



# SUSTAINABILITY BRIEF

## SMALLHOLDER SUPPORT

### Independent Smallholders

More than 7000 independent smallholders supplied FFB to our palm oil mills in 2024. To support their livelihoods, we are engaging with them to help the farmers to implement good agricultural practices and increase their yield and profitability.

Dedicated teams engage directly with independent smallholders to promote the benefits of sustainable land management and socialize supplier requirements for compliance with our Sustainability Policy. In December 2024, we reached our target of engaging with 100% independent smallholders in our supply chain. The information collected from surveys is being used to understand current practices, needs and opportunities for improvement.

A Farmer Field School (FFS) program has been developed in collaboration with reputable partners such as Daemeter Consulting and Widya Erti Indonesia to share tools and knowledge to help independent smallholders to increase their yield and profitability. The program is designed to further build relationships with independent smallholders, to enhance their knowledge on sustainable agronomic practices, and reduce the negative environmental impacts of their activities through improved management practices.

The FFS was launched in 2019, when 269 independent smallholders benefitted from the training provided. Having been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, the program resumed in 2022, benefiting 97 independent smallholders. In 2023, another 101 smallholders participated. FFS has seen 467 farmers trained to date, of a total 7,185 independent smallholders engaged.



Through the FFS program, smallholders are able to learn how to cultivate oil palm sustainably. Topics of training are tailored to the needs of the farmers and include quality of seeds / planting material, composting processes, optimal use of fertilizer, handling of pests and disease and soil health. The knowledge gained will help farmers to improve the productivity of the land that they own and will support progression towards sustainable palm oil certification (ISPO and RSPO).



### Scheme Smallholders (Plasma)

Goodhope has developed 7,770 hectares of oil palm as cooperative-owned scheme smallholder plantations (Plasma) to support sustainable development among the local communities. Currently Goodhope has more than 11,000 members in its Plasma schemes, in a total of 29 cooperatives.

For each cooperative (100% of scheme smallholders), we provide training to promote self- management, financial awareness and planning skills. All scheme smallholders participate in regular meetings and training. This enhances the abilities of members to effectively manage their income provided by the plasma partnership scheme.

