



Preparation for Coming Rainy Cultivation!

Output 1: Cultivation Techniques



< MF site selection in Maliana1 >

1. Yield Survey in Dry Season Cultivation

We completed yield survey at Laleia, Buluto site. The number of participants from this area was small, but the result showed relatively good yield, 4.4 tons/ha compared to the ones of the previous seasons in Laleia (3.1 tons/ha).

2. Interviews of Dry Season farmers Field School (FFS) Participating Farmers

We found that 91 farmers cultivated totally 66 ha and eventually 32 ha out of this 66 ha were applied Good Agricultural Practice (GAP). Most of them reached to harvest this dry season because of good water management and it was roughly estimated that the farmers produced 200 tons of paddy and 30 % of them was already sold.

3. Preparation for the Coming Rainy Season Cultivation

We identified 12 Model Farmers (MF) for Maliana 1 and Buluto sites (6 each site) for the next season FFS. CAAKUB Farmers Association and ACELDA company's membership farmers will also join fully from the coming season. Total approximately 225 farmers in both sites will join FFS next season program.

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management



< Intake gate operation training >

1. Workshop for Water Users' Association (WUA) Regeneration Committee (WRC)

The workshops were held from 15 to 19 November in Buluto under the facilitation by Task Group (TG). The workshop highlighted WUA regulation, O&M of irrigation facilities, roles and responsibilities of each stakeholders, and information sharing system.

2. Site Training for Gate Keepers (GK) in Buluto

We conducted site training for GKs to remind them of the regular operation of the gates around head works together with irrigation officers of both Manatuto and Baucau municipalities and a consultant from NTCL, who was supervising the facility rehabilitation work.

3. Revising Water Distribution Manual

Site survey for revising water distribution manual has been started in both Buluto and Maliana 1 by a short-term expert, Mr. Okuwa since the beginning of November. The manuals will be expected to be finalized at the middle of March, 2022.

4. Canal Cleaning

Before rainy season rice cultivation starts, farmers cleaned their canals. In Buluto total 115 farmers attended, and in Maliana 1 all canals are scheduled to be cleaned up before rainy season production starts.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)



< Rice powder product cooking training >

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

We supported to make FFS activity plan of CAAKUB and ACELDA membership for the next rainy season cultivation closely cooperated with Output 1 team. Group leaders of CAAKUB and ACELDA will be expected to participate FFS workshops.

2. Milling Machine for CAAKUB Farmers Association

We provided a milling machine to CAAKUB on November 19 because the previous machine was used over 20 years and difficult to be operated for long hours.

3. Rice Powder Product Cooking Training in Maliana

Rice powder cooking training was conducted by a short-term expert, Mr. Hatsukade for 3 women groups in Maliana 1. They joined the rice powder cooking training as well as in 2019, and this time they got new rice powder product ideas which is useful for their rice powder product business.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)

1. Interviews on NLC'S Paddy Purchase with Suco Chiefs in Buluto

We had interviews with 5 Suco chiefs in targeted area in Buluto. It is found that there were no sales to National Logistic Center (NLC), however, to private sectors including ACELDA from Buluto site this year, this is because the payment on paddy to farmers by NLC last year was delayed, on the other hand, payment by private sectors is faster.

2. Rice Taskforce

We had a meeting with General Coordinator of Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs (CMEA) on the status of Joint Dispatch. The CMEA Minister has instructed the technical legal advisor to make some changes to the contents of Joint Dispatch.