

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 3, 1972

TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, Education Division
FROM : Hunter Fitzgerald, CEA/National *H. Fitzgerald*
SUBJECT: Community Education Monthly Report - January, 1972

Problems

Increased enemy activity has forced the closing of additional elementary classrooms. Please see CEA/Refugees monthly report for details.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

Special programs continued in areas affected by enemy activity to keep children in school, especially sixth graders so that they can take sixth grade examinations and continue their secondary education.

More refugee schools are being established in Borikhane Province refugee sites utilizing teachers from Xieng Khouang and the children will be in school next week. There are nine classrooms in this project.

Activity Plan VT 2014 for 37 permanent classrooms for Vientiane Plain refugees is in the final approval process. Clearing has already started at the proposed school sites.

CEA/Refugees in his monthly report has suggested some alternative plans for partially solving some of the refugee educational problems currently faced by MoE. These plans are being discussed with MoE currently and results will be reported next month.

1. Refugee Schools (continued)

Please see Mr. Woodson's monthly report for current refugee education statistics, which have changed significantly.

2. In-Service Training

Miss Des Brisay, CEA/North, has completed preparations for the Annual PSI Conference to be held in Sayaboury during February. Minister Leuarn is scheduled to open the Conference next Monday. This yearly gathering of high level Lao education officials has proven to be a valuable tool in implementing change within the MoE.

During the reporting period a ten-day instructors course was conducted in Luang Prabang. The individuals trained will be the instructors in CREC teacher workshops to be held next summer. Three additional instructor courses are scheduled for Vientiane, Savannakhet, and Pakse. CEA/Program observed part of the workshop in Luang Prabang and will implement many improvements and changes in the subsequent three seminars.

CEA/Program has submitted drafts of CREC teacher training course Activity Plans for over 600 individuals for next summer's in-service training activities.

3. Participants

Seven participants in Supervision and three in Testing and Guidance returned from six months training in Thailand. The Department of Primary Education is recruiting another 20 people for a similar type of program.

Recruitment is also continuing for 4 two-year and 3 four-year candidates to go to Thailand. These positions were described in prior monthly reports.

4. Urban Self-Help Construction

Amendments for nine FY 72 urban self-help construction projects are in process to reduce RLG Kip contributions.

PWD has almost completed the final revision of the construction plans for urban self help schools. The drawings are now in English and Lao which will be very helpful to PWD supervisor/carpenters.

5. Personnel

Mr. Moua Dang assumed his duties as ORA Education representative at LS 272.

The Personnel Division has recruited a very good candidate to fill the Savannakhet FSL Administrative Assistant position. The transfer should take place during February, 1972.

Mr. Costantino will depart on Home Leave on February 16, 1972. CEA/National visited both Savannakhet and Pakse, met with the ACs, and worked out details of the areas coverage during Mr. Costantino's absence.

Mr. Soukane Souksamlane, CE Office Manager, will leave next month to become a superintendent with the ESSO Corporation, Laos. The Education Division will miss Mr. Soukane who has been an outstanding employee; however, at the same time, we are all extremely pleased to see EDU Division people advance rapidly to high levels of responsibility.

6. School Maintenance

CEA/National and area staff have visited many RLG schools to review maintenance and related problems. Where appropriate Activity Plans are being drafted to correct or improve the situation, especially in schools built with USAID assistance.

6. School Maintenance (continued)

The Education Division and the CE Branch have been aware of maintenance problems. Last year a course was conducted for area maintenance personnel in the MoE. All of the problems have not disappeared but the overall situation has greatly improved and much of this is due to last year's course.

7. Other Donors

none reported

8. Construction

Summary of FY 72 self-help projects approved to date:

	No. of <u>APs</u>	Number of <u>Schools</u>	Number of Classrooms New Grades		Number of Classroom Replace Grades		<u>Total</u>
			<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	
Rural Self-Help	17	30	60	21	16	9	106
CE (Urban)	10	10	39	39	0	0	78
Refugees	3	17	48	7	0	0	55
Refugees (L. P.)	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	Information		not available		<u>34</u>
	31	69	147	67	16	9	273

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 69%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 31%

8. Construction (continued)

Status of approved CE construction projects:

CE 0108	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	45%
CE 0187	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/South)	95%
CE 0190	Urban Self-Help Construction (Savannakhet)	100%
CE 0232	Self-Help Construction Vocational School (Savannakhet)	100%
CE 1004	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vang Vieng)	97%
CE 1005	Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak)	30%
CE 1021	Groupe Scolaire Repair (Savannakhet)	100%
CE 2003	Repair, PSI Office/Champassak	40%
CE 2004	School Repair, Phone Hong	100%
CE 2006	Urban School Construction Vientiane/North, Hong Seng	N. S.
CE 2007	Urban School Construction Vientiane/South Phone Kheng	3%
CE 2008	Urban School Construction Vientiane South Bo-O	N. S.
CE 2009	Urban School Construction Vientiane South, Champhet	N. S.
CE 2010	Urban School Construction, Pakse	N. S.
CE 2011	Urban School Construction, Savannakhet	5%
CE 2012	Urban School Construction, Luang Prabang	20%
CE 2013	Urban School Construction, Paksane	N. S.
CE 2014	Urban School Construction, Sayaboury	N. S.

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