Project News

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



Dry Season Cultivation and Rice Purchase Operation Continued

Output 1: Cultivation Technics



Regular weeding activity and growth monitoring was conducted in a daily basis in the lead farmers' fields.

FFS Workshops in Buluto & Maliana

Date	FFS Site	Contents	No. of Farmers
Jul 9	Laleia (Buluto)	Trans planting	3
Jul 14	Vemasse (Buluto)	Trans planting	18
Jul 14	Raifun (Maliana)	Trans planting	11
Jul 15	Odmau (Maliana)	Weeding	15



Weeded paddy field in Maliana

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management

We supported the Water User Association (WUA)'s water fee collection in Buluto by

- Providing a list of the beneficially farmers to the WUA and Kabu-we
- Distributing the WUA's regulations to all the beneficially farmers
- Accompanying the WUA board members to pick up collected paddy for the payment of water fee from Kabu-we in each canal

As of July 22, 2020, 104.6 Kg of paddy and \$5 was collected from 8 farmers.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)

We supported CAAKUB to make payment to 7 farmers who sold their paddy in June, 2020. The amount reached at \$4,295.



New domestic rice sales started at the 2 Farmers Markets in Dili.



We supported CAAKUB to buy 13.1 tons paddy in Maliana, also ACELDA to buy 26.5 tons paddy in Buluto.

We continued to conduct canal monitoring to observe water irrigation level in both Buluto and Maliana irrigation scheme.



Canal monitoring in Maliana

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)



The farmers in Maliana, who sold their paddy to the National Logistic Center (NLC), received the payment within 1month after sales of paddy.



We facilitate NLC to conduct socialization on purchasing paddy in Vemasse on July 15 and in Laleia on July 16, 2020. total more than 90 farmers attended the socialization. Many farmers showed their interests in selling their paddy to NLC for the first time.



We supported the farmers groups to open bank accounts in order to received the payment from NLC.

Next Month Main Activities

Output 1: Conduct FFS Training Output 2: Assist WUA's water fee collection in Buluto Output 3: Support CAAKUB and ACELDA's paddy purchase operation Output 4: Support NLC's purchase operation in Buluto