

Project News

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



Farmers Field School (FFS) and CAAKUB & ACELDA's membership Program Continues

Output 1: Cultivation Technics

1. FFS 2020/2021 Work Shop (WS)

Date	Session	No. of Farmers
Maliana I		
Feb 9	Weeding	18
Feb 16	Weeding	18
Feb 19	Weeding	17
Buluto		
Feb 3 (x2)	Transplanting	34
Feb 4	Transplanting	20
Feb 11	Transplanting	11
Feb 17 (x2)	Weeding	21
Feb 18	Weeding	14
Feb 25	Weeding	8

Project continued FFS WS with extension workers mainly on weeding and topdressing in Maliana I and on transplanting and weeding in Buluto. On Feb 25, 4 staffs of ACELDA company also joined WS to understand more about Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) and spread to their membership farmers.



Condition	No. of Farmers (out of 80 farmers)	
	Maliana I	Buluto
FFS Sites		
Nursery Bed	80	74
Transplanting	80	50
Weeding	65	12
Monitoring 50DAS	44	Nil

Because of constant and enough rain in both project sites, the growth of rice was favorable. We continue to guide the farmers for appropriate transplanting, weeding, and topdressing.

Output 3: Distribution and Sales (Private Sector)

1. CAAKUB Farmers Association Membership Program



Project continued to measure land size by GPS for 176 farmers who registered membership, in collaboration with Output 1. Based on the measured land size, CAAKUB started to distribute fertilizers to the farmers.

2. ACELDA company's Membership Program



Project were measuring 117 farmers' paddy fields by GPS under the collaboration with Output 1. Based on measured land size, ACELDA company distributed fertilizers to the farmers.



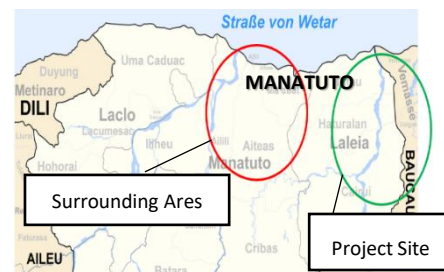
ACELDA company conducted tractor service launching ceremony on Feb. 5, 2021, which was attended by Vice Minister of MAF and 71 farmers who will use this service. At the same time, Project shared information on fertilizer distribution as a membership program to the participants and the media.

Output 4: Purchasing and Distribution (Government Sector)

1. Socialization on Paddy Purchase by National Logistic Center (NLC) in surrounding areas in Manatuto



NLC with Project conducted the socialization in surrounding areas in Manatuto on 23, 25, and 26 February. Around 50 farmers attended for each socialization.



2. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for paddy purchase by NLC

Project make draft of SOP based on paddy purchase in 2020. Project and NLC will discuss and modify the draft to be used in the next paddy purchase.

3. Establishment of Rice Task Force

It seems that takeover on this task force within each related ministry has not been done successfully. Therefore, we will launch a meeting for the establishment of rice task force as soon as possible.

Next Month Main Activities

Output 1:

Conduct FFS WS and monitor farmers.

Output 2:

Support Water Users' Association (WUA) to tackle with illegal action.

Output 3:

Continue to support membership program.

Output 4:

Conduct the socialization in Baucau.