



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



Paddy purchase by both private sector and the government continued!

Output 1: Cultivation Techniques



< 4th FFS Workshop in Maliana I >

1. Farmers Field School (FFS) in Dry Season

We conducted 4th FFS workshops on pest control and seed production with Extension workers in Buluto and Maliana I. In total 83 farmers, 23 in Buluto and 60 in Maliana I, participated the workshop. Extension workers took leadership to instruct the participating farmers to spray pesticides.

2. Growth Monitoring Survey at 50 days

We conducted Growth Monitoring at 50 days for 22 out of 23 farmers in Buluto and all 60 farmers in Maliana I. We observed pest attack, mainly rice bug, stem border, case worm in Buluto, but the condition was under control at this moment.



< Growth Monitoring in Buluto >

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management



< FRL making 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 finalized. Total 280 people (117 in Buluto and 163 in Maliana) were interviewed. We found that it was useful to strengthen "farmers participation", which was insufficient to current Water Users Association (WUA) activities.

2. Farmers Register List (FRL)

Making the FRL was now being finalized in Buluto and on the progress in Maliana I. By making the FRL, we will find the figures of owners, cultivators, cultivation area.

3. Filed Maps

Making field maps and plot sheets for beneficially area in Buluto and Maliana I using satellite images were completed. Trial activity of linking each farm field (plot) with cultivator's information will be conducted soon.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)



< Rice Quality Check Training >

1. CAAKUB Farmers Association and ACELDA company's Membership Program

We supported CAAKUB and ACELDA's paddy purchase, payment, and CAAKUB's milling, and packaging.

2. General Assembly of CAAKUB Farmers Association

We supported CAAKUB to be held general assembly on August 11, 2021. The last year's financial report was explained to the participants, and new president and 5 board members were elected.

3. Rice Quality Check Training

A short-term expert, Mr. Nishino Shunichiro conducted rice quality check training for 3 Agro-Commerce, MAF staffs, 3 the Farmers Market staffs, and 14 National Logistic Center (NLC) staffs from 17 to 27 August. The participants learnt how to use rice quality analysis equipment and tools also hand sorting.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)



< Paddy purchase in NLC Maliana >

1. Paddy Purchase by National Logistic Center (NLC)

The Project continuously supported NLC's paddy purchase. NLC purchased in total 466 tons of paddy. It consisted of 210 tons from Maliana I, 165 tons from surrounding areas of Maliana I, and 91 from other municipalities, Covalima and Ermera.

In order to strengthen NLC's work at NLC's Maliana warehouse, the Project supported necessary office equipment such as laptops, printer, white board, stationaries. Additionally, the Project supported to install net to prevent birds from come into the warehouse and damage (eat) stocked paddy.

2. Establishment of Rice Task Force

The 1st Rice Taskforce Meeting was held on August 24, 2021. The new purchasing prices of paddy by NLC, budget for rice production by MAF, and tariff issues were discussed.