

Equality for Sustainability

Not only are they beautiful, but they are fighters in their own way. Learn how these women have a strong desire to work in cooperative, and their different thoughts to achieve the same goal to be equal!



To celebrate **The International Women's Day** on March 8 2023, Yayasan FORTASBI Indonesia made one-week social media campaign, featuring stories of great women working in oil palm cooperatives and how sustainable practices guarantee women rights and support their equality.

There are young women who do not hesitate to work in cooperatives and spread good practices of sustainable palm oil management, there are single parents who have to work hard to support their children, and there are women who

prove that they are capable of being a manager in their group. They have different perspectives on the role and meaning as being a woman, but their goal is the same: how **women can be equal** in any field, as well as how they can fight for their rights and achieve what they want, without any barriers to gender and sex differences.

We invite you to dive into their stories by reading the **full story in social media and the official website using the hashtag: #FORTASBIWD2023**

Mutingah, 'Wonder Woman' from KUD Pemura



KUD Pemura has one great woman named Mutingah. She is a real model of a woman who is actively involved in spreading the best practices of oil palm plantation management, and is listed as one of FORTASBI's **women Local Trainers** for RISS.

Early last March, at one of KUD Pemura activities, she trained RSPO, GAP, K3, and HCV, at Bina



Karya Village, Karang Dapo District, North Musi Rawas Regency, South Sumatra.

Participants who attended reached 186 out of a total 188 members, even 45 of them or around 24% were women!

"Our hope is that members get better understanding how to properly manage their plantations in accordance with RSPO standards," she added.

Upcoming Events

Training & Workshops: Capacity Strengthening of Regional Support Systems to Support Certification of Independent Oil Palm Smallholders in:

BERAU | 10-12 APRIL 2023

Women for Rehabilitation

FONAP, FORTASBI Indonesia, CAPP, and Yayasan Setara Jambi are collaborating on landscaping improvements in the buffer zone of the Bukit Tiga Puluh National Park, West Tanjung Jabung Regency, Jambi.



This collaboration is carried out to encourage protection, recovery, increasing in welfare, and increasing the involvement of smallholders, it is also hoped that it can become a new model of a protection from different sectors in the same landscape (in this case forest farmers and oil palm smallholders) also a cooperation among multi-stakeholders.

One of the implemented strategies in this project is **"Strengthening the Role of Farmers in Forest Management through Social Forestry"**. This project aims to rehabilitate 17 of the total 475 hectares of Social Forestry permits, which are managed by three Forest Farmers Groups (KTH Penoban Lestari, KTH Hulu Lumahan Lestari, and KTH Mahau Lestari) Social Forestry Managers. In rehabilitating the forest, the Women's Nursery Management Group (KP3) is also involved in coffee and candlenut nurseries.



The number of women involved has reached **70 women** divided into three nursery groups. Currently, there are 10,785 coffee seedlings and 2,294 candlenut seedlings. Of this total, 1,000 coffee seedlings and 700 candlenut seedlings will be planted in a 17 hectare rehabilitation area, and the remaining will be used to rehabilitate

the river through planting along the riverbanks in the working area of APBML and FPS-MRM (RSPO-certified smallholder groups), as well as being marketed to the surrounding village community. There is an MoU between KP3 with APBML and FPS-MRM to purchase seedlings. As of March 2023, APBML has completed the first phase of the purchasing agreement of IDR 8 million, the funding come from RSPO incentives.