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in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector



Monthly Update

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Supporting the Cattle Corporation Village Program (SC2VP)

Cattle Production



The Partnership's Supporting Cattle Corporation Villages Project, or SC2VP, continued to provide assistance to two Cattle Corporation Village (CCV) Program locations, Probolinggo and Lampung. The Government's CCV program aims to increase Indonesia's national cattle herd by adopting a commercial scale, corporation management model of cattle production. SC2VP is implemented by the Indonesian Society of Animal Science (ISPI).

In January the program supported the Mukti Jaya farmer group in Probolinggo to revitalize their feed facilities and their 4 km long water distribution infrastructure. Silage bunkers provided to CCV partners are now also being used to stabilise cattle feed provision.

The last few months also saw the SCV2P team focussing on addressing the low cattle Body Condition Scores (BCS) in Probolinggo. In August 88% of breeder cattle in Probolinggo had a BCS of 1 to 2, highlighting the poor condition of these CCV cattle. The SCV2P provided feed booster and forage and by December 2021 the BCS of 68% of the breeder cattle had improved to 2.5 to 3. Further intensive support is required to bring this figure to 100%.

In December 136 calves were born, however two CCV locations are experiencing high calf mortalities. The project team is now working hand-in-hand with local stakeholders, including

Capacity Building



The project team delivered “sekolah lapang” or field based learning to five CCV farmer groups in Lampung, that covered silage and compost production and field-based learning on pasture management and forage feed provision. The training was facilitated by Professor Luki Abdullah, a feed expert from IPB University. During the training the farmer group in Lampung identified four hectares of land with great potential to grow elephant grass and legumes (Indigofera). A demonstration plot will be established in the near

future.

CCV Corporation Development

The SC2VP continues its focus on CCV organizational development. In Probolinggo the project conducted a 2 day workshop on CCV corporation governance that strengthened the CCV corporate business model and human resource management. The workshop also established a number of operational procedures including that for sourcing strategic partners for business development and capital raising.



ISPI Organizational Development



The Partnership continued to support ISPI’s organizational development via a workshop that strengthened ISPI’s internal management. ISPI is now better placed to effectively and efficiently engage with external parties and clients.

CCV 2021 Rapid Assessment

Following a meeting with the Directorate General of Livestock and Animal Health - Ministry of Agriculture, Gapuspindo, MLA and ISPI, the Partnership commenced a joint rapid assessment of five 2021 CCV locations. The assessment team, consisting of MoA representatives, ISPI and Gapuspindo, went to Kediri (East Java), Boyolali (Central Java), Sidrap (South Sulawesi), Cianjur (West Java), and Penajam Paser Utara (East Kalimantan).

Representatives of provincial and district governments also participated in the assessment. The assessment team examined cattle condition, infrastructure including feed and water resources, production systems, corporation governance, group dynamics and business and financial management. The team is currently formulating its findings and recommendations that will inform a potential follow on CCV support program. Initial findings suggest continued support will be needed in various cattle production areas and organizational development, with a particular focus on feed, reproduction and business management. Efforts will also be required to improve cattle facilities.



Animal Welfare Officer Competency Certification Sumatera Area



On the 14-16th January the Partnership and Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) delivered the fourth batch of the Animal Welfare Officer (AWO) Competency certification for 20 animal welfare officers from North Sumatra. Participants were drawn from feedlots, abattoirs, and Australian exporters, and increased the total number of certified AWO to 80. The next batch will be delivered in May – June 2022 covering Kalimantan.

Investment Decision Support Toolkit Project

In early 2021 the Partnership commissioned YCP Solidiance to develop a decision-support toolkit for commercial cattle production in Indonesia. The first iteration of the toolkit completed in mid-2021, provides a comprehensive range of information in an online portal that assists potential cattle breeding investors assess the risks associated with social, legal, logistical, animal welfare, market and other post-farm gate factors.

The website was presented to the project steering committee in January and the project team is now adding it to the Partnership's website. The Partnership is now determining how to promote the toolkit to ensure it enjoys a wide audience and application. The toolkit website can be accessed here : [Red Meat & Cattle Partnership Investor Toolkit \(investincattle.id\)](https://investincattle.id).

Supporting Siska Project

The Siska Support Project has gathered considerable steam over the last few months. The provincial government of South Kalimantan has confirmed its full support for the development of Nucleus-Plasma Integrated Oil Palm and Cattle Production and is considering a future budget allocation. As part of government efforts to ensure food security the Governor of South Kalimantan also advocated for funding for Siska from the Bank of Indonesia and Bank of South



SISKA-KUINTIP (Plantation Nucleus-Plasma Siska Implementation) program with equipment (electric fence), personnel and some capacity-building for the farmer groups.

The Partnership's SISKA Support Program design team (SSP team) also completed a SISKA design investigation survey for five companies. An additional two companies from the Tabalong Area, South Kalimantan, also showed their interest by attending a workshop on SISKA business development planning and organisational set up.

The program also supported the design of draft training curricula for the three key roles in SISKA operations - field coordinators, SISKA supervisors and SISKA managers. Their development was coordinated with the BPPSDM (The Human Resources Development and Empowerment Agency in MoA) to ensure full government uptake. Aligned with this initiative the SSP team commenced the development of the Bhakti Surya Training Centre (BSTC).

The SSP team is also working with interested parties to develop a SISKA association hosting SISKA enthusiasts from industry, government, and the research community. The association aims to provide support to companies and government after the SISKA support project finishes. Activities will include the dissemination of SISKA related information through various media and research such as market and spatial analysis and into policy such as local implementation of the presidential instruction no 6/2019 on Action Plans for Sustainable Palm Oil.

Livestock Business Management and Feed Management Training Evaluation Workshop and

In late 2021 the Partnership delivered two trainings on Feed Management and Livestock Business Management that directly supported the CCV program in Central Lombok and Gowa.

A 4-day site visit and training evaluation workshop was conducted in Yogyakarta in late January. Participants visited the CCV Margo Rukun Farmer Group in Boyolali to benchmark cattle production and business management methods. They also visited a feedlot / farmer partnership called PT. Pasir Tengah where participants learned how the partnership led to a sustainable business model. Lastly, participants visited PT. Agromix Lestari Group's " Bengkel Sapi " in Sleman to witness good cattle feeding that drove good cattle condition.

Participants then joined focus group discussions to learn about their views of the trainings. Preliminary findings showed that the trainings improved farmer skills and knowledge in cattle business and feed management, however more practical sessions would improve learning outcomes. Another important highlight was their change in mindset - from seeing cattle production simply as a saving activity, with cattle to be sold in times of need, to a business where sustainable profits are possible.



- Pregnancy Test Training Program, Feb-March 2022.
- Siska Enthusiasts Meeting, Feb 2022
- Livestock Business Management for Small Scale Commercial Livestock Business Training, Feb-March 2022.

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