



## Harvest for Dry Cultivation and Preparation for Coming Rainy Cultivation!

### Output 1: Cultivation Techniques



< Model Farmer's Field in Maliana I >

#### 1. Yield Survey in Dry Season Cultivation

We conducted yield survey at 5 out of 6 Farmers Field School (FFS) sites in both Buluto and Maliana I. Main results taken from Maliana I showed that average yield of 2 demonstration sites was approximately 5.0 ton/ha, and the average of 60 FFS participating farmers was about 4.2 ton/ha. The yield was much higher than those of the previous dry seasons.

#### 2. Harvest Ceremony and Farmers Field Day in Maliana I

We conducted farmers field day event on 7 October in Maliana I site with the participants from 66 FFS farmers and 21 related stakeholders. In the event, the farmers presented their success story and achievement in this dry season cultivation.

#### 3. Bio-charcoal Making, Preparation for the Coming rainy Season Cultivation

We introduced bio-charcoal making by rice husk in Maliana I site in collaboration with Ai-com project, funded by Australia, which has already implemented research bio-char trials.

### Output 2: Irrigation Water Management



< Task Group Kick-off Meeting >

#### 1. Task Group (TG) Kick-off Meeting

The TG Kick-off meeting was held on 12 and 13 October and was attended all 9 members of TG including the National Director of Irrigation, Ministry of Agriculture. All the TG members expressed their willingness to take initiative for all related activities.

#### 2. Plot Identification Work

Plot identification work where linking each farm field (plot) with cultivator's information was conducted on the trial basis in Buluto for 2 weeks. The result of this trial showed it required much time and budget to complete this work, so the project decided to suspend this work in full-scale at this moment.

#### 3. Water Fee Collection

In Buluto, water fee collection for 2021/21 rainy season by lateral canal leader (Kabu-wee) has finished. 277 out of 625 farmers (44.3%) paid it by paddy (total collected amount was 2,770 kg) and cash (total paid amount was \$ 55).

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



< Rice Milling by CAAKUB >

#### 1. CAAKUB Farmers Association's Membership Program for 2022

We supported CAAKUB 's group leaders' meeting on 27 October. They discussed the roles of group leader in improving rice cultivation, distribution of chemical fertilizers, operation of brush cutters and thresher machines.

#### 2. CAAKUB Farmers Association's Milling Activity

A milling machine of CAAKUB was deteriorating due to long-time use and decreasing the milling capacity, therefore, the project considered to provide a new milling machine to CAAKUB. Also, we advised CAAKUB to operate the machine with slow speed and maintain it regularly.

#### 3. ACELDA company's Membership Program for 2022

We continuously supported ACELDA membership workshops. Through workshops, totally 125 farmers consisting of 16 groups (60 farmers of 13 groups in Buluto and 65 farmers of 3 groups in Venilale) registered for ACELDA membership program. Although Venilale is out of Buluto irrigation scheme, the farmers are motivated to increase paddy production and sell it to ACELDA.

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



< Briefing Session of Rice Quality Check >

#### 1. Briefing Session of Rice Quality Check

The brief session of rice quality check by a short-term expert, Mr. Nishino Shunichiro was conducted for related counterparts and other organizations such as National Council for Food Security and Nutrition, Food Safety and Economic Inspection Authority, World Food Program, and National University of Timor-Leste, and various opinions were actively exchanged. We will continuously coordinate with concerned organizations to strengthen the field of rice quality in Timor-Leste.

#### 2. Rice Taskforce

We had a meeting with chief advisors of Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs (CMEA) and Ministry of Agriculture (MAF) to explain detailed contents of the Taskforce and joint dispatch, and we are urging the joint dispatch to get signatures from the relevant ministers as soon as possible.