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ISSUE OF THE WEEK



Stock and Distribution of Subsidized Fertilizer Guaranteed to be Safe during the Pandemic

Amid the high rate of COVID-19 spread in various regions, which also has an impact on numerous restrictions of people and goods movement, stocks and distribution of subsidized fertilizers to farmers are certainly safe until mid-July 2020. The government, in this case, has arranged fertilizer allocation in accordance with the Electronic Definitive Need for Group Needs (e-RDKK), where subsidized fertilizer is only allocated to eligible farmers, i.e., those who are members of farmer groups and registered in e-RDKK. Thus, although there are several specific cases related to scarcity and distribution, it is generally safe.

This is illustrated at least by the performance of distribution by PT. Pupuk Kalimantan Timur (Pupuk Kaltim) in most of regions in Indonesia. In East Java, for example, as of mid-July 2020, PT. Pupuk Kaltim has distributed around 160,271 tons of subsidized urea fertilizer to districts in the province. This volume is equivalent to 123% of the total 130,622 tons of subsidized urea fertilizer targeted by the Ministry of Agriculture for East Java. In NTB, PT. Pupuk Kaltim also ensures the distribution of subsidized fertilizer in the province is safe until the period of July 2020. They have distributed 119,718.30 tons of subsidized urea fertilizer to various districts in NTB, or about 73.39% of the total 163,134 tons allocation determined by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Even in the easternmost regions of Indonesia, namely Papua and West Papua, the conditions are similar. In these two provinces, the distribution has reached more than 60%. In Papua, 63.82% of the subsidized fertilizer has been distributed to districts. While in West Papua, 64.57% has been distributed from January to July 2020. This condition is excellent and essential for farmers because the right timeline and target of fertilizer distribution can guarantee the continuity of agricultural production activities at the farmer level.

<https://bit.ly/2WYmbel>; <https://bit.ly/30TM6ov>; <https://bit.ly/2P7tKLb>; <https://bit.ly/3g5OBL5>



1. National Level

- President Joko Widodo instructed the National COVID-19 Task Force to focus on eight provinces that have contributed 74% to the overall confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Indonesia. The eight provinces include Jakarta, East Java, Central Java, West Java, South Sulawesi, North Sumatra, South Kalimantan and Papua. The targets are to reduce the death toll as low as possible, increase the recovery rate as high as possible and curb the growth of new cases as soon as possible. <https://bit.ly/2Eiwzaa>; <https://bit.ly/2X0nZDw>
- The government deposits funds worth Rp 11.5 trillion in seven Regional Development Banks (BPD). It aims to boost the local economy hit by the pandemic by channelling credit to the productive sectors. The Finance Minister elaborated on the funding segregation, with some Rp 2.5 trillion placed in BPD BJB, Rp 2 trillion in BPD Jakarta, Rp 2 trillion in BPD Central Java and BPD East Java respectively, and Rp1 trillion in BPD SulutGo. Meanwhile, the government is yet studying the funding placement in BPD Bali and Yogyakarta worth Rp1 trillion respectively. <https://bit.ly/2P034fy>; <https://bit.ly/2X4dPBT>
- Minister of Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises (Kemenkop) with the Minister of Agriculture (MoA) held another meeting as a follow up to the cooperation in developing farmer corporation that had been signed last January but were hampered by a pandemic. The synergy of Kemenkop and MoA is carried out in accelerating the farmer corporation, where MoA will encourage farmers to succeed more and Kemenkop will provide cooperative business management assistance. <https://bit.ly/2OYTmtX>

