

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, EDU

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SUBJECT: Community Education Monthly Report, December 1970

Problems

No significant problems not reported previously.

Project Progress

1. Refugee School Programs

As reported in the CEA/Refugees Monthly Report, the military commander for Long Tieng, General Vang Pao, proposed that his army engineers build nineteen classrooms in the Long Tieng area with USAID providing commodity support. Currently the plans and commodity lists are being reviewed by PWD/Vientiane so that a specific proposal can be worked out for consideration by the Ministry.

Work under AF C/ 1010 is progressing well. Five more villages have schools with furniture.

Mr. Woodson also assisted the CDR A. Vang Vang draft activity plans for seventeen refugee classrooms in the Vang Vang area.

2. Community Education/Program

Miss Engler reports that a four-month training course is in progress at Dong Dok for ten teacher-counselors and that further training is being proposed for this group in Thailand. The training and assignment of middle level supervisory educational personnel in the Lao education system is a significant step forward.

The CEA/National had this opportunity to observe the completed curriculum library furniture which is set up in the Ministry of Education. The Primary School Department has assigned a librarian to organize the facility. A well organized reference room of curriculum materials, textbooks, and documents will be a valuable asset to the Ministry.

3. In-Service Training Status

- a. CE-1011, Primary School Inspectors' Conference, is scheduled to begin January 10, 1971. Mr. Richard Costantino, CEA/Pakse, is the responsible technician for this activity. The agenda includes reform of the sixth grade examination which will be a major educational reform. Many high level officials will give presentations to the Primary School Inspectors. Mr. Green, Chief of the Education Division, has been invited to speak on "USAID Assisted Educational Programs in the Ministry of Education".
- b. CE-1013, Xan Vhn and Xan Tai Teacher Training, was approved during the reporting period and will be implemented in July.
- c. CE-1014, CREC Teacher Training, will be in the approval process.
- d. CE-1016, Training School Maintenance, was approved and will be implemented in May.

4. Urban Self Help Construction and Related Projects

The problem of the turn over tax for urban self help schools appears to have been solved. The Ministry of Finance has released monies being held up and the contractors have resumed work on projects that were stopped.

- a. CE-1004, Vang Vieng, with amendment, approved and construction started.

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- b. CE-1005. Champassak, approved December 24, 1970. Construction will begin soon.
- c. CE-1006. Vientiane/North, with amendments approved and commodities called forward last week.
- d. CE-1008. Construction PSI Warehouse Shelves is on schedule.
- e. The PSI Warehouse Vientiane/South was completed by OICC contract and officially turned over to MoE. Some minor additions will be done with money left in the contract.

5. Participant Training

- a. Mr. Khamphean Phouckee, Director, Primary and Adult Education, returned from a three month study/observation tour in Hawaii. He was very enthusiastic about his trip and stated he learned many things he will adapt for use in Laos.
- b. Mr. Tian Vanntha, Deputy Director, and the CEA/National went to Udorn Thani Teachers College to work out the future programs of five participants who are graduating this year. As a result of this, five PIO/Ps in five subject matter areas are being drafted. The candidates will study at the university level in Home Economics, Crafts, Agriculture, Science and Mathematics.

Construction

Summary of TV 7/ all 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	18	49	20	18	17	13	66
CE (Urban)	4	4	15	15			30
Refugees					196	41	237
	<u>22</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>331</u>

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3 55%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6 45%

Status of approved CE construction projects

AP CE 69/4	Phone Sikhay Groupe Scolaire (Pakse)	75% C
CE 70/3	Tha Hai Groupe Scolaire (Pakse)	7% C
CE 70/9	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/North)	30% C
CE 70/10	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/South)	30% C
CE 70/11	Urban Self-Help Construction (Luang Prabang)	90% C
CE 70/12	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	51% C
CE 70/13	Urban Self-Help Construction (Savannakhet)	30% C
CE 70/16	Multi Purpose Building (Paklay)	95% C
CE 70/17	Self-Help Construction Vocational School (Seto)	65% C
CE 1003	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	52% 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)	n.s.
PJO/T 00329	Office Warehouse (PSU/Vientiane, South)	100% C

* C = Completed

* n.s. = Not started