Project News



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

1. Dry Season Cultivation

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Area	No of Farmers	Cultivated Area (Ha)
Laleia (Buluto)	3	3 Ha
Vemasse (Buluto)	24	20 Ha
Maliana	88	58 Ha

The above tables shows the number of farmers who have conducted dry season cultivation and their areas in each project sites. Among them, we continued to monitor and support the FFS participated farmers for applying fertilizer, weeding, pest control, and growth monitoring.



Pest control

2. FFS Workshops in Maliana						
Date	FFS Site	Contents	No. of Farmers			
Aug 12	Raifun (Maliana)	Top dressing	12			

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)

1. CAAKUB's Payment



We supported CAAKUB farmers association to make payment amounting to \$ 5,231 to 30 farmers, who sold total 13.1 tons of paddy to CAAKUB in July.

2. CAAKUB and ACELDA's Purchase

	CAAKUB	ACELDA
August	7.7 ton	15.5 ton
Total	31.6 ton	42.0 ton

We have supported CAAKUB and ACELDA's paddy purchase activities, and the results were shown as above.

3. Domestic Rice Supply to UNDP

We supported the Farmers Market to supply 25.5 tons domestic rice to UNDP. They would distribute food basket including the rice to vulnerable people.



Output 2: Irrigation Water Management

1. Water User Association (WUA)'s Water Fee Collection in Buluto

Month	Contribution Paddy (Kg)	Contribution Money (\$)	No. of Farmers who paid	
Jul 20	105	5	8	12
Aug 20	820	196	132	Collected reddy.

Collected paddy as contribution

We continued to support the WUA to collect water fee. Many Kabu-we successfully have collected water fees as the above table.

2. Canal Monitoring

We continued to monitor water level conditions of both Buluto and Maliana I irrigation schemes. Water volume was steadily decreasing in August 2020.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)

August, 2020

1. NLC's Paddy Purchase in Buluto



Loading paddy to NLC's truck

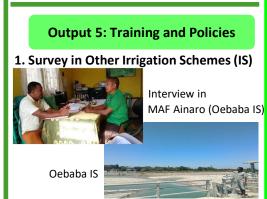
Signing contract between farmers group leader and NLC



We facilitated the NLC to purchase 5.9 ton of paddy from 8 farmers groups in Buluto on August 12 and 13, 2020. This was the first purchase activity in Buluto since this project started.

2. Comparison of NLC's Purchasing System We analyzed differences between

purchasing process in our project sites and in other districts in order to make it more effective with NLC.



We conducted a survey and site visit in Oebaba and Caraulun ISs from August 17, 2020 in order to understand current conditions in these ISs.

Next Month Main Activities

Output 1: Continue growth monitoring, Preparation for next rainy season cultivation Output 2: Assist WUA's water fee collection Output 3: Support CAAKUB and ACELDA's paddy purchase operation Output 4: Support NLC's payment in Buluto

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