2. Provincial Level

- **CJ:** The Pekalongan City Government currently has a Plant Tissue Culture laboratory (Kuljar). The Head of the Pekalongan City Food Crop Agriculture Office explained that the laboratory is an innovation that had not been developed much in other areas. According to him, with this Kuljar laboratory it can create superior varieties of vegetables, fruits and other plants, as well as it can study types of plants that can grow and match the soil conditions in the area. The concept of developing plant seedlings is carried out through nurseries, grafting, and seed studies. <https://bit.ly/39zcOXJ>
- **NTB:** PT Angkasa Pura I as the manager of Lombok International Airport (BIL) in Tanak Awu Village, Pujut Sub-District, provides COVID-19 rapid test services for passengers and public in airport area. Lombok Airport General Manager, Nugroho Jati confirmed that the rapid test service has been conducted since 22 July 2020. <https://bit.ly/331MdkA>
- **NTB:** PT Bank BNI Mataram Branch Office has distributed Kartu Tani to verified farmers in Lombok Island after being delayed due to the pandemic. For the first phase, 31,000 cards will be distributed to farmers in Lombok. The initial distribution was conducted to 125 farmers in Kelayu Selatan, East Lombok Regency last month. <https://bit.ly/2CWbVaN>
- **NTB:** In 2020, NTB has successfully produced thousands of industrial machines out of 2,130 machines as a target. In total 126 types of machinery, such as corn sheller machines; animal feed machines; coffee, corn, and cocoa processing machines; garbage chopping machines; three-wheeled electric motor scooters; bamboo processing machines; and food and beverage processing machines. The production centres are in four locations developed by the Science Technology Industry Park (STIP) of NTB Provincial Industry Office, namely Getap Centres and Babakan Centres in Mataram City, Brembeng Centres in Lombok Tengah District, and Kotaraja Centres in Lombok Timur District. <https://bit.ly/30MB0BC>
- **NTB:** The distribution of Gemilang Social Safety Net (JPS) program is complete, but the economic handling of COVID-19 impact must continue. Out of Rp 926.9 billion of the revised local budget for COVID-19 handling, Rp 466.29 billion is allocated for health care, Rp 150.17 billion for handling social impacts through JPS, and more than Rp 310.51 billion for economic impact. <https://bit.ly/330a0Bv>
- **NTB:** Traditional markets in Mataram City potentially become a new cluster of COVID-19 transmission since four traders at Kebon Roek Market are tested positive for COVID-19. In total, there are six traders tested positive in Mataram (previously 2 traders tested positive at Mandalika Market). In response to the situation, the Provincial Government and Mataram City Government will conduct a swab test for 300 traders at Kebon Roek Market on 28 July 2020. <https://bit.ly/3f7BM1c>
- **NTB:** Economic activity in Mataram City has not yet recovered. Although most companies choose to re-operate, the COVID-19 health protocols still affect the employees. Not all laid-off employees are called back to work. Manpower Office noted 1,400 employees were laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic from March to June. Mostly are from hotel sector, restaurants, souvenir centres and other service companies. <https://bit.ly/2X2Dta4>
- **NTT:** The NTT Provincial Government launches an interest-free loan program for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to save this business sector amid the pandemic. The loan program titled 'Merdeka Credit' was launched by the NTT Province Manpower and Transmigration Cooperative Office (Diskopnaketrans) in collaboration with NTT Bank. The SMEs can access loans of up to Rp 5 million interest-free. To date, 5,100 MSMEs assisted by Diskopnaketrans are being identified in order to get this credit. <https://bit.ly/2ZZXTIT>
- **Papua:** According to data from Indonesian Statistics (BPS) of Papua Province, farmer exchange rates (NTP) in Papua Province in June 2020 increased 1.46% with an NTP index of 102.49. BPS Papua said that the increase occurred because the price index received by farmers is more than

the price index paid by farmers. The NTP Papua in June 2020 according to the subsector: NTP of food crops subsector is 101.43; horticulture is 102.54; smallholder plantation is 101.20; animal husbandry is 108.04; and fisheries is 108.48. Out of 34 provinces, 13 provinces experienced an increase in NTP June, while other 21 provinces dropped. <https://bit.ly/2ByAFKi>

- **Papua:** Agriculture, fisheries, animal husbandry and plantations are the government's attention in establishing the extension of special autonomy (otsus) for Papua and West Papua, as well as the development of education, health and infrastructure. The extension of otsus which will end in 2021 is still very much needed to advance and accelerate development in Papua. <https://bit.ly/3jVQqwg>

FOOD SYSTEM

Impact at food supply continuity; food price; etc



1. Central Java

- The total area of agricultural land in Brebes District that has been harvested from January – July 2020 reached 71,890 ha with rice production of 403,279 tons of dry milled grain, or 5.61 tons per ha. It is equivalent to 239,607 tons of rice which 45.5% is consumed by the community. Therefore, there is a surplus of 130,835 tons. The current harvest season in Brebes produces 78,473 tons of dry milled unhusked rice on 13,889 hectares of agricultural land, or 5.65 tons per hectare. The yield is equivalent to 46,624 tons of rice which only 32% is consumed by the community. There is a surplus of 31,466 tons as July's rice consumption is only 15,158 tons. <https://bit.ly/3g6Nafg>
- The Head of Agriculture and Food Security Office of Tegal District said that Tegal experiences a surplus of staple food, such as rice, maize, shallot, garlic, large chili, cayenne pepper, beef/buffalo, broil chicken, broiler eggs, sugar and cooking oil. 33,607 tons of rice is available. With the need of only 392 tons, the surplus is 33,215 tons. For maize, there is a surplus of 25,201 tons, shallot 51,101 tons, garlic 21,381 tons and large chili 3,000 tons. In addition, there is a surplus of 539 tons of cayenne pepper, 1 ton of beef/buffalo, 40 tons of chicken meat, 3 tons of chicken eggs, 2,524 tons of sugar and 15 tons of cooking oil. <https://bit.ly/3g9hG88>
- Sokaraja Market in Banyumas will be temporarily closed following its five traders tested COVID-19 positive. The Head of District said that during its closure, the district government will carry out cleaning and spraying of disinfectants thoroughly in the market area. <https://bit.ly/30Z5NLY>

