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net attributable additional income of **IDR 3,078 billion**

increased income of **426 farm household**

OUTREACH TO JUNE 2017



FARMERS OF INDONESIA

TIRTA
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In Indonesia, land and water resources are coming under competing pressure not only from agriculture but also from industry, growing urban and rural populations, and the impacts of climate variability.

Things are looking up! I used to rely on the rainy season to plant my paddy, but the rain is unpredictable: sometimes there's too little and sometimes there's too much - like last year - my crop was so damaged due to flooding, I could only harvest half of my field. That amounts to a ton of unhulled rice or 600 kg of rice by the way, just enough for my family's yearly consumption - with none to sell. Half of my money went down the drain - and I could not get it back.

Luck is on our side! Haji Arifin, a local irrigation provider was supported by an irrigation program called TIRTA to expand

his irrigation business - they invited a team of engineers who tested the irrigation system and provided technical recommendations to serve over 150 hectares. The water reached Sidomukti village too and guess whose paddy field was included in the expansion? Mine! Look at this field now - it's watered in the middle of a dry season. That means I can plant my crop twice a year. Most importantly, I'm much more confident about my investment when buying seeds, fertilisers and pesticides, knowing that my crop will give me a full harvest at the end of the season. It's a relief like no other. My plan now is to produce at least four tons a year - one ton of which I will use as our year-long stock, while the other three can be sold to the market. The price per ton in the dry season can go up to 4.3 million rupiah; I can use the money for my two children's school needs.

Having control over water is such a big advantage for farmers like me, you have no idea. Water has given me a big jolt of motivation - now the key to my success rests on myself. So let me get back to work because things are looking up!

- Ngadi from Sidomukti Village in Bojonegoro, East Java is a beneficiary of the Australia-Indonesia Partnership TIRTA program.