



Paddy purchase by both private sector and the government continued!

Output 1: Cultivation Technics



< 3rd FFS Workshop in Maliana I >

1. Farmers Field School (FFS) in Dry Season

We conducted FFS's workshops with Extension workers in Maliana I and Buluto as below.

Site	Date	Contents	Participants
Lahomea, Maliana	8 July	3 rd Weeding	12
Raifun, Maliana	7 July	3 rd Weeding	10
Laleia, Buluto	24 July	2 nd Transplanting	3
Vemasse, Buluto	6 July	3 rd Weeding	13

2. Growth Monitoring Survey at 50 days

We conducted Growth Monitoring at 50 days for 26 farmers in Maliana I and 14 farmers in Buluto. We observed pest attack, mainly rice bug, in Buluto, and water shortage in Maliana I.

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management



< FRL making with Kabu-wee in Buluto >

1. Current Situation Survey to Stakeholders

The interview survey to understand the current situations in both Buluto and Maliana I irrigation schemes was almost completed, and total 165 people were interviewed so far. After completing all interviews, we are planning to finalize problem analyses in both sites.

2. Farmers Register List (FRL)

Making the FRL was continued in Buluto. Actual farmers' information gathering by Kabu-wees was started in the middle of July and works with 8 out of 15 Kabu-wees has already done. Because this approach where we utilize Kabu-wee's knowledge and information was confirmed to be rather effective, we will adopt the same approach to Maliana I and start the same activities there in August.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)



< CAAKUB's paddy milling >

1. CAAKUB Farmers Association's Membership Program

We supported CAAKUB's paddy purchase, payment, milling, and packaging. CAAKUB has purchased 122 tons of paddies from 80 farmers and produced 3.3 tons of paddy.

2. ACELDA company's Membership Program

We supported the ACELDA's paddy purchase and payment. The ACELDA has purchased 100 tons of paddy from 149 membership farmers so far.

3. Domestic Rice Promotion

We supported the Farmers Market (FM) to promote domestic rice to contracted hotels and restaurants by using newspaper advertisement.



< New domestic rice supply to FM >

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)



< Stock of paddy in NLC's Maliana warehouse >

1. Paddy Purchase by National Logistic Center (NLC)

NLC's purchase operation started on July 7, 2021. The farmers were highly motivated by the new purchasing price of \$0.52 / kg (farmers directly bring their paddies to NLC's warehouse with a minimum of 3 tons). In July, NLC has purchased 329 tons of paddy. As our assistance, we have trained NLC's Maliana staff members on preparing documents required for purchasing and payment process.

2. Training for Filing System

The training on paddy purchasing data was conducted on July 13 for in total 11 staff members from Procurement, Logistics, and Finance Department of NLC national. It covered not only hard file management but also soft data of Excel.

3. Establishment of Rice Task Force

We have explained the contents and importance of the Task Force to the members. 1st meeting will be held in August, 2021.