2. West Nusa Tenggara (NTB)

- The price of garlic in Sembalun, Lombok Timur District during 2020 planting season dropped dramatically. Most farmers suffered heavy losses. In the previous planting season, farmers' wet harvest can be sold at Rp 1,2 million per quintal. Now, the super production yield can only be sold at Rp 700 thousand per quintal. <https://bit.ly/2EIhk09>
- Drought has hit 74 sub-districts and 318 villages in NTB. No less than 651,735 population were affected by drought in nine districts/cities. According to the Acting Head of BPBD NTB, the water needs of the affected residents are being handled by their respective local governments. The areas which are currently affected by drought are the southern islands of Lombok, Sumbawa, Bima, and Dompu. <https://bit.ly/303bxF6>
- The Sumbawa District Agriculture Office (Distan) recorded that drought has threatened 605 ha of rice fields in the second Planting Season (MT). The rice fields are spread over three sub-districts, namely, Moyo Hilir, Lape and Lopok. In Moyo Hilir, drought has threatened 357 ha out of 1,444 ha of rice fields. The water source is from the Irrigation Area (DI) of Pongal, Kakiang Village. Meanwhile in Lape District, drought has threatened 98 ha out of 198 ha of rice fields with water source from Mamak Dam. Drought has also threatened 150 ha out of 227 ha of rice fields with water source from Mamak Dam. <https://bit.ly/32ZCE5H>

SECTOR'S ISSUE

Specific issues related to the agricultural sectors PRISMA works in.

1. East Java

- **Soil Treatment:** Hundreds of farmers in Magetan complaint due to limited availability of government's subsidized fertilizer. As the impact, food crops production in the district has decreased to 30%. Tambir, a rice farmer in Klagen Gambiran village said that subsidized fertilizer scarcity issue has been happening since 2 years ago. The local farmers expect government to find solutions for them to increase their production. <https://bit.ly/3eXOpvS>
- **Soil Treatment:** As per 21 July 2020, PT. Pupuk Kaltim has already distributed 160,271 tons of subsidized urea fertilizer to districts in East Java. The volume is equal to 123% from the total 130,622 tons of targeted subsidized urea fertilizer from the Ministry of Agriculture to East Java during January to July 2020. <https://bit.ly/2WYmbel>
- **Maize and Crop Protection:** Fall Army Worms (FAW) are now attacking hundreds of hectares of maize crops in 3 Sub-Districts of Jatikalen, Ngronggot, and Baron, of Nganjuk district. District Agriculture Office of Nganjuk has asked its Public Extension Service workers (PPL) to provide info on good pest control and distribute insecticide aid for simultaneous application to farmers in need in the district. 
<https://bit.ly/32WQqpD>
- **Peanut:** Vice Bupati of Pamekasan, Regional Secretary of Pamekasan, representative from the Ministry of Agriculture, Head of Agriculture Office of East Java, and Head of Agriculture Office of Pamekasan, participated in peanut harvest event in Campor Village of Proppo Sub-District. This year, 11 districts in East Java received *Kancil* peanut seed variety assistance, including Pamekasan. Pamekasan received the assistance for 402 hectares from the national development budget (APBN) 2020. Vice Bupati of Pamekasan expects the provincial government of East Java to support them with research to create drought resistant peanut seed variety and facilitate them to connect peanut farmers with off-taker companies. <https://bit.ly/30O5aVj>; <https://bit.ly/30TTkc8>
- **Rice:** Public Extension Service Unit (BPP) - Congkrong Sub-District of Bondowoso collaborate with a farmer group from Suger Lor Village for HMS 400 rice seed variety trial, at 3 different demo plots with 3 different cultivation methods. Based on the trial, the seed variety may produce up to 7.4 tons/hectare. Head of Bondowoso District states his interest to start supporting the local rice seed variety promotion through the district government agriculture program starting from December 2020. <https://bit.ly/2OVe8KO>

