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SUBJECT: Community Education Monthly Report November 1970

Problems

The MoE requested that the Ministry of Finance pay a 15% RLCT Turn Over Tax on FY 70 Urban Self Help School Construction. The Ministry of Finance would not approve this request. However, MoE is making a new request to utilize FY 70 Funds in this project not utilized to pay the tax. EAD was requested to assist in this problem last month in Education Division Chief's Report.

The Ministry of Finance is studying Education's new request concerning FY 70 projects. Meanwhile, adjustments have been made in FY 70 activity plans to provide for taxes.

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1. Refugee School Programs

Mr. Woodcock's CEA/Refugee Monthly Report outlines programs being made under AP-CE 1010. It appears this Activity Plan will have to be amended for an extension of time to be determined. Lumber for the construction of school furniture has not arrived for part of the project. He also reports the repair of Long Tieng Group's School will be completed this week. A detailed report from the PSI Long Khouang shows 17 school locations with 79 1/2 classrooms and three offices have been completed. 5,825 roofing sheets were issued in this program.

The CEA/National visited the Saynamthet area and went to the Sano Refugee camp. There are two school sites in Sano. One four room school is completed. These rooms had furniture and the last room's furniture was being completed. The children were in school and school supplies were being distributed. At the other site there were four rooms under construction which are scheduled for completion in January. There will be six more rooms needed

for the Sene complet. When these projects are all completed it appears refugee needs will be covered in Sene.

2. Community Education/Program

Miss Engler reports progress on Curriculum Library and Community Education revision of refugee textbooks.

Special mention should be made of the Thai Observation Tour of five MoE officials to study the Thai Testing Program. The information they gained will be utilized in the Primary School Inspectors' Conference to be held in January of 1971 which will have as one of its major topics - "The Reform of Third and Sixth Grade Examinations". If this program is implemented it will be the beginning of major reform in the Lao educational system.

3. In-Service Training Status

- a. CE 1011, Primary School Inspectors' Conference has been approved and is being implemented by Mr. Richard Constantino, USA/Potter.
- b. CE 1012, Directors Groups Regular Conference has been approved and will be implemented by Mr. Richard Constantino, USA/Potter.
- c. CE 1013, New Tho and Nam Pui Teacher Training, still in the approval process.
- d. CE 1014, UNESCO Teacher Training, still in the approval process.
- e. CE 1017, Training Mathematics, has approved and will be implemented by CEA/Program.
- f. CE 1018, Train School Management, has originally started through the approval process to train 10 primary school

participants. It was decided later to include people from Secondary and Teacher Training in this program. The AP was revised to include three Secondary and five Teacher Training personnel.

4. Urban Self-Help Construction and Related Projects

- a. CE 1004, Vong / Long, was approved but an amendment is in process to pay 15% SLC tax over tax.
- b. CE 1005, Charnprasek AP, was cancelled and revision to include 15% SLC tax over tax.
- c. CE 1006, Viengkone/North, was approved but an amendment is in process to include 15% SLC tax over tax.
- d. CE 1008 Construction PSI Warehouse Salyan. In an schedule.

5. Other - CEA/National Field Trip to Savannakhet Nov. 4-7, 1970

CEA/National visited the Savannakhet area November 4-7, 1970. Meetings were held with Mr. Stone, AC/Savannakhet; Mr. Constantine, CEA/Savannakhet; Mr. Webb, CEA/Savannakhet; and Mr. Long, PSI/Savannakhet. A detailed Trip Report was submitted to the Chief of the Education Division and distributed to all concerned offices.

6. Personnel

Soukane Soukavongse, Administrative Assistant, Community Education, returned from an eleven-day intensive USAID training course held in Bangkok. Participants from five countries were given training in managerial skills, office management, motivation, and productivity by a special training team sent out from AID/W.

7. 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	12	42	15	6	15	13	46
CE (Urban)	3	1	11	11			22
Refugee	—	—	—	—	196	41	237
	15	45	26	17	211	54	306

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 66%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 34%

Status of approved CE construction projects:

AP CE 69/4	Phone Sikhay Group School (Pakse)	73% C*
CE 70/2	Tha Hai Group School (Pakse)	7% C
CE 70/9	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/North)	18% C
CE 70/10	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/South)	25% C
CE 70/11	Urban Self-Help Construction (Luang Prabang)	85% C
CE 70/12	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	45% C
CE 70/13	Urban Self-Help Construction (Sampansak)	38% C
CE 70/16	Multi-Purpose Building (Bakay)	95% C
CE 70/17	Self-Help Construction Vocational School (Sekt)	60% C
CE 1003	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	30% C
CE 1004	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vang Vieng)	n. s. **
CE 1006	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/North)	n. s.
PIO/T 00332	Office Warehouse (PSI/Vientiane, South)	98% C

* C Completed

** n. s. Not started