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Monthly Update September 2023

Training of Trainers on Animal Health Diseases Outbreak Investigation and Mitigation

Preparations continue for the Training Program on Animal Health Diseases Outbreak Investigation and Mitigation for frontline technical staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and veterinary students. Following the *Diseases Outbreak Investigation and Mitigation* Course Design Workshop in August, the Indonesian Veterinary Faculty Association (AFKHI), supported by the Partnership, held a 4-day Training of Trainers (ToT) program between the 4th and the 7th of September.

The ToT was attended by 16 participants/future trainers comprised of 11 people from AFKHI and 5 from the MoA's Field Epidemiology Program for Indonesian Veterinarians (PELVI). It was delivered by seven experts in animal health control and outbreak investigations, from the University of Gadjah Mada, AFKHI, and the MoA's master trainers from the Directorate of Animal Health Services. The combination of academics and field practitioners allowed a good balance of practical and theoretical training.

Participants/future trainers undertook sessions on training delivery approaches that were aimed at ensuring full engagement and meaningful participation from future training participants. Theoretical sessions were also delivered on outbreak investigation processes and participatory epidemiology, followed by an outbreak investigation simulation. The ToT was carried out in the Kulon Progo District where a disease outbreak had recently occurred, allowing very current outbreak responses to be critically assessed and discussed.





ToT participants during the simulation activity (left) and class session (right) at the Training of Trainers on Disease Outbreak Investigation and Mitigation (Photo: The Partnership).

AFKHI is now improving the training module and delivery guidelines based on inputs and feedback from the ToT session. These will be piloted in October 2023 in Central Java and then will be delivered to 700 frontline technical staff and Indonesian veterinary students, across the following 12 provinces - Aceh, North Sumatra, Riau, Banten, West Java, Central Java, East Java, Yogyakarta, Bali, West Nusa Tenggara, East Nusa Tenggara, and South Sulawesi.

Mobile Portable Cattle Yard Reduce Risk of Injury and Improves Vaccination Efficiency

The Mobil Portable Cattle Yard (MPCY) project in Sumbawa Island, West Nusa Tenggara, saw further expansion in the use of the MPCY to support the MoA's vaccination and cattle identification program. The MPCYs were introduced to the Dompu, Bima, and Sumbawa agriculture offices in the middle of August, and each have already been used more than three times. In Moyo Hulu Subdistrict, Sumbawa, the MPCY has been used nine times to vaccinate cattle, a very productive utilization rate considering it has been only three weeks since its delivery.

The local agriculture offices (DINAS) in the three districts have responded very positively to the MPCYs. In the past they experienced significant difficulties corralling cattle for vaccination and ear tagging, and farmers and animal health technicians even faced serious injuries. DINAS staff have reported that the MPCYs have significantly reduced time and effort in conducting vaccination and cattle ear tagging and substantially improved worker safety. Using the MPCYs, the animal health technicians can now complete almost 200 cattle vaccination and ear tagging in one location in a couple of hours. This previously took a couple of days.

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Cattle vaccination process before (left) and after (right) using the Portable Cattle Yard (Photo: Livestock and Animal Health Office of Sumbawa District Government).

Recently in Dompu, the MPCY did not only assisted cattle vaccination and identification programs, but also supported a local cattle competition. This Dompu Local Government's initiative received a lot of appreciation from local farmers attending and participating in the event.



Cattle competition in Dompu, West Nusa Tenggara using the portable cattle yard to help measure the weight and size of the cattle (Photo: From video taken by Livestock and Animal Health Office of Dompu District Government).

For more on the utilization of PCY in Moyo Hilir subdistrict, Sumbawa: <u>https://bit.ly/IARMCP_PortableCattleYard2</u>

Small-scale Commercial Cattle and Beef Business Management Training for Eastern Indonesia

In collaboration with the University of Mataram, the Partnership delivered the second batch of Small-scale Commercial Cattle and Beef Business Management Training. The training helped small and medium cattle enterprise owners and managers in Eastern Indonesia build a commercial and profitable business mindset and professional business management systems. The training, held from 11th to 16th of September 2023, was attended by 30 participants (6 females) from Bali, West Nusa Tenggara, and East Nusa Tenggara.





The in-class session of the second batch of Small-scale Commercial Cattle and Beef Business Management Training for Eastern Area (Photo: University of Mataram).

The participants enthusiastically embraced all the business management subjects, including ones on bookkeeping and simple business analysis. The training also delivered modules on hygiene standards in abattoirs and beef processing, as well as animal welfare. The participants admitted that before the training they were not aware of the importance of these two issues but are now committed to apply them in their business, even though it would require some time and effort.

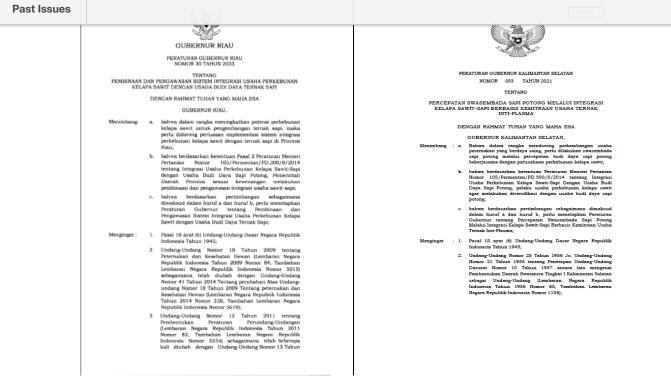
The participants also visited a sheep/cattle breeding and fattening farm in Central Lombok District, West Nusa Tenggara. The farm is owned by 2022 alumni of the same course who is now carrying out a successful business partnership with a fellow alumni. At the farm the participants learned how good business management is implemented in practice, and potential new growth opportunities and collaborations for their businesses.





