and in Savannakhet, refugees are being encouraged to move to a vacant army camp in Kengkok.

During July, six trucks of the Ministry of Social Welfare project fleet were operational, the same number as in June. During the month these vehicles distributed 135 MT of USAID and Catholic Relief Services foodstuffs on the Vientiane Plain. This was double the June volume.

Of the two RLG Ministry of Social Welfare warehouses, the Ban Amon building can now be considered to be complete, while the one at That Khao is 75 percent finished. Erection of steel components at the latter site will commence during August. Construction of the Consolidated Rice Warehouse facility at Wattay Airport slowed during the month due to shortage of sand fill and problems of compacting it properly.

DISTR: OO, DD, AD/M, AD/FIN, AD/FO, AD/P, AD/RA(9), EPM(2),
 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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On Friday, 21 July, at approximately 0900 hours, the Nam Muay river overflowed its banks and extensive flooding occurred in the Ban Xon area (LS 272). The area had experienced heavy and continuous rain; however, for a period of two days prior to the actual flood, seventeen inches of rainfall was recorded. The airstrip was closed and surrounding roads experienced washouts and slides. The ensuing deluge overturned and battered the trailers being used as offices, destroying records and communications equipment, flooded all warehouses, the motor pool, and deposited barrels of oil and gasoline all along the path of the water. As soon as possible, local staff, on their own initiative, took steps to salvage water damaged commodities and to move what they could to dry areas. The death toll among local inhabitants is estimated to be less than ten persons.

Mr. Houmpheng Prathoumvan, Director General, Ministry of Social Welfare, accompanied Mr. Pheng Phongsavarn, Minister of Interior and Social Welfare to Sayaboury for the installation of the new Chaokhoueng. This occurred on July 30, 1972.

II. RELOCATION ACTIVITIES

Attached to this report is a chart indicating the present status of the major permanent relocation sites sponsored by the Office of Refugee Affairs.

III. PERSONNEL

Wayne Johnson, Refugee Operations Officer, Ban Houei Sai, departed for home leave on 24 July.

IV. FOOD FOR PEACE

See attached report.

V. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLIES

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

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V. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLIES (Cont'd)

Item	June	July
Rice	3,964.73 MT	4,229.96 MT
Meat	178.68 MT	12,609 Cases
Salt	118.68 MT	108.38 MT
Rice (local purchase)	3.05 MT	-
Mosquito Nets	11,775	2,606
Mats	9,853	2,632
Blankets	5,893	3,179
Pans	9,036	4,449
Saute Pan	0	617
Tools	3,730	1,975
Plastic, rolls	1,103	250
Cloth (meters)	1,239	363
Clothing (piece)	58,976	7,838
Pots	3,436	1,928
Steamers	0	987
Water Buckets	1,895	1,041
Rice seed (hill variety)	46.77 MT	-
Anvil	0	63
Blacksmith hammer	26	49

Attachments (2)

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

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Denotes Relo-
cation Project
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REFUGEES RECEIVING FOOD
AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

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

AREA REGION	Full Support		Partial Support		For JUNE	For JULY	Total For June	Total For July	Net Change
	For JUNE	For JULY	For JUNE	For JULY					
San Houei Sai	19,529	19,529					19,529	19,529	-
Luang Prabang	38,408	44,423					38,408	44,423	+ 6,015
Dayaboury	2,027	2,027	2,509	2,509			4,536	4,536	-
REGION II									
Rim PD.	9,925	8,924					9,925	8,924	+ 1,001
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Rim PDJ	4,292	4,255					4,292	4,255	+ 37
Central 272	17,031	18,163	1,197	5,086			18,228	23,249	+ 5,021
REGION III									
Chakhek	660	660					660	660	
Savannakhet	14,947	14,877	2,912	2,912			17,859	17,789	+ 70
REGION IV									
Pakse	16,656	14,766					16,656	14,766	+ 1,890
Itadone	479	479					479	479	
REGION V									
Vientian Plain	33,088	33,088	780	730			33,868	33,818	+ 50
Paksane	9,751	9,888					9,751	9,888	- 137
Vang Vieng Muong Kassy	10,497	10,735	470	919			10,967	11,654	+ 687
TOTALS	297,290	305,111	8,117	12,266			305,407	317,377	+ 11,970

REMARKS

LP: Most additions resulted when old refugees lacking means of self-support were returned to the roll until their next harvest.

NR/PD: Refugees moving south to the Central LS-272 area have resulted in an adjustment between NR/PD and Central LS-272 totals.

3ER/PD: An eligibility review resulted in the small decrease.

CEN 272: In addition to the arrival of refugees from the North Rim, 2,658 persons were placed on partial support when their rations were lost in the July 21 flash flood. Other increases were the result of the depletion of the refugees' rice stocks.

SVKT: The net decrease resulted when 3,478 Boug Sedone area refugees were dropped from the relief roll upon finding means of support in Savannakhet City. Small groups of Phalane, Atsaphone and Doudou refugees were added to the roll.

PKSE: Movement of Khong refugees was delayed, slowed somewhat, as a city was added to the support roll. There are now 288 of these people being supported at Phou, just SW of Savannakhet.

PSK: Eligibility review near Muong Kassy (LF 650) showed the reported increase.

YS/MS: Kassy area refugees found their homes and rice stocks were stolen upon their return and were placed on full support.

STATUS REPORT
REFUGEE RELOCATION PROGRAM

As of 5 August 1972

ACTIVITY	MR I		MR III				MR IV				MR V				TOTALS			
	Xieng Ngeun Muong Nane		Seno		Thasano		Houei Nam Phak		Phou Ba Chiang		Vientiane Plain		Paksane				Hin Heup	
	Plnd	Comp	Plnd	Comp	Plnd	Comp	Plnd	Comp	Plnd	Comp	Plnd	Comp	Plnd	Comp	Plnd	Comp	Plnd	Comp
Population(Families)	4,000	650	600	525	1,100	1,100	300	214	1,500	1,000	5,000	4,800	1,600	1,585	1,000	825	16,685	10,699
Village Sites	12	12	8	8	16	16	2	2	15	11	48	32	22	21	10	10	133	112
Houses	650	650	500	500	1,100	991	214	202	1,500	1,000	4,800	1,700**	1,585	1,585	825	825	11,174	7,453
Classrooms	20*	20*	14	14	16*	16	3	3	20	0	123	56	39	19	21	21	256	149
Dispensaries	2*	2*	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	3*	5	0	6	6	1	1	23	18
Km of Road/Dike	30	30	25	25	63	42	8	5	20	11	98	90	NR	NR	11	11	255	214
Dug Wells	5	0	18	18	36	33	4	4	18	2	34	23	NR	NR	2	2	127	82

NR None required existing facility or source available

* Temporary facilities Permanent structures planned for later date.

** Other families living in temporary housing