



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



Harvest for 2022 Rainy Season Cultivation!

Output 1: Cultivation Techniques



< Harvest FFS Workshop >

1. Progress of Rainy Season Farmer Field School (FFS) Activities

In this May, 6th Workshop on harvest and post-harvest have been conducted in Buluto site. Total 5 workshops were conducted with total 85 participating farmers and 16 Extension workers.

2. Progress of Rainy Season Cultivation and Growth Monitoring Survey

All farmers in Maliana I and Vemasse, Buluto harvested their paddies. Farmers' fields in Laleia, Buluto were still at maturing stage. Tiller number has increased because more farmers in Laleia, Buluto IS accepted basal fertilizer use compared to the previous seasons.

3. Yield Survey in Maliana I

In Maliana I, yield component and yield survey for all FFS Model and Lead Farmers was completed. The result showed average yield of all FFS participants in Maliana I is 5.3 ton/ha.

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management



< Facility inspection by GK >

1. Annual Work Plan from May 2022 to April 2023

Task Group (TG) meeting was held on May 10 to discuss Annual Plan for both Buluto and Maliana I irrigation schemes from May 2022 to April 2023.

2. Workshop for Kabu-wee by Watwr Users' Association (WUA) in Buluto Irrigation Scheme

Workshop for Kabu-wee was held in Buluto on May 26 by WUA's initiative. All the participants agreed to start water fee collection on June 20 and update farmers register list together with water fee collection by Kabu-wee. Block meeting will be started in July.

3. On the Job Training (OJT) for Gate Keepers

OJT for Gate Keepers has been continued based on the Irrigation Management Manual in both Buluto and Maliana I, focusing on facility inspection and how to fill their observation into the form.

4. Water Fee Collection in Maliana I

The water fee collection has been continued by the Chief of Canals and collected rate was about 32%. This activity is expected to be continued until all farmers pay the fees despite of many challenges faced by the Chief of Canals.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)



< Threshing machine in operation >

1. Threshing Machines of CAAKUB Farmers Association

Although CAAKUB group leaders launched a rental scheme for threshing machines in April 2022, due to some technical difficulties on the equipment, rental schedule to the farmers was postponed. Later, the Project investigated the operational check and further discussed solutions based on found issues.

2. CAAKUB: Receiving Paddy

As of the end of May, CAAKUB started to receive approximately 14.3 tons of paddy from the member farmers through membership program. The farmers who enrolled membership program can receive fertilizer for their rice cultivation, and they later repay the cost of fertilizer back by paddy.

3. CAAKUB: Contract with National Logistic Center (NLC)

CAAKUB signed a contract with NLC to sell 50 tons of milled rice. However, the permission for delivery to the NLC's warehouse is expected to be delayed due to the reviewing processes have not completed.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)



< NLC Workshop >

1. NLC's Purchase Plan

Following Social Workshop held in Maliana I's surrounding area in April 2022, the Workshop on NLC's purchase plan was conducted in Laleia area, Buluto. Considering strong requests from farmers on purchase not only milled rice but also paddy, NLC changed purchase system and announced that they also add to purchase milled rice through private companies. NLC would make sales contract with 14 private companies for domestic rice and its targeted amount of rice purchased is 1,500 tons this year.

2. Survey on Rice Milling Machine

We conduct a survey to check the number and capacity of milling machines in Buluto, Maliana I, Maliana II, Cailaco and we found there were total 25, 28, 10, 18 milling machines respectively. (Maliana II and Cailaco are surrounding areas of Maliana I.)

Output 5: Sharing Project Activities

< Visiting seed production association in Baucau >



1. Exchange Visit from Maliana I to Buluto

10 stakeholders from Maliana I including MAF Bobonaro's former director, extension workers, irrigation officer, and FFS participating farmers, visited Buluto side such as a seed production association and Buluto irrigation facilities, participated FFS's harvest event, also discuss with Buluto stakeholders to understand more deeply rice cultivation technics and irrigation management.