Project News

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



Preparation for Next Rainy Season Cultivation Continued

Output 1: Cultivation Technics

1. Farmers Interview on FFS activities We drafted questionnaire to get feedback on FFS activities, especially to find challenges to expand GAP on their rice fields.

2. Preparation for the Coming Rainy Season Cultivation

We confirmed 80 farmers will newly join FFS activities in next rainy season in both project sites. The below table shows the number of farmers who participate in FFS from the last rainy season, and next rainy season cultivation.

	No. continue from the last year	No. newly join this year	Total
Buluto	40	40	80
Maliana	40	40	80
Total	80	80	160

Output 2: Irrigation Water Management

1. Canal Clean Up Activities in Buluto We supported the farmers, Kabu-we, and WUA board members to conduct canal cleaning activities. The below table

canal cleaning activities. The below tab shows the number of the farmers who joined main canal cleaning activities.

Date	Canal	No. Farmers
Nov. 13	4.2-5/6	62
Nov. 16	4-4.2	20
Nov. 16	5/6-7	16
Nov. 23	5/6-7	40



Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)

1. CAAKUB and ACELDA's Purchase We continued to support CAAKUB and

We continued to support CAAKUB and ACELDA's paddy purchase activities, and the results are shown below.

	CAAKUB	ACELDA
Before Nov.	50.1 tons	52.0 tons
November	4.9 tons	6.0 tons
Total	55.0 tons	58.0 tons

2. CAAKUB and ACELDA's Membership Socialization

We implemented membership socialization for CAAKUB and ACELDA.



For CAAKUB in Maliana, we conducted village-level meeting and total 105 farmers agreed to become the CAAKUB' member.



For ACELDA in Buluto, we conducted socialization on 25 Nov. in Laleia and 26 Nov. in Vemasse. Around 100 farmers and local authorities attended.

3. Rice Production Campaign



We continued to discuss the campaign with Agro-commerce, MAF and NLC to

promote rice production. TV spot, Radio, Newspaper advertisement, and Banners will be spread all over Timor-Leste from December 2020.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)

1. NLC's Payment to Farmers in Buluto

Among 8 farmers groups in Buluto who sold their paddies to NLC in last August, only 2 farmers groups received the payment in November. We will analyze the payment system by NLC to improve it.



2. Survey on Surrounding Areas of Buluto We have conducted a survey on 5 villages surrounding Buluto in order to know their rice production and sales conditions, also to share NLC's purchase operation.



Interview with local authority in Baucau

Output 5: Training and Policies

A report on 4 other irrigation schemes was completed, which covers basic information on rice cultivation, irrigation water management, and sales in those areas.

Next Month Main Activities

Output 1:

Conduct 1st FFS workshop.

Output 2:

Facilitate main and secondary canal clean up activities.

Output 3:

Support CAAKUB and ACELDA's membership program.

Output 4:

Conduct socialization on NLC's purchase operation in Maliana.