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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director 17 July 1972
FROM : John W. MacQueen, AD/RA *John W. MacQueen*
SUBJECT : Office of Refugee Affairs
Monthly Report - June 1972

GENERAL

No refugees continued to be reported from the Khong Sedone area in both Pakse and Savannakhet during the month. At month end, Pakse counted a total of 2,768 persons from Wapikhamthong Province, while Savannakhet reported an additional 3,932 for a total of 25,700 refugees, up 1,29 from the previous month. Nationwide, the net increase of refugees for the month amounted to 38,406. Although enemy action in the Khong Sedone area accounted for a significant increase, depletion of rice stores of old refugees and their subsequent placement on the rolls again added approximately an equal number. The single largest increase in this category occurred in Region II where 13,113 refugees were deemed in need of assistance.

For comparative purposes, it might be noted that the total refugees reported at the end of FY-71 stood at 317,221 persons, whereas the FY-72 year end total was 305,667. At the conclusion of FY-71, Regions III and IV were also bearing the brunt of enemy activity with 16,745 new refugees reported from the Long Hene area.

In addition to the influx of new refugees from Khong Sedone, Region IV in early June experienced flooding due to heavy rains which temporarily halted rice and commodity distribution. Washouts were reported in several places along Route 10, including bridges and culverts. The assignment of H-4 helicopters to the area alleviated transportation difficulties somewhat.

During the month of June the RLG Ministry of Social Welfare Maintenance Facility attained full self sufficiency. A total of six trucks were operational, up from the January base of one truck running when the repair unit began operation. In addition to the usual ministry transport requirements, the fleet delivered twenty-three loads of aggregate to the RLG Ban Amone and Thatthac sites, as well as twenty-five loads of high-cube program cargo on the Dieniane Plain.

DISTR: OD, ID, AD/M, AD/FIN, AD/FO, AD/P, AD/RA(9), EPM(2),
SMB(1), FFPO C&I(3), AD: Vte, Sby, LP, BHS, Svkt, Pkse,
LK, All Division Chiefs, Laos Desk-AID/W

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The three major warehouse construction units are proceeding on or ahead of schedule. The RLG Ban Amone warehouse is 90% complete and the Thatkhao structure will be ready for steel erection by mid-July. At Wattay, the Consolidated Rice Warehouse is ready for fill and completion of the floor slab. Parts to complete the warehouses are now scheduled to arrive in Bangkok between 16 and 28 August.

On June 10 Mr. Houmpheng Prathoumvan, Director General of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Labor accompanied Chao Sisouk Na Champasak, Minister of Finance, to Pakse and Savannakhet. The latter is empowered by the RLG to exercise full authority in MR IV for the Khong Sedone Operation. Other high ranking officials included the U. S. Ambassador and the Supreme Commander of Lao Armed Forces and General of the Lao Army. On 22 June 1972, Mr. Houmpheng returned to Pakse in company with Mr. Pheng Phongsavan, Minister of Interior and Social Welfare on matters pertaining to refugees from the Khong Sedone area.

II. RELOCATION ACTIVITIES

Three meetings involving RLG/Ministry of Social Welfare Resettlement officials and staff members of USAID ORA, Agriculture, and Public Works were held on June 8, 16, and 29 for the purpose of developing land preparation and allocation procedures for refugees. As a result of these meetings, plans are underway to conduct a cadastral survey within the refugee reserve areas to determine precisely how much land is available for permanent rice cultivation. Once these areas have been delineated, the land will be divided into individual plots for allocation to refugee families.

Instructions were given to wrap up on-going land preparation activities and return all equipment to Ban Amone Center during the first week of July. The equipment will be overhauled during the next few months and reassigned in accordance with procedures which have been incorporated into the new Ban Amone Tractor Operation AP now going through the approval process. Ministry of Social Welfare officials reported that approximately 450 hectares of land have been prepared for cultivation during the past dry season by equipment from the Ban Amone Center.

