



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



Most of paddy harvested in both Project Sites and the Farmers wait for paddy purchase!

Output 1: Cultivation Technics



< Harvest Workshop in Buluto >

1. Farmers Field School (FFS) 2020/2021 Work Shop (WS)

We conducted 5th FFS workshop on harvest and post-harvest with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) extension workers in Buluto on May 5, 10, 16, 2021. In the workshop, the model farmers shared their experiences and the all participants discussed post-harvest and rice quality.

2. Yield Survey

We conducted Simple Yield Survey and Yield Component Survey in Maliana I. The results of Simple Yield Survey from 79 farmers showed average yield of 5,661 kg/ha. This good results were caused by that many farmers applied recommended amounts of fertilizers, transplanted young seedlings, and used pesticide properly. Yield Component Survey by variety showed yields of 5,644 kg/ha for Chiherang, 6,043 kg/ha for IR 64, and 5,817 kg/ha for Nakroma. Based on cultivation record and yield survey data, we made recommendation sheets and will discuss them with Extension Workers and the FFS farmers to improve their cultivation for the next season.

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management



< Interview with gate keep in Buluto >

1. Interview Survey for Gate Keepers

The interview survey to understand the current situations in both Buluto and Maliana I irrigation schemes started on May 26, 2021, leaded by Short-term Expert, Mr. Sakaki. The survey covers maintenance of facilities, water distribution, and water users association (WUA)'s status, etc. In this May, the interviews for all gate keepers finished and will complete within 1 month. The Project is going to identify difficulties faced then make a workplan for development of WUA capacities in both irrigation schemes.

2. JICA Online Training

Vice President of Buluto WUA and a Project Officer had participated JICA Online Training of Participatory Irrigation Management System for Paddies from May 17 to 28, 2021, arranged by JICA Hokkaido. It is expected that knowledge and skills learnt through this training would be applied to strengthen WUA in both irrigation schemes.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)



< Demonstration of brush cutter >

1. CAAKUB Farmers Association's Membership Program

143 CAAKUB membership farmers started paddy harvest. The Project Staff demonstrated to the farmers how to use brush cutter and threshing machine at the same time with harvest in order to make the work of harvesting and threshing more efficient and facilitate better harvest timing.

2. ACELDA company's harvest

ACELDA started harvest in their paddy fields by using their own harvesting machine. The Project supported the coordination between ACELDA and CAAKUB because ACELDA has a plan to purchase big amount of paddies from Maliana side as well this year.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)

1. Preparation for purchasing paddy by National Logistic Center (NLC)

NLC still explained two paddy purchase prices, namely \$ 0.40/kg for NLC's direct purchase at farmers places, and \$0.52/kg for farmers' transportation to NLC's warehouse with minimum 3 tons, to Minister of Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs (CMEA) and tried to get a final approval from the Minister. To support this, the Project analyzed on the difference between the above two prices and explained the result to President of the Administration Council of NLC so that he explain it to Minister of CMEA.

2. Re-Establishment of Rice Task Force

The Project and Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) discussed to simplify the members of the Rice Task Force because the structure is too large. Based on this discussion, the Project prepared the Joint Dispatch and Terms of Reference of the Task Force.