

PROGRAM and ITINERARY



THAILAND

Community Development
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THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*

"Community Development,^{1/} is the term used to describe the technique many governments have adopted to reach their village people and to make more effective use of local initiative and energy for increased production and better living standards. Community development is a process of social action in which the people of a community organize themselves for planning and action; define their common and individual needs and problems; make group and individual plans to meet their needs and solve their problems; execute these plans with a maximum of reliance upon community resources; and supplement these resources when necessary with services and material from governmental and nongovernmental agencies outside the community. Governments have learned that when local people have a chance to decide how they can better their own local conditions, better sanitation, greater literacy, and other desirable improvements are more easily introduced and have a more lasting effect."

*ICA Airgram ICATO Circular LA-55, NA-52, FA-53, XA-357, dated October 27, 1956,
Subject: Community Development Guidelines.

^{1/} Also known as: Village Development; Rural Development; Village Agricultural and Industrial Development; Community Action and Community Education.

EMERGING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

IN

THAILAND

Introduction to Thailand.

Thailand meaning "Land of the Free" is a tropical country in Southeast Asia with an area of approximately 198,000 square miles and an estimated population of 21,000,000.

Thailand is bordered by Malaya on the south, Burma on west and north, and Laos and Cambodia on the north and east. It has a long coastline on the Gulf of Thailand and a shorter coastline on the Andaman Sea to the west.

Eighty-five percent of the Thai working population is employed in agriculture, forestry and fishing, and agriculture accounts for from forty-five to fifty percent of the gross national product. Twenty percent of the total land area is in farm holdings, sixteen percent of the total is cultivated and seventy-five percent of the cultivated area is given over to the production of rice. Thailand is one of the largest exporters of rice in the world.

Thailand has been a Constitutional Monarchy since 1932 or the year 2475 of the Buddhist Era. The national religion of Thailand is Buddhism and the King is the Upholder of the Faith. While the population is predominantly Buddhist, other religious groups in Thailand are treated with respect and tolerance.

Social Welfare*

"Social Welfare in Thailand, as in other countries, began naturally with people helping each other. Since the fundamental culture in Thailand is based on Buddhist faith, the first commandment of which is Benevolence, social welfare services stem from the religious principle of Charity."

"The Department of Public Welfare, Ministry of the Interior is the agency of the Thai Government responsible for welfare functions. The Department has a history of (17) years of development and achievement and is today administering a variety of welfare programs. The staff of the Department is continuously evaluating its work and social needs of the population in order to expand as needed and to make the quality of service to the people as high as it is possible to achieve."

Self-Help Land Settlements*

"In the post-war years, extensive urban migration resulted in a labour surplus in Bangkok and other cities. Each worker was not only ill-equipped for an industrial job, but was usually the head of an uprooted

*Public Welfare in Thailand, November, 1955. Department of Public Welfare, Ministry of the Interior, Bangkok, Thailand.

family, the members of which found themselves without income at the same time they faced new social threats and pressures in a strange city. Many sought to return to the land and again earn their living by farming. To aid this group as well as many farmers trying unsuccessfully to sustain families on undersized or infertile parcels of rented land, the Department (of Public Welfare) has established or taken over (several) resettlement projects, vastly increasing the program initiated in B.E. 2483 (1940)."

"For the Self-Help Land Settlement Program, undeveloped lands which are public domain have been opened for settlement by needy persons, and settlers have been given government aid in making a start on the land. Thus, the hopes of many people for land and homes of their own are being realized. They achieve a chance to improve their standard of living and provide better opportunities for their children. In addition, the total amount of land improved and put under cultivation and the areas opened to modern transportation and communications have had beneficial effects on the nation's economy.

"The over-all aim of the Settlement Program is to provide as many people as possible with their own land and homes, permanent source of income, and living and working conditions offering reasonable happiness, safety, convenience and stability. This is in harmony with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 22, which states,

'Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, in accordance with the organization, and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his Personality.'"

OBJECTIVES
OF
STUDY

Mr. Prajuab Rawiwatanawongs, who now holds the position of Chief of the Division of Occupational Assistance, will be involved in planning for economic development and social betterment either in the large-scale Self-Help Land Settlement Project in the Department of Public Welfare or in the emerging Community Development Program.

