

## Amanah Treats 900+ Attendees After Independence Day Ceremony Activities supported by RSPO Credit



Celebrated annually on August 17th, **Indonesia's Independence Day** holds immense significance for the Indonesian people, symbolizing their freedom and fostering a sense of unity and national pride.

In the picturesque town of Pelalawan, Riau, **Asosiasi Swadaya Amanah** has been actively promoting community development and commemorating this cherished Independence Day ceremony through an initiative to provide traditional Indonesian drinks, including the beloved cendol, mineral water, and soft drinks. Additionally, the generosity extended to the culinary domain, offering the local flavors of homegrown delicacies such as corn, peanuts, cassava, and sweet potatoes.

Every person attending the ceremony received these refreshments and snacks from Asosiasi Amanah, creating an atmosphere brimming with enthusiasm and happiness. The community joyfully embraced the program brought forth by the association, reaffirming the deep-rooted spirit of togetherness and solidarity that characterizes the Indonesian people. Remarkably, the support for this humble action, which exemplifies community welfare, was made possible through the support of RSPO Credit.

Asosiasi Amanah set aside funds to extend the impact of their

initiatives to the surrounding community. The tangible benefits experienced by the recipients reinforced the belief that Asosiasi Amanah's existence is genuinely advantageous to all.

**Mr. H. Narno, Asosiasi Amanah's Group Manager**, highlighted the role of RSPO Credit support for their community, "With RSPO Credit, all local communities can feel the difference with the progress in this place, now we are fortunate to have banks and other facilities that support progress around Asosiasi Amanah".

Addressing the smallholders within the oil palm plantations, Mr. Narno delivered a heartfelt message of encouragement and pride, "Let us forever be **proud to be palm oil smallholders**, especially to be part of RSPO-certified smallholders. With the complete legality of our plantations, we can confidently pursue sustainable and tax-compliant practices, ensuring our lands flourish as safe havens of growth and prosperity for our beloved country".

Asosiasi Amanah has strengthened its position as a group of **pioneer smallholder groups in Indonesia that received RSPO Certification** in 2013, with support from WWF, Asian Agri, and Carrefour. They are also the **first group to achieve ISPO Certification**. Their commitment and actions have successfully fostered a sense of pride, progress, and promising sustainable development.

Read more about the support provided by other cooperatives here [#IndependenceDay](#).

## Asosiasi Mandiri New Office: A Symbol of Smallholders' Independence



In an exceptional display of progress and independence, **Asosiasi Petani Kelapa Sawit Swadaya Mandiri**, assisted by WWF Indonesia, recently unveiled its new office in Kuantan Singingi, Riau Province. This structure was completed within seven month

timeframe from January to July 2023, costing **Rp 574,552,000, entirely funded by RSPO Credit**. The new office, which covers a size of 9 m x 12 m is more than just a workplace. The office has been referred to as a **"home" for smallholders**, that will serve as a hub for various smallholders' activities and to promote sustainability oil palm practices. The newly built office is also a symbol of progress and independence of smallholder organizations in Indonesia.

The utilization of the RSPO Credits has proven to be tremendously impactful for Asosiasi Mandiri. This allows them to increase their institutional capacity and capabilities, drive progress, and be beneficial to communities. As additional information, Asosiasi Mandiri is the only RSPO-certified smallholder group in Kuantan Singingi, Riau. Read the full article here: [#AsosiasiMandiri](#)

## Utilizing IDR 1.1 Billion from RSPO Credits for Sustainable Change



**Koperasi Belayan Sejahtera** has received IDR 1.1 billion from RSPO Credit, showcasing their commitment to sustainable plantation practices and community development around Kutai Kartanegara, East Kalimantan Province.

Utilizing this incentive, a cooperative assisted by Abler Nordic will develop programs in **education, environment, economics, and social development**. Koperasi Belayan Sejahtera's Group Manager, Jamaluddin, has at least five hopes after receiving RSPO Credits i.e. practices improvement, further motivation, economic empowerment, inspirational role, and environmental protection.

While the incentives received are important, the ultimate goal of the cooperative goes beyond financial gains. Koperasi Belayan Sejahtera exemplifies the transformative power of RSPO Credits, using them to drive positive change and build sustainable futures for communities. By emphasizing sustainable initiatives, they are creating a lasting impact beyond anything else. Read the full article here: [#KoperasiBelayanSejahtera](#)