2. Central Java

- **Irrigation:** Farmers in Kepuh Village, Kutoarjo, Purworejo District finally have the infrastructure of an irrigation water pump that can be operated using an android cell phone. Head of Purworejo District explained that the construction of these two irrigation pumps worth Rp 165 million was an initiative of the village to facilitate farmers in having water access. Later, farmers will only be charged Rp 5,000 per hour to get the water access. One water pump can produce 8-10 litres per second. This is more efficient compared to rent a water pump independently. <https://bit.ly/3hL9QSP>

3. West Nusa Tenggara (NTB)

- **Soil Treatment:** Pupuk Kaltim ensures that the distribution of subsidized fertilizers in NTB in July 2020 is safe. As of 17 July 2020, Pupuk Kaltim has distributed 119,718.30 tons of subsidized Urea fertilizer to various districts in NTB, or around 73.39% of 163,134 ton total allocation for January-December 2020 period determined by the Ministry of Agriculture. <https://bit.ly/30S2bLv>
- **Beef:** Towards Eid al-Adha, demand for Dompu's beef is quite high. The high demand comes from Lombok area and Greater Jakarta area. Demand from Lombok area in the last 3 months has reached 400 heads per month. However, for Greater Jakarta area, local entrepreneurs in Dompu have no partners in the destination so they cannot deliver the cattle. Therefore, the quota of 2 thousand heads of beef cattle to deliver to Jakarta from Dompu cannot be fulfilled. Meanwhile, Bima District also submitted a quota of up to 12 thousand heads to Jakarta which make local entrepreneurs in Dompu partnering with Bima entrepreneurs to supply Jakarta's need. <https://bit.ly/330Z6vt>

4. East Nusa Tenggara (NTT)

- **Seaweed:** The Marine & Fisheries Office (DKP) of NTT distributes seaweed cultivation equipment assistance to 4,050 seaweed farmers in the province. The assistance provided is in the form of ropes and seeds, targeting seaweed growers in Sabu Raijua, Alor, Lembata, East Flores and Sikka District. To date, the dissemination has reached around 60%. Farmers who will receive assistance are encouraged to submit proposals in groups of 10 people. <https://bit.ly/2OWd9Kp>
- **Mung bean:** The mung bean farmers in Malaka Barat Sub-District, Malaka District predict this year's crop yields will be more than last year. Farmers in Umatoos Village, for example, claim to be confident that this year's yield of mung beans will increase. The reason is that the growth of plants in the farmers' gardens looks good because the farmers have taken good care of the plants since they were planted in mid-June. The harvest period is expected to occur in September. <https://bit.ly/39uQkXR>
- **Irrigation:** The NTT Provincial Government is ready to assist developing agriculture with drip irrigation techniques. The assistance in the form of funding is mainly for the preparation of a drip irrigation system on land that will be provided by the Government of Sikka District and will be done by young farmers. The Governor of NTT, Victor Laiskodat explained when visiting a horticultural land that uses a drip irrigation system developed by millennial farmers in Alok Barat Sub-District, Maumere, Sikka District. <https://bit.ly/3fWFoVb>
- **Rice:** Rice farmers in Lakulo Village, Malaka District are asked to plant simultaneously in this second planting season. This is especially intended for farmers who own land along the Benanain irrigation channel. This simultaneous planting will make the regulation of water easy to manage. Because in the first planting season, rice cultivation almost failed due to unbalanced water regulation. In addition, to help wetland farmers who are members of 30 farmer groups in the village, the Agriculture Office of Malaka District distributed assistances in the form of 28 tractors. <https://bit.ly/3f289hY>

5. Papua

- **Soil Treatment:** As of 21 July 2020, Pupuk Kaltim has distributed 4,753.6 tons of subsidized Urea fertilizer to districts in Papua. It is around 63.82% of the allocated 7,449 tons of subsidized Urea set by the Ministry of Agriculture. <https://bit.ly/2P7tKLb>

6. West Papua

- **Soil Treatment:** As of July 2020, Pupuk Kaltim has distributed 581.20 tons of subsidized Urea fertilizer to meet farmers' needs in West Papua. It is around 64.57% of the allocated 900 tons of subsidized Urea determined by the Ministry of Agriculture. <https://bit.ly/3g5OBL5>



RURAL ECONOMY

Impact at rural area such as continuity of farmers' production; agriculture inputs availability; labour availability at rural area; market access; etc