Since one of the proposed training centers for multi-purpose village level workers will be located at the Saraburi Self-Help Land Settlement Project, a joint planning effort will be necessary in which Mr. Prajuab Rawiwatanawongs can play an important role.

The program stresses planning for rural welfare. However, it is not limited to a study of the theory of planning. It includes: consultations with officials and observation of operating programs concerned with land settlement, rural credit, agricultural development, health, water supply, sanitation, housing and community organization; observation of programs in community action; and the use of economic and social surveys as prerequisites to planning.

PERSONAL DATA

NAME: Mr. Prajuab RAWIWATANAWONGS

ADDRESS: 111 Rangnam Lane, Dusit, Bangkok, Thailand

BIRTH DATE: April 20, 1919

MARITAL STATUS: Married

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND: Mr. Prajuab RAWIWATANAWONGS attended Dhebsirind School and Assumption College. He also studied Law at Thammasat University.

EXPERIENCE AND

PRESENT POSITION: From 1953 to September 1955, Mr. Prajuab Rawiwatanawongs held the position of Chief of the Self-Help Land Settlement Section of the Department of Public Welfare. His duties covered the fields of Land Reclamation and Land Utilization.

Since October 1955, Mr. Prajuab Rawiwatanawongs has been Chief of the Division of Occupational Assistance in the Department of Public Welfare. In this position his responsibilities include the development and homesteading of land reservation areas.

In August 1955, Mr. Prajuab Rawiwatanawongs visited both India and Burma.

PROGRAM AND ITINERARY

Arrival

November 14, 1957:
(Thursday)

Arrive Washington

Orientation - Washington

November 15 (F):

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING STAFF, ICA and
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, ICA

a.m. CONTACT:

Mr. Robert Thurston, Project Manager
ICA Technical Assistance Training Staff (TATS)
Room 412 Lemon Building
1729 New York Avenue, N.W.

PURPOSE:

To receive administrative orientation, including
deposit of ticket for international travel.

p.m. CONTACT:

Mr. William R. Gordon
Chief, Training and Resources Branch
Community Development Division (CDD)
Room 415 Hurley-Wright Building
1800 H Street, N.W.

PURPOSE:

Initial discussions regarding the substance and
objectives of the training program.

November 18 (M) -

December 19 (Th):
(five weeks)

PURPOSE:

AMERICAN LANGUAGE CENTER

Brief refresher course in English in order to
help Mr. Prajuab derive maximum benefit from
his training program.

December 20 (F):

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING STAFF, ICA and
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, ICA

a.m. CONTACT:

Mr. William R. Gordon, CDD

PURPOSE:

Substantive orientation in order to help
Mr. Prajuab focus on the community development
aspects of the various programs to be studied
and observed during the balance of the tour.

2:00 p.m. CONTACT:

Mr. Robert Thurston, TATS

PURPOSE:

Completion of travel arrangements.

December 21 (S):

Travel to Penland, North Carolina

North Carolina

December 22 (Su) -
January 3 (F)
(2 weeks)

PENLAND SCHOOL OF HANDICRAFTS

CONTACT: Miss Lucy C. Morgan, Director

PURPOSE: Christmas holiday program has been arranged and during this time, Mr. Prajuab will have a chance to meet agricultural and community leaders, see the work of the Penland School of Handicrafts and its efforts in promoting home handicrafts.

January 4 (S):

Travel to Chicago, Illinois

Chicago, Illinois

January 4 (S) -
March 22 (S):
(11 weeks)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO - Winter Quarter

CONTACT: Dr. Philip M. Hauser
Chairman, Department of Sociology

PURPOSE: To attend the Winter quarter, with a course in Sociology (Field Methods) and two other courses to be decided upon after consultation between Dr. Hauser and Mr. Prajuab.

March 23 (Su):

Travel to Carbondale, Illinois

Carbondale, Illinois

March 24 (M) -
March 29 (S):
(1 week)

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CONTACT: Dr. Richard Franklin
Assistant Director, Community Development Institute

PURPOSE: To meet with Dr. Richard Poston and other members of the Department of Community Development and to attend the second annual area conference of community leaders. Observation of operating programs in one or more cooperating communities.

