

Stories from the Field



Fransiskus Heremba : A Vision for our future - The Young Leader of Treneda Village In Fakfak, West Papua

Fransiskus Heremba is a 29-year-old young man from Treneda village, Kramongga district who has a passion for improving the quality of Fakfak nutmeg seeds. He is also the newly elected head of Treneda village.

Since 2021, he has worked closely with the company Papua Global Spice (PGS) to improve the quality of Fakfak nutmeg. The Kramomongga district where the village is located was part of the program with the government and traditional elders in 2021 to implement “kera-kera” or nutmeg tree “sasi” - a local form of protection to ensure that nutmeg will only be harvested when it is mature.

According to the head of the Fakfak Plantation Service, Ir. Ibrahim Fatamasya, the application of this nutmeg “sasi” has succeeded in producing 8 tons of good quality nutmeg from this district.

According to Frans, Fakfak people have the privilege of being born and owning nutmeg forest. However, to be able to prosper from nutmeg joint effort is required by all parties, including farmers, traders and the government. Nutmeg farmers, including Frans himself just need to return to the traditional harvesting system where

only the mature nutmeg are harvested to ensure that the nutmeg meets the required quality standards of companies and buyers. This can be achieved now that Papua Global Spice is willing to buy mature nutmeg at a good price.

Frans personally helped supply 100,000 aged nutmeg seeds to Papua Global Spice last harvest season. Currently he is involved in helping PGS and the program to disseminate information about the importance of improving the quality of Fakfak nutmeg seeds by at least ensuring that no more farmers are pawning their nutmeg trees.

Conversion of Nurseries into Solar Drying Houses in Lanny Jaya & Jayawijaya Regencies

In 2021, the GEG Program built coffee nurseries in Lanny Jaya and Jayawijaya Regency. However, during the past year, these coffee nurseries were not used for seed propagation by the program or the government. They were abandoned structures.

As there is no guaranteed future support for coffee seedlings and the villagers do not have access to coffee bean drying facilities it has been agreed that the nursery structures will be converted into solar drying houses for the farmer groups to dry their coffee beans.

The four farmer groups that agreed to renovate and convert the nursery into a solar drying house from 17 August to 30 August were the Libuga farmer group in Libuga Village, Nogi District, Lanny Jaya and 3 farmer groups in Yabenda, Walakma and Yabunak villages in Bpiri district, Jayawijaya Regency.



Product Marketing Training Through Whatsapp Business and Household Financial Management Training in Fakfak

On August 25-26, 2022, the GEG program in collaboration with the Fakfak Plantation Service carried out a product marketing training through a whatsapp business and household financial management training. This training aimed to support MSME actors to promote products sales as well as strategies to manage their finances properly.

This was the last training supported by the program for MSME actors in Fakfak. After the program ends the technical support in Fakfak, any further trainings for MSMEs will be carried out by the Plantation Office . This September the Plantation.

Service plans to conduct training on making liquid soap and body lotion made from nutmeg butter by involving Mooi Papua, a homemade cosmetic company based in Sorong, West Papua Province

Understanding the Impact of the GEG Program on Improving Community Livelihood & Deforestation in Papua and West Papua Provinces



After four years of GEG program implementation in Papua and West Papua provinces, the program will conduct several impact level studies including a livelihood and deforestation study to assess the impact of the program on improving household income and welfare and the dynamics of deforestation in Papua & West Papua. For the first study, the program will work together with Rikolto Indonesia, to assess three commodities in three different program area of intervention,

namely cocoa in Jayapura district, VCO in Numfor Island and seaweed in Wondama Bay.

The deforestation study will visit three program locations, namely Jayapura, Fakfak and Jayawijaya districts focusing on the commodity value chains which pose possible risks to forests due to expansion or processing.

Both studies will begin in September 2022. The results of these two studies are expected to highlight the

impact of the program and other lessons that can be taken into consideration when implementing similar programs in the future, either by the government or other donor funded programs. It is crucial that data from these studies can be accessed and used by other stakeholders to improve results in improving the welfare of people whose lives depend on the forests so that the forest in Papua-West Papua can be maintained for future generations.



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