

Assistance Report 1st Quarter 2016

Quarter Total \$ 23,323.30

To Date Total \$575,612.09

<u>Area of Operation</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Thailand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laos	\$20,890.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,890.00
Medical	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Aid - Thailand	\$2,433.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,433.30
Quarter Total	\$23,323.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,323.30
Total to Date	\$575,612.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575,612.09

Motions and Actions 1st Quarter 2016

16-01 Approved
16-02 Approved
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Motion details are listed in the following pages:

Respectfully submitted,
Les Thompson
Chairman TLCB Assistance Committee
6 April 2016

Motion 16-01 Student Assistance Program - January

Budget Amount = \$721.00

Actual Amount = \$646.00

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 26,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for January 2016.

High School/Vocational Students @ 1,000thb/month

	Name
1)	Dararat Promarrak
2)	Gingan Bongchompoh
3)	Wipada Phetsuwan
4)	Matchima Khanda
5)	Suphachai Sumart
6)	Thanyanat Sana
7)	Thamonwan Thungnathad
8)	Nutchanat Niwongsa
9)	Nittaya Manasen
10)	Achiraya Thiauthit
11)	Nantawee Chanapoch
12)	Suchada Wangthaphan
13)	Juthathip Siriwong
14)	Sawini Manaonok
15)	Butsayamat Thanoi
16)	Onauma Khamchana
17)	Natsupha Pholman
18)	Pongpat Boridon (vocational School)
Total	18,000thb

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

	Name
1)	Cholapin Chittaboot
2)	Suwanan Niwongsa
3)	Kulthida Wongsri
4)	Kiatsuda Deejan
Total	8,000thb

Total: 26,000thb

Exchange Rate on 22 December 2015 is 36.1THB per 1USD

Motion 16-02 Laos Expense

Budget Amount = \$700.00

Actual Amount = \$700.00

Proposal, January 2016 TLCB Visit to XK

Request for a non-Assistance allocation of \$700 for transportation and other expenses for an inspection trip to NE Laos. Travel is to Xieng Khouang Province, schedule is for about 17-19 January 2016, will be renting a 4-door 4WD vehicle from AVR again.

Visits are to:

- Follow up to Ban Nong, Khet Phan, Paek District, replacement building, Motion 15-24A, \$4,420
- Ban Xamphan Xay, primary and secondary schools, floors, Moung Kham District, Motions 15-28A & B, \$5,490
- Possible visit to Ban Nam Tha, Moung Kham District, unfunded project for cement and other materials, village proposes two new buildings, largely selfhelp provided materials, wood, etc.

Note: This request includes funds for:

- vehicle rental and diesel
- photo processing for school visits, and villager work
- per diem for school officials who travel from their office to school sites. This is a normal NGO practice, usually about kip 100,000 a day, about \$12.50
- diesel for Lao official's pickup use if visiting a school

Motion 16-03 Laos Quality of Life Withdrawal

Budget Amount = \$6,000.00

Actual Amount = \$6,000.00

Proposed: That \$6,000.00 be approved for roofing projects in the XKM district.

1. \$1,950 Ban Ngoi Primary School, M. Paek is located 8 km. from the municipal boundary of Phon Savanh town and serves a group of villages where some 90% are of Hmong ethnicity. They previously migrated from areas further away in search of better living conditions near the town. They have no land for farming. Community organizing and livelihood development has been difficult. The school has 19 teachers, of whom 14 are women with 342 students of whom 328 are Hmong and 14 Lao Loum. The area requiring new tin measures 9 m. x 42 m.
2. \$650, Ban Nam Thouang Primary School, M. Paek is located near Phou Keng mountain about 33 km. from Phon Savanh town. It has a large Hmong community with a number having moved there from Na Pho Refugee Camp in Thailand. Some residents are of Khamou ethnicity. There are 7 teachers at the school of whom one is a woman. There are 104 students of whom 43 are girls. There are 14 Khamou students of whom 6 are girls. The area requiring new tin measures 8 m. x 14 m. including the outside corridor.
3. \$1,350, Ban Nong Secondary School Student Dorm, M. Phaxay is located some 63 km. southwest of Phon Savanh town in a rural area. The school has 21 teachers of whom 10 are women with 267 students of whom 128 are women. Some 68 students are Hmong of whom 27 are women. Some 23 students are Khamou and 178 are Lao Loum with 79 women. Students who stay at the dormitory number 80 of whom 34 are women. The dorm area requiring new tin measures 8 m. x 28 m. including the outside corridor.
4. \$1,350, Ban Phon Kham, Khed Nam Thae, Secondary School, M. Kham is located some 68 km. east of Phon Savanh town on Rt. 7 in a rural area. Tin is needed for a new semi-permanent school building measuring 8 m. x 28 m. that was built by the community in October 2015. This secondary school has 28 teachers of whom 10 are women with 521 students of whom 241 are women. Of them, 421 are Hmong, 43 are Khamou and 57 are Lao Loum.
5. \$700, Ban Khang Vieng, Kindergarten, M. Paek is located in Khed Nhot Ngeum some 38 km. north of Phon Savanh town. It was built recently by the community but requires roofing tin. The building measures 8 m. x 16 m. including the corridor.