1. East Java

- Keputran Market is becoming the new COVID 19 transmission cluster in Surabaya, after 37 traders in the market are found positive with COVID 19. The government decides to close the market for at least 7 days for sterilization and disinfectant spraying, after the finding. <https://bit.ly/304ZLtX>
- Ministry of Agriculture and Head of Surabaya Agriculture Quarantine Unit launch export of 10 agriculture commodity from East Java, including shallot (60 tonnes), livestock feed (90 tonnes), and coconut oil (334 tonnes), to Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Australia, United States, South Korea, Israel, Thailand, Hongkong, Angola, Nigeria, Trinidad & Tobago, Haiti, China, East Timor, Peru, Bangladesh and Latvia. Value of the export is around Rp 21,53 billion. <https://bit.ly/3jGeXW1>

2. Central Java

- People of Dukuh Lingsar, Clapar Village, Madukara Sub-District, Banjarnegara now can enjoy a convenient transportation route of Jalan Usaha Tani (JUT) Blok Lingsar. The Head of Clapar Village, Somad said that the JUT construction was very beneficial for the continuation of farming business in Clapar Village area. "For sure, this road will cut the time and cost of farming. Salak fruit farmers can easily shed their crops to the highway to be immediately transported to the market. It is expected that the existence of these roads, production costs will be reduced. Loading and unloading of goods previously done with human labour, now replaced by vehicles," Somad added. <https://bit.ly/2DgnSws>

- According to the Acting Head of the Agriculture and Food Security Office (DPKP) of Temanggung, arabica coffee prices at the farmer level at this year's main harvest is starting to increase. Its price at the beginning of the harvest at the end of May was only Rp 5,500 per kg. The price is currently starting to increase to Rp7,500 per kg. <https://bit.ly/2P4WPH6>

3. West Nusa Tenggara (NTB)

- Kuripan Village, Kuripan sub-district, in Lombok Barat District is able to supply horticultural plant seedling to several regions during the pandemic. In addition, these efforts can increase the creativity of its citizens to utilize plentiful plastic waste as their growing media. <https://bit.ly/3hUckhR>
- Mini cucumber cultivation could be a saviour against a pandemic in Bentek Village, Gangga sub-district, Lombok Utara District. This is quite extraordinary because the community can generate up to Rp 14 million a month only from 14 acres of land. <https://bit.ly/2D8eRWq>

4. East Nusa Tenggara (NTT)

- The Totomala Village in the Sub-District of Wolowae, Nagekeo District, has a number of potentials in agriculture. Among others, food crops such as maize and paddy fields. In addition, horticultural commodities such as chili also have the potential to be developed. Currently, horticultural farmers in the village are working on 30 hectares of land to develop chili. <https://bit.ly/3g8d16l>
- The Minister of Trade, Agus Suparmanto, hopes that salt production in the NTT Province will be increased so that the national salt demand reaches 4.4 million tons per year. This is said by the Minister of Trade when conducting a field trip to the salt pond in the Nunkurus Village, the District of Kupang. The national salt demands have not yet been fulfilled. The government, therefore, is working to reduce salt imports by optimizing the potential of domestic salt. According to the Minister, the results of salt in NTT Province have the potential to become industrial salt. <https://bit.ly/30QuCcy>

5. Papua

- The Plantation and Animal Husbandry Office of Jayapura District rejuvenated 3,700 ha of cocoa. The Head of Office explained that the rejuvenation of thousands of hectares of cocoa plants in the Jayapura District is carried out gradually every year. In 2019, the Office rejuvenated 119 ha of cacao while this year 600 ha have been rejuvenated. In one year, the Office is targeting the rejuvenation of 400 ha of cacao. <https://bit.ly/2P3Nv6B>

6. West Papua

- Agricultural Development Polytechnic (Polbangtan) Manokwari held Kostratani socialization at the Agricultural Extension Centre (BPP) of Prafi, West Papua, on 21 July 2020. The Director of Polbangtan Manokwari expressed his appreciation for the support of provincial, district/city governments, extension workers, and other agricultural actors who are willing to collaborate to encourage agricultural activities at the sub-district level in line with Kostratani's objectives. It is expected to continue working to solve any agricultural problems that currently occur. In addition, the improvement of agricultural human resources and the use of technology are expected to encourage agricultural productivity as well as exports. <https://bit.ly/2CWuMr9>
- 48 Fatayat cadres in Sorong District received training in sewing and processing of agricultural products from Sorong Job Training Agency (BLK). This is a cadre capacity building program to support the movement of public economy. The Chairperson of Fatayat West Papua Regional Office explained that this non-institutional competency-based training with the Mobile Unit Training (MTU) model was the first to be carried out in 2020. In addition, similar activities will also be carried out in Fatayat Kaimana, Teluk Bintuni, and Manokwari Branch. <https://bit.ly/2Dcj9MB>