

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, Education Division  
FROM : Hunter A. Fitzgerald, CEA/National *H. Fitzgerald*  
SUBJECT: Community Education Monthly Report January 1971

Problems

Mr. Woodson reports lack of self help input with the construction of 12 classrooms in Long Tieng. Please see CEA/National's comment on CEA/Refugee's Monthly Report for suggested solution.

Project Progress

1. Refugee School Programs

The refugee school building program under SP 1010 is progressing very well and is nearing completion. A final report is in preparation and will be available next month.

Activity Plan CE 1015 was approved during the reporting period and provides for the training of 144 participants in four centers. The training will be accomplished during the summer vacation in July.

Mr. Woodson's Report contains two very informative tables on the refugee school situation. CEA/North and CEA/South are collecting current data for their areas and this will be included in next month's report. It is quite significant that over 32,000 refugee students are now enrolled in the Lao Elementary School System. The entire Community Education staff will dedicate as much time and effort as possible in the next months to improve the educational opportunities being provided to this large number of young people.

2. Community Education/Program

The ten teacher counselors continued their training at Dong Dok last month and final revisions are being completed on a PIO/P to send the ten future supervisors to Thailand for six months additional training.

As reported CEA/Program continues significant work on mathematics textbook review and revision.

3. In Service Training

The Annual Primary School Inspectors Conference was held in Champassak, January 11-22. The Conference was well organized and conducted extremely well. The major areas of concern were the reform of the sixth grade examination and a recommended revision of the Lao history curriculum.

Each PSI presented short oral and written presentations on the status of elementary education in his province. School personnel from other levels of education made presentations to the group and other speakers covered related areas.

Currently the CE staff is translating and organizing all of the materials presented during the conference and a complete report will be distributed in February.

4. Urban Self-Help Construction and Related Projects

All Self-Help projects are proceeding on schedule except Vang Vieng, CE 1004, which is awaiting delivery of RLC purchased commodities and CE 1005, Champassak, which has not started yet.

5. Construction

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

	No. of APs	No. of Schools	Number of Classrooms New Grades		Number of Classrooms Replace Grades		Total
			1-3	4-6	1-3	4-6	
Rural Self Help	23	42	42	31	25	20	118
CE Urban	4	5	15	14	.	.	39
Refugees	—	—	—	—	195	41	237
	<u>27</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>385</u>

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 58%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 44%

Status of approved CE construction projects:

AP CE 69/4	Phone Sikhay Groupe Scolaire (Pakse)	80% C
CE 70/3	Tha Hai Groupe Scolaire (Pakse)	7% C
CE 70/9	Urban Self Help Construction (Vientiane, North)	40% C
CE 70/10	Urban Self Help Construction (Vientiane, South)	35% C
CE 70/11	Urban Self Help Construction (Luang Prabang)	95% C
CE 70/12	Urban Self Help Construction (Pakse)	60% C
CE 70/13	Urban Self Help Construction (Savannakhet)	35% C
CE 70/16	Multi Purpose Building (Paklay)	100% C
CE 70/17	Self Help construction Vocational School (Savannakhet)	70% C
CE 1003	Urban Self Help Construction (Pakse)	60% C
CE 1004	Urban Self Help Construction (Vang Vieng)	5% C
CE 1005	Urban Self Help Construction (Champassak)	n. s.
CE 1006	Urban Self Help Construction (Vientiane, North)	7%

\* C - Completed

\*\* n. s. - Not started