Recommendation: That this \$6,000 request be approved.

Motion 16-04 Student Assistance Program - February

Budget Amount = \$724.00

Actual Amount = \$771.00

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 26,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for February 2016.

High School/Vocational Students @ 1,000thb/month

	Name
1)	Dararat Promarrak
2)	Gingan Bongchompoh
3)	Wipada Phetsuwan
4)	Matchima Khanda
5)	Suphachai Sumart
6)	Thanyanat Sana
7)	Thamonwan Thungnathad
8)	Nutchanat Niwongsa
9)	Nittaya Manasen
10)	Achiraya Thiauthit
11)	Nantawee Chanapoch
12)	Suchada Wangthaphan
13)	Juthathip Siriwong
14)	Sawini Manaonok
15)	Butsayamat Thanoi
16)	Onauma Khamchana
17)	Natsupha Pholman
18)	Pongpat Boridon (vocational School)
Total	18,000thb

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

	Name
1)	Cholapin Chittaboot
2)	Suwanan Niwongsa
3)	Kulthida Wongsri
4)	Kiatsuda Deejan
Total	8,000thb

Total: 26,000thb

Exchange Rate on 24 January 2016 is 35.9THB per 1USD

Motion 16-05 Laos Quality of Life Program

Budget Amount = \$3,025.00

Actual Amount = \$3,025.00

Proposed: That the TLCB grant \$3,025 for additional work on the Ban Nong new school building, Paek District, Xieng Khouang

Background: This school previously received \$4,420 in funding, Motion 15-24A, for primarily cement and roofing tin to enable them to replace a 25 year old decrepit wood building with a new and much larger facility with wood provided by the villagers from the forest some three kilometers distant. A site visit was made in January 2016 and noted that the concrete foundations and floor are just about complete, the posts are up, and they were starting to put up the superstructure.

The school and villagers have now come up with a change of plan, as follows:

“Now construction has been completed and the roof complete but the community can see that wood walls would last only 7 or 8 years and has decided to exchange the wood for (cement) block to finish the walls and build a more permanent structure. However funds are still insufficient to buy sand and cement and window and door frames. “

This revised plan, exchanging their wood for cement blocks, will provide for a much longer lifespan for the building. The Bill of Materials, excluding cement blocks, includes items not original envisioned: plywood for ceiling, paint, door and window frames, additional cement to complete the floor and for mortar and plaster for the walls.

Recommendation: That the requested \$3,025 be approved by the Assistance Committee.

Motion 16-06 Laos Quality of Life Program

Budget Amount = \$4,375.00

Actual Amount = \$4,375.00

Proposed: That the TLCB grant \$4,375 for improvements to the Ban Tha Lower Secondary School, Kham (aka Ban Ban) District, Xieng Khouang.

Background: The XK Provincial Education Service and Sports submits the following:

The Ban Tha Lower Secondary School lies in a mountainous area northeast of the District Center off of Route 6, the road from Xieng Khouang to Sam Nuea and about 69 Km from Phonsavanh.

The community has some 264 families in three groups: Hmong 143 families, Lao Pheung 103 families and Khamu 18 families. Ban Tha was an area that received significant damage during the war, and still has the remains of bombs and bomb craters in the vicinity. Villagers depend on basic subsistence activities for their livelihoods such as farming rice, gardening and raising livestock.

The Lower Secondary School has two classroom buildings: one is a permanent building with five rooms, the other is a three-room semi-permanent structure built by the villagers of wood they cut themselves and roofed with tin provided by the Government.

The school requests:

1. Cement, gravel and sand to lay floors
2. Materials to build a 2-place toilet

The school has eight teachers of whom four are women, and 155 students of whom 76 are women; there are 108 Hmong students of whom 51 are women, 47 Lao Loum of whom 25 are women, but no Khamu students. A dormitory at the school houses 70 students of whom 37 are women. All of these are Hmong who come from remote villages in the District.

The building where the floors are to be laid is 42 x 8 meters, including the overhang. The two-place toilet is 2.7 x 3 meters."

Recommendation: That the requested \$4,375 be approved by the Assistance Committee

Motion 16-07 Student Assistance Program - March

Budget Amount = \$730.00

Actual Amount = \$776.70

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 26,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for March 2016.

