

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for December 1970

Problems

In some areas textbooks, supplies, and other materials are not getting to the refugee classrooms from the PSI warehouse as quickly as they could.

The CEA/Refugees and CEA/National will meet with the PSIs involved and work out a solution. *1/2*

Project Progress

The activity plan for 12 classrooms in Long Tieng has been approved. Currently the site is being laid out, commodities are being ordered, and self help labor is being organized.

At the present time, an estimate of materials is being put together for 19 additional classrooms for Long Tieng. This request was initiated by General Vang Phan. His proposal was that Phase II of the three year plan for school construction be started this year. To do this, he proposed that USAID provide the basic commodities and his army engineers would provide the equipment and the labor necessary to construct an additional 19 classrooms.

Six APs were slightly revised following a trip to Vang Vieng last week and these were all forwarded to CDS for checking and finalizing. These APs are for the construction of 13 refugee classrooms in the Vang Vieng area.

Activity Plan, LE-1013, providing for in service training of refugee teachers is currently being circulated for approval by the respective USAID and RLG divisions involved. This AP will provide in service training for refugee teachers, which will be conducted at four locations.

The amendment to CE 1810 was approved and work continues on the refugee school furniture construction. Since the last report, school furniture was being completed at Ban Ka Hain, Nong Phen, Vang Khene, Thun Rua, and Ban Dong.

Three temporary classrooms were constructed at Ban Nam Mouan, Tasseng Mouan Kham (TF 3753), one new classroom at TF 2139, near the village of Ban Nong Phen, and two classrooms were completed at Ban Vang Poung (TF 9393).

The roof on the last two classrooms at Vang Kham was completed during the month using brown wrapping paper and plastic sheeting. The combination appears to be practical in that it looks neat, does not appear to be too hot as the brown paper cuts out much of the sunlight, yet letting enough light in to keep the classroom from being too dark for good study. The completion of these two classrooms will eliminate double sessions for the Vang Kham refugee students. Although double sessions will be eliminated there will still be some problems with over-crowding in the new classrooms and still some non-enrollment. Non-enrollment will be not so crucial in that they are kept out of school by their parents to assist in the homes.

Since chalk is still being reported as being in short supply, additional chalk is being purchased locally and should be ready for distribution by the end of the month which should correspond with reports that some refugee teachers will exhaust their current supply within the month.

The following figures show the current enrollment for Sam Neua Province:

P 1	1,636
P 2	512
P 3	426
P 4	236
P 5	159
P 6	148
	3,117

This figure should be compared with those reported in November which were only estimates. The estimated total then was 2,800 students in school.

Total figures, as reported by the Primary School Inspector, show that 35 classrooms and two offices have been constructed per A.P. No. XK. 1 002. Of the 35 classrooms, one-half were constructed with G. I. roofing sheets and the remainder were constructed with locally available materials.

The following gives the reported number of refugee students in the Vang Vieng area. This only gives an indication of refugee students since it does not show the number of students attending existing schools.

		P 1	P 2	P 3	P 4
1	Viang Samay	24	9	23	
2	Phondindeng	44	11	2	
3	Viang Kai	76	43	31	30
4	Houei Mo	15	12	6	
5	Namone Neua	7	6	6	
6	Namone Khang	13	5	6	
7	Houei Pannone	14	11	9	
8	Somsonok	29	8	6	
9	B Chiang Mo	40			
10	Phong Sang	28			

This report will be updated when the Primary School Inspector completes his survey and as more figures are received at his office.

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