SISKA Continues Its Rapid Expansion

It's been a very productive month for the SISKA Supporting Program (SSP). In mid-September the Riau Provincial Government issued a Governor Regulation to support SISKA implementation. They joined South Kalimantan, which already has a similar regulation, so now budget allocation is assured for SISKA implementation for the coming years, in both provinces. This is a significant achievement and reflective of the very strong provincial government commitment to SISKA implementation, generated through the SSP.



Riau Governor Regulation (left) and South Kalimantan Governor Regulation (right) on cattle oil palm integration.

The SSP is now supporting these two provincial governments to develop a SISKA Roadmap, Implementation Guidelines, and Clusters Business Prospectuses to access financial support. In South Kalimantan, Prospectuses have already been used to access financial support from the Regional Development Bank of South Kalimantan. Meanwhile, in West Kalimantan, while waiting for the issuance of their Governor Regulation, a Cluster Prospectus is also being developed, with support from the SSP.

In August, SISKA KU INTIP, the South Kalimantan Provincial Government's SISKA program, initiated and supported by the SSP, received two highly esteemed awards. One was the South Kalimantan Regional Research and Innovation Agency Innovation Award, and the other, the South Kalimantan Regional Inflation Monitoring Team (TPID) award. The latter was awarded for the role the program played in maintaining the price stability of meat products and was presented by President Joko Widodo to South Kalimantan Governor, Sahbirin Noor.



President Joko Widodo presents the TPID Award for Best Performing Province in Kalimantan Region to the Governor of South Kalimantan, Sahbirin Noor (Photo: Abdi Persada FM).

As part of its effort to improve SISKA human resource capacity SSP also continued its on-the-job training (OJT) at PT SISKA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Youth Entrepreneur and Employment Support Services (YESS) program. YESS has now entered its third batch with a total of 38 alumni and 18 students to date.

The third batch of the YESS was held from July to September 2023 (three months). During the program, in addition to class session, the students (18-40 years old) had a direct training experience on farm and livestock logistics, data collection, and livestock handling and care, animal health, and feed management. The training provided new perspectives and exposed the students to many new experiences.

Afni, one of the YESS students who previously worked in a clothing store said, "I studied at a vocational high school, majoring on animal health, and my parents had five sheep, but this program has given me new knowledge and interesting experiences, such as when preparing the feed and drafting the cattle. We also learnt about pregnancy checking, which I found really interesting. I hope later we will learn about artificial

insemination here."



Afni and the other YESS Students monitoring cattle at feeding time (Photo: The Partnership).

GAPENSISKA also delivered its 13th SISKA SERIES Webinar on *SISKA Production System Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)* by a speaker from the National Research and Innovation Agency, which drew 98 participants, 50 females, from public sector, academics, and private sector. The speaker noted that LCA analysis could be carried out to measure the environmental impact of oil palm plantations, cattle farms, and SISKA businesses. Information resulting from the analysis can be used as a reference by SISKA actors in creating strategic policies for business sustainability.

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The SSP also continued its highly successful support for the adoption and expansion of commercial SISKA systems (Cattle-Palm Oil Integration). In August, one new SISKA commercial partnership, or cluster, was established, bringing the total to 50 operating across four provinces. These clusters now manage 6,734 cattle over 124,000 hectares of oil palm plantations, a fantastic outcome for both plantation owners and managers as well as smallholder farmers.

This include Ibu Siswati, a member of the Mahesa Makmur Cluster in Tanah Bumbu district, South Kalimantan. Siswati and her husband started breeding cattle in 2019. In the past, when Siswati collected grass for their cattle the female cattle had to be tied up so that they would not wander too far. Siswati also needed to allocate significant extra effort and time to monitor where the cattle went grazing as the search area could be very large. Joining the cluster has saved Siswati considerable time and effort.

"When we joined the cluster and were introduced with rotational grazing, I suddenly did not need to search for grass anymore as there is a dedicated area for grazing in the plantation. The cattle would also not go outside the dedicated grazing area as it is surrounded by an electric fence. This really helped save my time and energy to monitor them, particularly when my husband is working in the plantation. Also, as we are now in a cluster, we now have time to attend family events, because we can ask the cluster members to take turns monitoring the cattle," said Siswati.



Siswati and her husband started breeding cattle in 2019 and joined Mahesa Makmur Cluster around six months ago (Photo: The Partnership).

Upcoming Events

- Animal Health Disease Outbreak Investigation Pilot Training October 2023
- Semen Production and Testing Minimum Standard Technical Training October 2023
- Focus Group Discussion of SISKA Roadmap and Implementation Guideline in Riau and East Kalimantan October 2023
- Curriculum and Module Training for SISKA Farmers October 2023
- Trainings for SISKA Operator, Supervisor and Manager in West Kalimantan and Riau October 2023
- SISKA SERIES 16 and 17 October 2023

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