

Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah

Using Credit Fund for Replanting



Asosiasi Swadaya Amanah is an independent smallholder group pioneering sustainable palm oil certification in Indonesia. The group, which started with 300 smallholder members, gained the RSPO Certificate in 2013. It proved that it was possible for independent smallholders to implement sustainable palm oil standards when most said that it was impossible for independent smallholders to get into any certification system, especially the RSPO's.

One **benefit of the certification** for the group is improved partnership with PT IIS in the processing of member's products, and this drove it to increase the membership in 2014. Currently, it has **501 smallholder** members **managing 1,048 Ha**, and the partnership with PT IIS still continues. The partnership is now even expanded to provision of TUS (spraying workers), who are prepared and trained by the company. Seen in a broader context, certification provides not only cash from credit sales but also improvement to partnership, production and member's income.



The credit fund has been used on a needs basis and subject to members' agreement. During 2014- 2016, the fund was used to build the group's own office (it used KUD's office as its office then), and since 2017 the fund has been used as member's savings for **replanting** purposes. Currently, the savings stand at **IDR2,600,000/member**, totaling **IDR1,302,000,000** from the **501 members**.

The group plans to reach a target of **IDR25,000,000/member** (or a total of 12-3 billion rupiahs) before the replanting. It will take about 10 years to reach such an amount of savings; however, it may take only 5 year to achieve this if the savings are used to develop the group's business.

