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MEMORANDUM

TO : See Distribution June 4, 1971
FROM : John W. MacQueen, AD/RA *John W. MacQueen*
SUBJECT : Weekly Refugee Status Report
REFERENCES: Airgram TOAID A-246, dtd May 12, 1971
Action Memo 71-64, dtd March 19, 1971
Action Memo 71-05, dtd September 1, 1970

A. Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish a new Weekly Refugee Status Report format which will be effective immediately upon receipt. ORA will prepare the weekly report in the new format; the report will be based on the information submitted by single sideband messages from field stations each Thursday, 1730 hours. This memorandum also rescinds in its entirety ORA office memorandum, subject: "Refugee Reporting", dtd April 9, 1971.

B. Reporting Format

Each Weekly Refugee Report prepared by ORA will list refugees broken down into the following categories:

- 1. Total of Full Food Support:
 - a. Last Week _____
 - b. This Week _____

2. Total on Partial Food Support:

a. Last Week _____

b. This Week _____

3. Receiving Rehabilitation Assistance Only:

a. Last Week _____

b. This Week _____

4. Total This Week (1. b. + 2. b. + 3. b.).

5. Net Change (from last week).

6. Remarks:

Field stations should include a short narrative account of the week's developments vis-a-vis refugees. In a few short sentences explain: 1) reasons for the refugee moves reported or anything else which causes totals to change from the previous week (for example, a recount); 2) broad changes in security, new RLG initiatives or policy changes in dealing with the refugees in the area; 3) any substantial changes in the ethnic percentages of the refugees - usually stable; 4) anything else of importance which concerns the region's refugees. If there have been no major developments during the week, merely state, "no major developments during week".

C. Definitions

Under the new system, the following definitions are applicable:

By REFUGEE, we indicate persons who have been displaced from their homes (or subsequently redisplaced from places of refuge) by reason of military activity, principally enemy action. For purposes of future reporting we shall eliminate from the report indigent persons receiving PL 480 food assistance and persons receiving such assistance by reason of fire, flood, crop failure or other natural disaster.

By FOOD ASSISTANCE, we mean provision of any form of food, whether rice, mix of rice and PL 480 foods, e. g., bulgur wheat, cornmeal, wheat noodles, etc., of PL 480 commodities only. In MR I and II this may include protein supplement.

By FULLY DEPENDENT, we mean almost completely dependent for caloric intake needed to sustain life and health with minimal self-help supplement from foraging or from vegetables raised, or in a few cases, small amounts of livestock; in other words, Full Food Support.

By PARTIALLY DEPENDENT, we mean those refugees who have succeeded in growing or procuring enough food to meet a substantial part of their caloric requirements but who must be given PL 480 food to satisfy full minimal requirements; in other words, Partial Food Support.

By RECEIVING REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE ONLY, we mean refugees receiving no food but receiving other assistance. This varies from one region to another depending on security conditions prevailing in the area, and on feasibility of different kinds of assistance. Rehabilitation Assistance includes as minimum:

1. Shelter (frequently plastic sheeting or other roofing).
2. Medical assistance (medicines and access to local medical technician with, where possible, provision for evacuation of serious cases to a field medical facility or to a fully equipped and staffed hospital).
3. Assurance of adequate water supply.
4. Educational assistance -- reestablishment as rapidly as possible of schooling for children.

It may, of course, include further assistance: commodities where needed -- (pots, pans, mosquito nets, etc.), seeds, tools, fertilizers, insecticides; agricultural technical assistance -- breeding stock to replace animals and ducks lost by refugees on moves; roads, land clearing for village sites and rice cultivation; wells, dams and water storage basins, fish ponds and the like. Depending on the particular case, this assistance may also include technical assistance in agriculture (where, for example, hill rice farmers move to a paddy rice area), or skills training (carpentry,

blacksmithing, weaving) where agricultural income is likely to be insufficient to meet local standard of living.

D. Daily SSB Reports

Please do not neglect to send in daily SSBs noting individual refugee moves as they occur throughout the week. Please remember to include map coordinates. If it is not possible to give map numbers then at least give an area designation such as "villages along the Nam Se River", or "in the Phou Sung area", or "in the vicinity of LS-50 (UH-0301)".

Care must be taken to insure that your weekly refugee report totals agree with the sum of all moves you have reported throughout the week by individual sideband messages, and be consistent from week to week. It is advisable to check addition at least twice. Always be careful to differentiate between changes due to new moves and those due to recounts, correction of previous mistakes and eligibility reclassification.

E. Victims of Natural Disasters

Occasionally a group of villagers will lose their homes because of fire or their rice crop due to flood, drought, insects, etc. and require assistance. It is the policy of the RLG Ministry of Social Welfare to assist fire victims by issuing relief commodities such as blankets, mosquito nets, etc. and with rice for a period of up to 90 days. Victims

of crop failures are usually passed PL 480 commodities until the next rice crop is harvested. These will not be reported on the Weekly Refugee Status Report described in paragraph B. above. Field stations will, however, keep a record of the number of persons in this category and the type and quantity of support furnished.

7. Exceptional and Special Cases

Exceptional cases not clearly falling into any of the categories described hereto are to be reported to ORA/V (and/or) for review with the RLG Social Welfare Ministry.

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