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Pengembangan Usaha Pangan Masyarakat (PUPM) Program for Food Security: Investment for Small Family Farms in Inter-country Border Area

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Abstract

This paper addresses PUPM programme implementation and its contribution to local food security. Based on a qualitative method analysis derives from the farmer, agricultural extension worker, and management of Toko Tani Indonesia (TTI) interviews, this research sheds light on the local rice farming condition, the efficiency of TTI in the rice supply chain, and the programme contribution in food security: food availability and food access. The result indicates that the programme had definite success in shortening the supply chain, even though it still could not influence the stabilisation of supply and market price. The programme benefits farmers because now they can get income from rice farming and help the community at the same time because people can buy or access rice at a low price compared to the market. Taken together, the research findings highlight the importance of standardisation of the crop and provide more TTI numbers with more volume and design the criteria for the consumer to contribute to poverty alleviation and local food security at the same time.

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