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SUBJECT: Food For Peace Branch Monthly Report - April

I. Commodity Summary - Metric Tons (MT)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Bangkok</u>		<u>Field</u>		<u>Vientiane</u>		<u>TA-2608</u> <u>Balance</u>
	<u>Transit Storage</u>	<u>KM-14 Storage</u>	<u>Diversions</u> <u>Apr</u>	<u>FY 73</u>	<u>Issues</u> <u>April</u>	<u>FY 73</u>	
Flour	15	158	-	-	384	4,000	2,141
Cornmeal	894	436	-	-	381	1,833	-0-
CSM	467	38	55	246	40	562	-0-
WSB	6	137	-	-	14	257	-0-
NFDM	-0-	325	-	-	12	181	-0-
Veg. Oil	-	307	-	-	30	208	-0-
Bulgur	2,537	245	272	921	77	1,160	-0-
Totals:	3,919	1,646	327	1,167	938	8,201	2,141

During report period, Food For Peace Office requested an amendment to TA 2608 authorizing additional quantities of flour by giving up some other commodity balances. In all probability, there will be no balances left to be called forward except for flour, after this change takes place.

Therefore, commodities on hand must last until our first call forward under the FY'74 TA Program. FFPO expects stocks to expire at the approximate dates indicated below:

Flour	Mid August	Cornmeal	End July
Bulgur	End November	WSB	End July
CSM	End September	Veg. Oil	End September
NFDM	Mid December - if used only in noodle production		

There were no new commodity arrivals in Bangkok Port during the month of April.

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

PL-480 foods included in the April Air Drop operations from Vientiane totalled 60 MT's of noodles and 458 MT of cornmeal.

The small volume of noodles for Air Drop Operations was due to the critical flour shortage which has limited noodle availability throughout the program.

II. Monthly PL-480 food distributions - April

<u>Site</u>	<u>Average No. Of Recipients</u>	<u>PL-480 Distr. (Kgs)</u>	<u>(Average) Kgs/Pers.</u>	<u>Percent of 15 Kgs Rice Replacement</u>
Ban Houei Sai	27,141	27,220	1.00	7.00
Ban Xon	125,069	346,836	2.77*	18.46*
Luang Prabang	36,203	172,619	4.87	32.46
Paksane	3,401	23,356	6.87	45.80
Pakse	33,402	294,998	8.83	58.86
Sayaboury	911	14,068	15.44	100.00
Savannakhet	18,509	133,946	7.23	48.20
Thakhek	7,748	33,360	4.31	28.73
Vang Vieng	4,793	31,811	6.63	44.20
Vientiane	<u>5,748</u>	<u>41,383</u>	<u>7.20</u>	<u>47.99</u>
Totals	262,925	1,119,597	7.55	50.33

*Not used in computing the average on the table.

Our 47% target (excluding Ban Xon above) for rice replacement has achieved a 50% average. Six sites are on target again this month. There appears to be an error in the reported figures for Sayaboury, but as of report time, the necessary corrections could not be made.

Ban Xon is up to 18% replacement - a gain of six points over the previous month.

III. PL-480 Food Demonstrations for Refugees

The following food demonstrations were conducted during April:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Total No. of Demos.</u>	<u>Total No. Refugees Attending</u>
Savannakhet	3	92
Thakhek	4	75
Ban Houei Sai	10	318
Pakse	<u>2</u>	<u>61</u>
Totals: Locations 4	19	546

IV. Field Trips

During the reporting period FFP personnel visited Pakse and Ban Houei Sai to assist in the food demonstration project.

V. Noodle Production

The KM-4 Noodle Factory reported a stock of 74 MT on hand at the beginning of the reporting period. During the period a total of 406 MT of noodles were produced and 360 MT were distributed to refugees. Stocks on hand at the end of the period totalled 121 MT.

Due to flour shortages, production will stop in Mid-May and should resume (with the arrival of new flour being diverted from Korea) in early June. There should be sufficient but minimum availabilities for May distribution requirements.

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