

Project News

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



2022 Rainy Season Cultivation Started!

Output 1: Cultivation Techniques



< FFS Workshop 2 in Maliana1 >

1. Preparation for the Coming Rainy Season Farmers Field School (FFS)

As a preparation for rainy season FFS, we selected in total 12 Model Farmers (MF) and 200 Lead Farmers (LF) in both Maliana I and Buluto sites, including CAAKUB and ACELDA membership farmers. Also, planning meeting with Extension Officers were conducted in both sites to discuss plans of FFS activities in detail. In addition, we prepared agricultural instruments such as fertilizers, push weeder, drum seeder.

2. Progress of Rainy Season FFS

FFS workshops have started from December 28, 2021. Workshop 1 on sowing, Workshop 2 on transplanting, Workshop 3 on weeding have been conducted at the MF's' fields so far.

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management



< Maintenance with Farmers' Participants >

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

Following the workshops held in Buluto in November 2021, the workshops for Maliana I were also conducted from November 31 to December 3, 2021. Mainly following 3 points were discussed and confirmed; 1) the current WUA secretariate continue their jobs until General Assembly Meeting is held, 2) water fee collection is started as soon as possible by Chief of Canal, 3) other water users are also charged.

2. Canal Cleaning

Canal cleaning activities as one of the important activities of WUA, has finished in both Maliana I and Buluto sites. Total 121 farmers in Maliana I and 169 farmers in Buluto joined.

3. Canal Improvement in Buluto

In order to solve a issue between farmers upstream and farmers downstream for a longtime, a canal improvement plan was explained to the concerned farmers by Task Group (TG) and the consensus among the farmers was made. Therefore, the canal improvement work will be conducted in next dry season.

4. Main Canal Prevention Maintenance with Farmers' Participation

A drainage culvert under the main canal was fallen down and the main canal was about to collapse. So, an urgent repairing work plan was organized by Bobonaro irrigation officer's initiative by sharing materials and labor forces among WUA, Municipal office, Village office, TG and the Project. This repairing work was completed in 4 days with total 250 farmers' participation. This can be a good example for "the preventive maintenance" with farmers' participation.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)



< ACELDA group leaders meeting >

1. CAAKUB Farmers Association's Membership Program for 2022

We supported to CAAKUB membership farmers' paddy field measurement for this rainy season cultivation. CAAKUB has started to distribute chemical fertilizers to the membership farmers with recommended appropriate amount based on measured paddy field sizes. In this rainy season, total 279 farmers from 28 groups will do rice cultivation in total 314 ha.

2. ACELDA company's Membership Program for 2022

We supported to held 13 farmers group leaders' meeting of ACELDA membership on 1 and 2 December, 2021 in order to implement ACELDA's membership smoothly.

3. Advertisement on Domestic Rice

We arranged advertisement on local newspaper to promote consumption of domestic rice. Total 4 advertisement on restaurants using domestic rice are published from November, 2021.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)

1. Planning Socialization Workshop for FFS promotion

We had meetings with Suco chiefs to confirm that socialization workshops for promoting FFS will be conducted for farmers, who sold their paddies to Nation Logistic Center (NLC) before, from March, 2022. Suco chiefs understand that NLC is an important buyer for the farmers because they purchase paddies with big amount.

2. Rice Production Increase Campaign

As a rice production increase campaign, 1 minute CM were broadcasted all over Timor-Leste through 2 local TV stations from December 25, 2021 to January 25, 2022. Also, the campaign banner were posted on each Suco office in both Maliana 1 and Buluto sites.



< Banner of Domestic Rice Campaign >