III. PERSONNEL

Robert McClymonds returned from home leave and assumed his duties as Advisor to the RLG/Ministry of Social Welfare Ban Amone Land Development Center on 1 June 1972.

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John Williams returned from home leave and assumed his duties as ORA Assistant Relocation Officer, Vientiane, 7 June 1972.

George Cosgrove, ORA Relocation Officer, departed for home leave on 14 June 1972.

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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Rice	4,295.47 MT	3,964.73 MT
Meat	179.32	178.68
Salt	115.64	118.68
Rice (local purchase)	<u>1.62</u>	<u>3.05</u>
Total	4,592.05 MT	4,265.14 MT
Mosquito nets	5,651	11,775
Mats	3,993	9,853
Blankets	4,633	5,893
Pans	4,570	9,036
Tools	3,829	3,730
Plastic (rolls)	2,222	1,103
Cloth (meters)	366	1,239
Clothing (piece)	8,020	58,976
Pots	9,630	3,436
Water buckets	1,385	1,895
Rice seed (hill variety)	74.87 MT	46.77 MT
Shovels	27	71
Blacksmith tongs	9	46
Blacksmith hammer	11	26
Hoes	-0-	104
Spoons	12,876	8,384

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<u>Item</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Machete	- 0 -	- 0 -
Steel Bars	- 0 -	510
Basin	- 0 -	2,682

Attachments (2)

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

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Notes Rel
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REFUGEES RECEIVING FOOD
AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

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

AREA REGION	Full Support		Partial Support		ASSISTANCE ONLY		Total For May	Total For June	Net Change
	For May	For June	For May	For June	For May	For June			
Asia Royal Sal	18 895	19 529					18 895	19 529	+ 634
Living Prabang	38 357	38 408					38 357	38 408	+ 51
Seaboury	2 039	2 027		2 509			2 039	4 536	+ 2 497
REGION II									
SE R m PDJ	9 925	9 925					9 925	9 925	
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SE R m PD	4 292	4 292					4 292	4 292	
CENTRAL 272	105 115	117 031		1 197			105 115	118 228	+ 13,113
REGION III									
THAKHEK	740	660					740	660	80
SAKANNAKHET	13 645	11 947	2 912	2 912			13 645	11 947	1 698
REGION IV									
KS	20 180	16 556					20 180	16 556	3 624
NDONE	433	475					433	475	- 42
REGION V									
ENTIANE	28 981	33 088	5 000	180			28 981	33 088	4 107
KSANE	9 815	9 751					9 815	9 751	64
NG VIENG ONG KASSY	5 972	10 497	170	970			5 972	11 467	5 495
TOTALS	248 370	297 290	5 891	8 547			248 370	305 837	+ 57 467

Remarks

BHS: Most additions resulted from refugee moves to escape PL harassment and recruitment. Significant increases occurred at PC 7587, PC 5383, PC 4788 and LS 320.

LP: The increase resulted when refugees from the enemy held TG 2179 area were received at LS 4.

SBY: Old refugees whose short crop rice stores became depleted were placed on partial support until the next harvest.

MR II: Depletion of rice stores in many old refugee villages in the LS 272 area was also the cause of the large increase in full and partial support figures.

THK: An eligibility review resulted in the reported decrease.

SVKT: The net increase was caused by additional Khong Sedone refugees arriving at Svkt. 3932 Khong Sedone refugees are now on the Svkt, roll.

PKSE: The large increase includes over 16,000 Khong Sedone area refugees who fled enemy occupation. At month end 11,768 of these refugees were on the Pakse roll.

SEK: The small increase at SEK, Khoun and Muong Sen were caused by the arrival of persons seeking relief from enemy harassment in the Chantouk and **Cambodian** border areas.

TEY: Decrease due to eligibility review. (1000) support refugees were removed as full support upon depletion of rice stocks.

PN: Decrease due to eligibility review.

VK MK: Kassy refugees who found their homes and rice stocks destroyed or stolen upon their return were again placed on full support.