

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief EDU

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SUBJECT: Community Education Monthly Report, March 1971

Problems

CEA/Refugees advise that enemy activity in the Xiang Khouang area continues to disrupt the educational program.

Similar problems now exist in Louang Prabang due to new enemy activity. Miss Dee Brisay is currently assigned to TDY to Education Division, Vientiane.

Project Progress

1. Refugee School Programs

CEA/Refugees, Primary School Inspector/Xiang Khouang and CEA/National visited Xiang Khouang during the reporting period and a special project was worked out with local officials to set up a special sixth grade program for students who have been recently displaced. 220 sixth grade youngsters are now enrolled in Pha Khe and after they have finished the semester they will be eligible for secondary school entrance examinations. This activity is very similar to last year's program held in Vientiane for Xiang Khouang sixth graders.

This year ORA assisted the Ministry of Education print notebooks for refugee students. The books have begun to arrive and the MoE is currently working out a partial distribution for the remainder of the school year. A second distribution is planned for during the summer to insure an adequate supply for the opening of the next school year.

Mr. Woodson's monthly report also contains an interesting survey conducted by the Primary School Inspector/Vientiane North. The survey shows the number of refugee students who have arrived (347) in the Vientiane North area. CEA/Refugees is now working on a plan to solve this pressing problem.

The refugee school statistical chart for the month of March shows a significant decrease in enrollment due mainly to enemy activity.

During the reporting period CEA/National visited Souvannakhet, Sayaboury, Pakse, and Houa Khong provinces. In each area extensive work was accomplished on refugee school problems and results have been reported to GRA in separate trip reports.

### 2. Community Education/Program

The final report for the Primary School Inspectors' Conference held in Champasak during January has been completed and will be distributed to USAID and RLC officials for reference. Miss Ziegler and the CEA staff are to be highly praised for the professional quality of the report.

The special supervisory course for ten provincial supervisors continues during March and CEA/Program is compiling a collection of teaching materials used throughout the course. These items should prove quite useful in future training projects.

A1 activity plan was drafted and is now in the approval process to train forty-five monk teachers for forty-five days during April and May to improve instruction in Pagoda schools.

### 3. Urban Self-Help Construction

All self-help urban school constructions are underway and progressing.

4. Other Donors

The Apsara Foundation allocated 30 reference books for the Primary School Department's Curriculum Library.

5. Construction

Summary of 21 71 self-help projects approved to date:

	No. of S.P.s	No. of Schools	Number of Classrooms		Number of Classrooms Replaced		Total
			1-3 Grades	4-6 Grades	1-3 Grades	4-6 Grades	
Rural Self-Help	47	107	109	62	47	25	518
CE (Urban)	4	4	16	19			10
Refugees					137	57	194
	50	111	124	77	243	82	512

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 63%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 37%

## Status of approved CE construction projects:

AP CE 69/4	Phong Sakhay Groupe Scolaire (Pakse)	25% C
CE 70/3	Tha Hai Groupe Scolaire (Pakse)	10% C
CE 70/9	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/North)	65% C
CE 70/10	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/South)	60% C
CE 70/11	Urban Self-Help Construction (Luang Prabang)	100% C
CE 70/12	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	75% C
CE 70/13	Urban Self-Help Construction (Savannakhet)	80% C
CE 70/17	Self-Help Construction Vocational School (Savannakhet)	25% C
CE 1003	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	37% C
CE 1004	Urban Self-Help Construction (Yang Vieng)	20% C
CE 1005	Urban Self-Help Construction (Champasack)	50% C
CE 1006	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/North)	75% C

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