High School/Vocational Students @ 1,000thb/month

	Name
1)	Dararat Promarrak
2)	Gingan Bongchompoh
3)	Wipada Phetsuwan
4)	Matchima Khanda
5)	Suphachai Sumart
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18)	Pongpat Boridon (vocational School)
Total	18,000thb

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

	Name
1)	Cholapin Chittaboot
2)	Suwanan Niwongsa
3)	Kulthida Wongsri
4)	Kiatsuda Deejan
Total	8,000thb

Total: 26,000thb

Exchange Rate on 26 February 2016 is 35.6THB per 1USD

Motion 16-08 Student Assistance Program - April

Estimated Amount = \$230.00

Actual Amount = \$239.60

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 8,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for April 2016.

High school students not in school this month.

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

Name

- 1) Cholapin Chittaboot
- 2) Suwanan Niwongsa
- 3) Kulthida Wongsri
- 4) Kiatsuda Deejan

Total 8,000thb

Total: 8,000thb

Exchange Rate on 23 March 2016 is 34.9THB per 1USD

Motion 16-09 Laos Quality of Life Program

Estimated Amount = \$3,160.00

Actual Amount = \$3,160.00

Proposed: That \$3,160 be approved for the Ban Thang Primary School, Phaxay District, Xieng Khouang.

Background: Ban Thang is located about 42 km southwest of Phonsavan town with several villages scattered in an area of mostly un-forested hills. The area has about 122 families living in four villages. With a total of 689 people of whom 2/3 are ethnic Hmong.

The school's 4-room classroom building with a teachers' room, of semi-permanent construction, size 8 x 36 m, was built in 1996 by local labor with wood siding, tin roofing provided by the Government, and dirt floors. The roof structure is still good but the existing tin sheets are rusted through preventing study in the rainy season and with dirt floors, full of dust in the dry season.

The school has nine teachers of whom four are women, and 184 students of whom 82 are girls.

Note: This will be our first TLCB project for Phaxay District. Jar Sites 2 & 3 are located in this district.

Recommendation: That this request for \$3,160 for roofing tin and materials for a concrete floor be approved.

Motion 16-10 Laos Quality of Life Program

Estimated Amount = \$2,065.00

Actual Amount = \$2,065.00

Proposed: That \$2,065 be granted to the Khone Sana Primary School, Tha Thom District, Xaysomboun Province for a toilet

Background: This school previously received assistance from the TLCB for furniture and for roofing tin and cement, which they used as “seed funding” to build an entirely new structure, utilizing funding from other local sources.

The school and village authorities now request funding for a two-room toilet for the student’s use.

Note: A visit to this school was made during the February 2015 TLCB tour by the Sweets, Thompsons, and Roger Durant.

Recommendation: That this request be approved.

Motion 16-11 Laos Quality of Life Program

Estimated Amount = \$2,265.00

Actual Amount = \$2,265.00

Proposed: That the requested \$2,265 be granted to the Ban Pha Primary School, Phaxay District, Xieng Khouang.

Background: The Provincial Education Service and Sports has provided the following:

“The Ban Pha Primary School is located some 47 km. Southwest of Phon Savanh town in a remote hilly area inhabited by several ethnic groups the largest being Tai Dam with about 102 families and a population of 654 people.

“This school with six classrooms, measures 8 x 42 m is of semi-permanent structure and built in 1993 by the villagers with tin roofing provided by the Center for Teacher Upgrading. The roof structure is still sound but the tin has rusted through completely so that the building cannot be used in rainy weather. The villagers have tried to raise funds to re-roof the building but with many obligations this has not been possible. The school has nine teachers of whom four are women with 94 students of whom 42 are girls. Two rooms are for 25 kindergarten children.

“Thus, the PESS, on behalf of the Life-Skills Program is submitting this request to the TLCB for funds to re-roof the classroom building and the kitchen building of the Ban Pha Primary School. We hope this request can be considered as appropriate.”

Recommendation: That this request be approved.

Motion 16-12 Laos Expense

Estimated Amount = \$1,300.00

Actual Amount = \$1,300.00

Request for a non-Assistance allocation of \$1,300 for transportation and other expenses for an inspection trip to NE Laos. Travel is to Xieng Khouang, schedule is for 2-6 May 2016, will be renting a 4-door 4WD vehicle from AVR again.

-- Visits to Xieng Khouang will be to two hopefully completed projects and to two or three new recently proposed projects, depending on timing and road conditions.

Note: This request includes funds for:

-- vehicle rental and diesel

-- additional TLCB bumper stickers and small stickers

-- photo processing for school visits, and villager work

-- per diem for school officials who travel from their office to school sites. This is a normal NGO practice, usually about kip 100,000 a day, about \$12.50

-- diesel for Lao official's pickup use if visiting a school site