



The Project for Increasing Farmers Households' Incomes through Strengthening Domestic Rice Production in Timor-Leste



Land Preparation for Rainy Season Cultivation Started

Output 1: Cultivation Technics

1. Farmers Interview on FFS activities



We interviewed farmers who joined 2019/2020 year's FFS activities in both Buluto and Maliana 1 in order to know their feedback. We found that most of the farmers in Maliana 1 were appreciating increased number of tillers by GAP method, namely basal fertilizer use, also appropriate transplanting, water level control, and weeding.

2. FFS Training



We conducted 2020/2021 year's 1st FFS training on land preparation and nursery bed on December 22, 2020 in Maliana 1 with 18 farmers.

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management

1. Canal Clean Up Activities



We supported the farmers to conduct canal cleaning activities in both Buluto and Maliana 1.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)

1. CAAKUB and ACELDA's Membership Meeting



For ACELDA in Buluto, we conducted village (suco)/community (aldeia) level meeting on December 2, 3, and 10, 2020 to discuss fertilizer distribution and ACELDA's hand tractor service.



For CAAKUB in Maliana 1, we supported membership leaders meeting on December 15, 2020 to discuss the leaders' roles and CAAKUB's next general assembly meeting.

2. Domestic Rice Campaign



Domestic rice campaign to promote rice production through TV spot, radio, newspaper advertisement, and banners started from December 19, 2020 for 1 month.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)

1. Socialization on Paddy Purchasing

Date	Village	No. of Participants
Dec 1	Memo 1	83
Dec 2	Memo 2	89
Dec 3	Halecou	63
Dec 11	Melogo	53
Dec 15	Atudara	48
Dec 16	Purugoa	56
Dec 17	Gololo	64
Total		456



We supported NLC to conduct socialization on paddy purchasing from 1 to 17 December 2020 in surrounding areas of Maliana 1 as the above table. Many participating farmers welcomed NLC to have a plan to purchase paddy from their areas.

2. Paddy Purchase Prices

We confirmed with NLC that the latest ministerial ordinance on paddy purchase prices, which was issued in 2015. They are \$ 0.40/kg for NLC's direct purchase, and \$0.52/kg for farmers' transportation to NLC's warehouse with minimum 3 tons.

Next Month Main Activities

Output 1:

Conduct 1st FFS workshop.

Output 2:

Facilitate canal clean up activities.

Output 3:

Support CAAKUB's general meeting.

Output 4:

Implement a filling system workshop