March 30 (Su):

Travel to East Lansing, Michigan

East Lansing, Michigan

March 31 (M) -

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY - Spring Quarter

June 14 (S):

(11 weeks)

CONTACT:

Dr. Glen Taggart
Dean of International Programs

PURPOSE:

To attend the Spring quarter. A study program will be worked out with Mr. Prajuab's advisor upon Mr. Prajuab's arrival on campus.

June 15 (Su):

Travel to Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ann Arbor, Michigan

June 16 (M) -

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

June 27 (F):

(2 weeks)

CONTACT:

Dr. Arthur Dunham
Professor of Community Organization
School of Social Work

PURPOSE:

Mr. Prajuab will participate in a seminar on COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN NEWLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES to be led by Dr. Dunham. The subject matter will include: "The nature of community development; backgrounds; basic principles; typical programs and activities in selected countries; organization; use of generalists and specialists; personnel and training; operating problems; international organizations and other resources; and relationships between community development and social work."

June 30 (M) -

Field study operation awaiting confirmation.

July 18 (F):

(3 weeks)

Knoxville, Tennessee

July 21 (M) -

July 24 (Th):
(4 days)

CONTACT:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Mr. William A. Shafer
Tennessee Valley Authority
Room 423 New Sprinkle Building
508 Union Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

PURPOSE:

To consult with TVA officials and observe
the community services approach cutting
across specialist lines which has evolved
in the TVA area.

July 25 (F) :-

Travel to Carrollton, Georgia

Carrollton, Georgia

July 25 (F) -

August 3 (Su):
(1 week)

CONTACT:

WEST GEORGIA COLLEGE

Dr. J. Carson Pritchard
Director of Adult Education

PURPOSE:

To observe community organization and adult
education work of the "College in the
Country" program.

August 3 (Sunday evening)
or August 4 (M):

Travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico

San Juan, Puerto Rico

August 4 (M) -

September 5 (F):
(5 weeks)

CONTACT:

PUERTO RICO

Mr. Jose Colom
Director, Office of Technical Cooperation
Department of State
Forteleta Street
San Juan, Puerto Rico

PURPOSE:

To observe the land settlement work of the
Social Programs Administration and the Community
Education Program in the Department of Education,
including the organization, operations and train-
ing aspects of each program and the role of
village organizations.

September 6 (S):

Travel to Kingston, Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica

September 7 (Su) -
September 30 (T):
(3 weeks)

JAMAICA

CONTACT:

Mr. John V. Hepler
ICA Representative
c/o American Consulate General
Kingston, Jamaica

PURPOSE:

To observe the integrated approach of the Jamaica Social Welfare Commission in its community development program which has been successful in Jamaica. To study the structure and administration of the cooperative societies and the housing program.

October 1 (W):

Travel to New York, New York

New York, New York

October 2 (Th) -
October 3 (F):
(2 days)

UNITED NATIONS

CONTACT:

Mr. Ernest Grigg
Chief of the Community Development Group
Room 2751A, United Nations Building

PURPOSE:

To meet with representatives of the Bureau of Social Affairs, United Nations, to discuss the general program of community development and community services, as they relate to the program in Thailand.

October 6 (M):

COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

CONTACT:

Dr. Ernest F. Witte
Executive Director
Council on Social Work Education
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

PURPOSE:

To discuss with Dr. Witte community development programs abroad. In the summer of 1955 Dr. Witte served as ICA consultant studying community development programs in selected countries.

October 7 (T):

Travel to Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.

October 8 (W) -

October 10 (F):
(3 days)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

Wednesday and
Friday:

Community Development Division for final
evaluation of program and preparation of
final report.

Thursday:

Technical Assistance Training Staff for Exit Seminar and clearing up of administrative
matters.

October 11 and 12:

Travel to the Philippines

Philippines

October 13 (M) -

October 31 (F):
(3 weeks)

PHILIPPINES (tentative)

CONTACT:

Mr. Bonard S. Wilson
Community Development Training Advisor
U.S. Operations Mission to the Philippines
American Embassy
Manila, Philippines

PURPOSE:

To observe current community development
activities in the Philippines, including
the organization, operations and training
aspects of the program.

November 1 (S):

Return to Thailand

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