

## Smallholder Distribute Rp 2.2 Billion From RSPO Credit to Support Community



These 11 organizations use the RSPO certification incentive credit funds they received to help farmers and underprivileged communities to be able to celebrate the holidays happily.

At least, of these 11 organizations, some are the first to distribute Eid gifts or THR. Generally, the gifts or THR given are in the form of cash, rice, sugar, tea, coffee, syrup, snacks and so on.

"We are pleased with the initiative of the management of independent oil palm smallholder institutions to pay attention to the welfare of members and communities around plantations during Eid," said Head of the Secretariat of the Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil Farmers Forum (FORTASBI) Rukaiyah Rafik.

At least, the total funds disbursed by these 11 organizations reached IDR 2.2 billion, which was shared by thousands of members and residents. On average, the minimum gift received is IDR 300 thousand per pack.

THERE is a sense of pride and emotion received by the farmers at the moment of Eid 2024. A collection of cooperatives, BUMDes and associations of independent oil palm farmers in various regions of Indonesia, distributed Eid gifts or better known as community-style holiday allowances (THR), to members and communities around the plantations. It is recorded that these farmer organizations are BUMDes Mandala Jaya Central Kalimantan, KUD Tridaya Central Kalimantan, Tanjung Sehati Lestari Jambi Cooperative, FPS-MRM Jambi, APKSM Central Kalimantan, APBML Jambi, Belayan Sejahtera Cooperative East Kalimantan, KUD Pemura South Sumatra, Association of Amanah in Riau, Cooperative Sawit Bangkit Central Kalimantan and KSU Karya Indah Central Kalimantan, they set aside funds to provide happiness for members and residents.



Check out the full article [here](#).

## Support Sustainable Palm Oil, FORTASBI and Members Train Thousands of Farmers

LAST year, FORTASBI (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil Farmers Forum) has made various efforts to increase the capacity of independent palm oil farmers to grow and strengthen their sustainable commitment.

At the very least, FORTASBI and its members have helped and trained 3,284 independent oil palm farmers to increase awareness about sustainable palm oil in various provinces in Indonesia.

Head of the Secretariat of FORTASBI (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil Farmers Forum) Rukaiyah Rafik emphasized that one of the commitments of FORTASBI and its members, also partners, is to accelerate the implementation of sustainable palm oil standards through RSPO, ISPO certification and accelerated E-STDB, as one of the fulfillment of RSPO and ISPO certification requirements.

"This commitment is demonstrated by FORTASBI and its members through support in providing training for independent oil palm farmers," he said. He explained that the various trainings included, in Medan, FORTASBI collaborated with KUD Lestari and SNV which succeeded in training 1,583 farmers, in East Kalimantan, specifically in Berau Regency and East Kutai Regency, FORTASBI collaborated with the Jasa Mutiara Kongbeng Cooperative and the Asosiasi Sawit Rakyat Mandiri (ASRM) to train 901 farmer. Then, in West Kalimantan, specifically in Sekadau and Landak, FORTASBI together with APKS-KK, WWF Indonesia and HDL succeeded in training 600 independent farmers. And in Jambi, FORTASBI together with the Setara Jambi Foundation succeeded in training 200 independent farmers in Tebo Regency, Jambi.



From 2020 to the beginning of 2024, there have been 8,792 farmers. FORTASBI trains thousands of independent oil palm farmers with various materials such as RSPO standards, socialization of ISPO standards, good agricultural practices, group manager training, and trainer training as well as various other trainings that strengthen farmers' capacity with the support of various partners. [here](#)