



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



## Harvest for Dry Season Cultivation!

### Output 1: Cultivation Techniques



< Harvest Ceremony in Buluto >

#### 1. Growth Monitoring Survey at 80 days

We conducted Growth Monitoring at 80 days for 20 out of 23 farmers in Buluto and all 60 farmers in Maliana I. In general, many farmers achieved higher number of tillers to achieve higher yield.

#### 2. Farmers Field School (FFS) in Dry Season

We conducted 4<sup>th</sup> FFS workshops on pest control and variety purification and 5<sup>th</sup> workshop on harvest with Extension workers in Maliana I. For each workshop, more than 34 out of 60 FFS farmers participated the workshop.

#### 3. Harvest Ceremony and Farmers Field Day

We conducted farmers field day event both in Buluto and Maliana I. The event contents included sharing of the experience of FFS model farmers and the yield survey results. Also, Ministry of Agriculture announced the result of official yield record was 5.3 tons/ha.

### Output 2: Irrigation Water Management



< Plot identification in Buluto >

#### 1. Farmers Register List (FRL)

Making the FRL was completed both in Buluto and Maliana I. The rough number of land owners, cultivators, and cultivation area were newly found as table below.

Irrigation Scheme	No. of land owner	No. of cultivator	Cultivated area (Ha)
Buluto	810	723	607
Maliana I	1,381	1,346	1,277

\*Those figures are to be updated

#### 2. Plot Identification

Plot identification work where linking each farm field (plot) with cultivator's information is on going on the trial basis.

### Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)



< Paddy purchase by ACELDA >

#### 1. ACELDA company's Membership Program for 2021

We continuously supported ACELDA's paddy purchase and payment. For example, the Project coordinated the date of paddy purchase based on the farmers' request.

#### 2. CAAKUB Farmers Association and ACELDA company's Membership Program for 2022

We supported CAAKUB and ACELDA to have membership workshop at Suco (village) level. The participating farmers discussed cultivation technics and needed agricultural input such as fertilizers and pesticides, also made farmers groups for the membership.

#### 3. Rice Quality Check Training

A short-term expert, Mr. Nishino Shunichiro conducted rice quality check training for 2 CAAKUB staffs, 2 ACELDA staffs, and 4 National Logistic Center (NLC) Maliana staffs on 14 and 15 September. Also, we took paddy samples from 25 farmers in Buluto and Maliana I and interviewed them about rice cultivation and post-harvest process.

### Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)



#### 1. Socialization on Paddy Purchase by National Logistic Center (NLC)

NLC conducted socialization on paddy purchase from Buluto side. In the workshops, explained not only new price of paddy : \$ 0.52/Kg, when farmers bring directly their paddies to NLC's warehouse with a minimum quantity of 3 tons but also price of milled rice: \$ 1.00/Kg, when farmers bring directly their milled rice to NLC's warehouse. NLC also explained the new prices to local authorities.

< Sharing information on paddy purchase by NLC >