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PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT FORM

PROVINCE: PHU YEN

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MONTH COVERED BY REPORT: June 1963

1. General Narrative on Progress.

Many persons and agencies are becoming interested in the economic development of Phu Yen Province. This is in part due to the experiments carried on by Mr. Neff of IVS in the planting of Guatemala Flint corn, and the knowledge that there is a payment made in foodstuffs for work done in this area.

Mr. DC HUU NHIO, of the Department of Agriculture, was sent here for five (5) days by Mr. Trinh - Director General of the Rural Affairs Department. Mr. Nho's mission was to work out procedures with the new chief of forestry for the use of PL 480 foodstuffs. His approach was directly to the farmers in the SH and were very successful; there being many farmers who were interested in this project, and willing to spend their efforts in consideration of foodstuffs for payment of labors.

Considerable progress was made during reporting period in the confiscation of American Aid foodstuffs. Two mobile checkpoints by the National Police, resulting in many tons of food and fertilizer being returned to the government for use as intended by AID regulations.

Provincial authorities are studying the advisability of undertaking a five year economic development plan. This plan would lay the general guideline for future efforts in this province.

Hamlet development is also being aided by the competition being conducted by province authorities for the selection of the most outstanding hamlets and hamlets leaders.

I would judge that work in this province is proceeding in an orderly and satisfactory pace, although there are some areas in which more rapid progress could be made.

Reporting requirements for myself and the MAAG sector advisor are growing; we often find ourselves coordinating on matters that lie more in the economic area than in the military area, and vice versa. I have indicated those areas in the report prepared this month with an (\*).

## 2. Strategic Hamlets:

Total now planned: 260 to 270  
 Total Approved by IMCSH: 242  
 Total USOM funded: 242  
 Completed during June: 4  
 Total completed EOM: 218  
 SH visited by RO: 26  
 Under construction EOM: 31  
 Population in SH: 270,000  
 Percentage of population in SH: 75% to 80%  
 Families in SH: 48,000 to 50,000  
 Is IMCSH/USOM/MAAG meeting required: Yes  
 When: As required, generally twice per week

## 3. Refugees: Total number of refugees during month: 161

Highlander: 132 Lowlander: 29  
 Cumulative total of refugees received in province: 17,171  
 Highlander: 4119 Lowlander: 13,052  
 Number of refugees not receiving adequate care: Unknown.  
 Sufficient foodstuffs have been allocated for refugees.  
 Plans have been made to resettle all refugees.

## 4. Chieu Hoi:

Qui Chanks returning province during June: 74  
 Total Qui Chanks to date: 333  
 Qui Chanks at Province Center EOM: 34  
 Qui Chanks sent out of Province during month: None  
 Returned to hamlets during period: 52  
 Total returned to hamlets: 140

Narrative (impressions of program): Only 66 "agents" have been members of this program, the rest of the 333 persons being so-called workers. There are still 34 persons in the province center. Almost all of the 90,000.00 VN\$ provided to operate the center has now been expended. We have a meeting each month to discuss Chieu Hoi policies regarding money, and this month our meeting centered on the problem of what to do for a center after vacating the school which has been used for Chieu Hoi during the past three months. It was suggested that the Youth Center be used for this purpose, on loan, for three months. The Director of Youth refused this request, and the matter is before the Chief of Province for his solution.

## 5. Relocation/resettlement:

No. of highlanders families relocated/resettled  
 into SH during June: 132  
 Cumulative: 4119  
 No. of lowlanders families relocated/resettled  
 into SH during June: 29  
 Cumulative: 13,052

## 6. SH Construction Teams:

Cadre men trained during period: 0

Total cadre men operating EOM: 180 (20 teams)

## 7. Hamlet Militiamen:

Trained during period: 126

Total trained to date: 4326

Armed during period: 126

Total armed to date: 2059

Total militiamen in hamlets trained and armed EOM: 4128

## 8. SH Committeemen:

No. of hamlet committees elected: 218

No. committee men completed training in June: 20

Total elected chiefs and committeemen trained: 630

No. hamlets with elected trained officials: 218

## 9. Security:

No. VC incidents reported during period: 20

No. SH attacked during period of June: 8

Attacks successfully repelled: 2

Hamlets overrun: 0

H. B. Usually the VC come in the early morning hours, conduct their attack, and withdraw from the hamlet when ready.

10. Emergencies: Response time to get assistance to an attacked hamlets varies from 1 to 6 hours, depending on the location of the hamlet in relation to the nearest support. It is noted that notification time for word to be received of an attack, varies from 15 minutes to 1 hour.

## 11. Self Help (Province Agreement Funded: 272

Applications approved during period: 18 Disapproved: 2.

Self help projects started during period: 9 Completed: 7.

Total number of strategic hamlets having commenced one or more projects: 150.

## 12. Other self help or hamlet development projects including PL 480, Title II:

Started during period: 9 Completed: 5 Total to date: 38.

PL 480 ordered:	Program	Type	Quantity
	Resettlement	Corn	1000 bags
	Resettlement	Bulgur	1000 bags

PL 480 received and in province stock ( see inclosure #1)

PL 480 distributed ( see inclosure #1)

13. Receipt and Utilization of other commodities. The last of the 4000 sheets of iron roofing provided by the government of Australia to the GVN has now been distributed throughout the province. Most of this roofing was used to repair existing schools and medical aid stations in the Province.

## 15. Provincial Development:

- (a) Agricultural Programs: Corn shows good growth, and should yield very satisfactory seed for further multiplication of this improved seed variety. Work continues in the sweet potato multiplication beds.
- (b) Health Programs: MAAG/AID/ARVN medical efforts continue in the villages with fine results. 60,000 patients have been innoculated during this program in the hamlets of the province.
- (c) Public Works Program: Still the slowest service to get into the hamlet program.
- (d) Education Programs: 17 schools under construction for an increase of 42 classrooms. Most of this work is being done under the self help concept, with the province giving food where necessary to defray costs.
- (e) Information Programs: Lambrettas given by USOM are not being used in conjunction with hamlet program. They are used only in the main city and all efforts to get them into the hamlets have met with failure.

16. Coordination and Cooperation with other agencies: USIS, MAAG and other American agencies are working well together. There are no problems in this phase of the province operation.

17. Progress ARVN/CG/SDC Civic Action Activities: Some progress has been made in this field and continues to be made by some commanders in ARVN. There is very little going on in other areas.

18. Administrative: None.



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