

FARMER FIELD SCHOOL





OVERVIEW

Smallholders account for 40% of Indonesia's palm oil production



This makes it important to support smallholders by sharing best practices, providing educational and technical assistance, and facilitating smallholder inclusion into our supply chain.

At Goodhope we are committed to the long-term sustainability of our business

This means that we care about the sustainability of our ecosystem which includes the welfare of smallholders.





We conducted a smallholder needs analysis and based on its results, we designed a capacity building program we named “Farmer Field School” (FFS)

The objective of the FFS is to provide smallholders with sustainable agronomic practices, equipping them for the evolving demands of the palm oil supply chain.



Farmers of Tribuana village
Supported by the provision of PPE

Our FFS aims to promote the benefits of sustainable land management, provide support for certification, and capacity for livelihood improvement programs

We aim to help smallholder farmers to improve crop quantity and quality through the provision of technical support, promoting the long-term productive potential of plantations and improve yields, while encouraging the reduced and responsible use of chemical fertilizer and pesticides.

The Farmer Field School curriculum gives farmers basic but impactful knowledge on:

- ✓ Soil health
- ✓ Nursery management
- ✓ Plantation upkeep
- ✓ Fertilizers
- ✓ Techniques on how to identify and fight infection
- ✓ Pest management
- ✓ Adoption of proper harvesting methods



The program also educates farmers on the importance of No Deforestation, No Peat and No Exploitation (NDPE) commitments

We also give them guidance on financial literacy, RSPO guidelines, and the importance of promoting gender equality within their plantations.



The first Farmer Field School (FFS) program was developed in collaboration with Daemeter Consulting to help smallholders increase their yield and profitability through sustainable agronomic practices

The program is also designed to reduce the negative environmental impacts of farming through improved management practices.



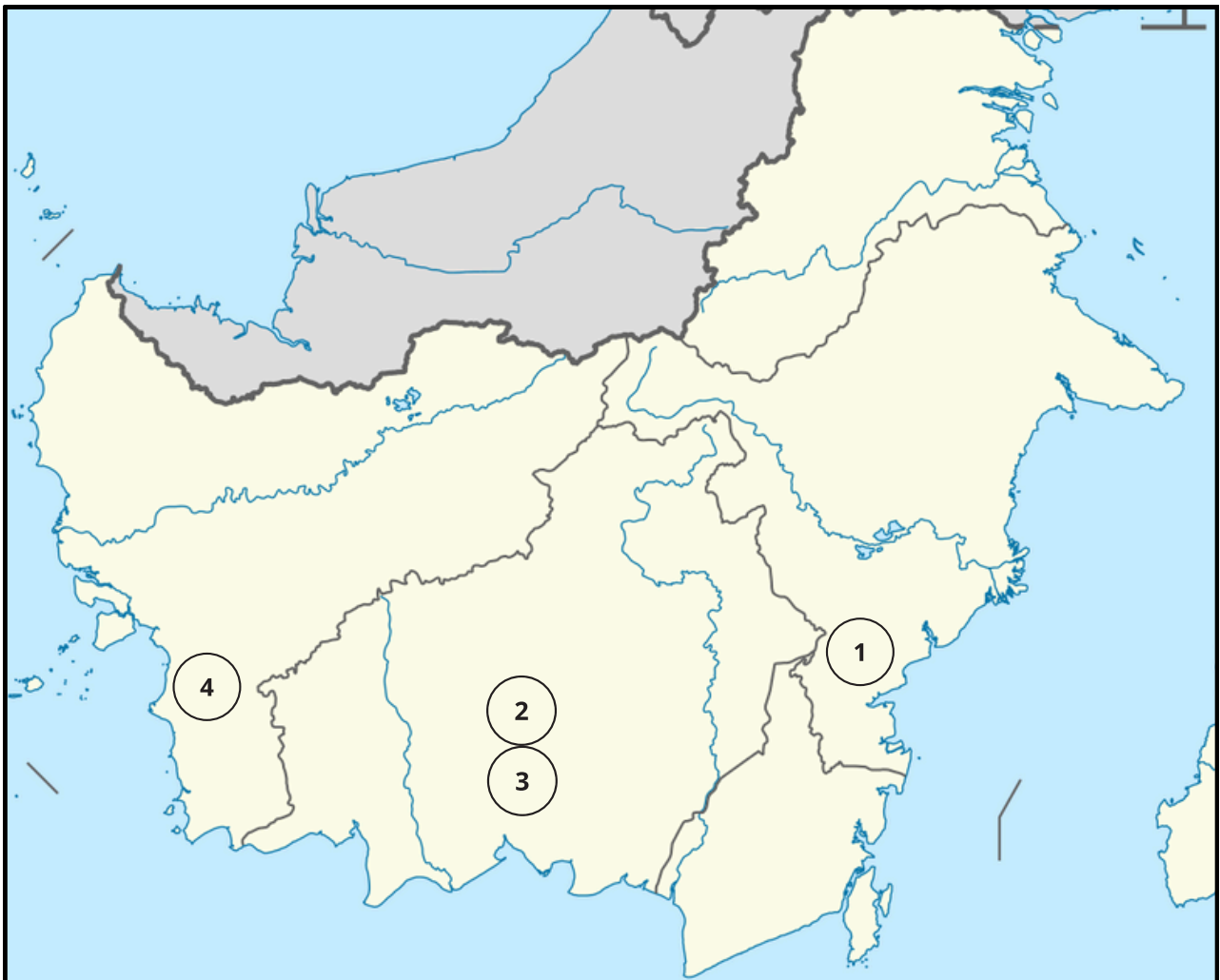
Our Reach

1. East Kalimantan

- Period: 2019 - 2020
Mill: PT Agro Indomas EK
Partner: Daemeter Consulting

2. Central Kalimantan

- Period: 2019 - 2020
Mill: PT Agro Wana Lestari
Partner: Daemeter Consulting



3. Central Kalimantan

- Period: 2022
Mill: PT Agro Indomas
& PT Agro Bukit
Partner: Daemeter Consulting
- Period: 2025
Mill: PT Agro Bukit
Partner: Widya Erti Indonesia

4. West Kalimantan

- Period: 2023
Mill: PT Batu Mas Sejahtera
Partner: Widya Erti Indonesia



2019 – 2020



**We launched
Farmer Field
School in
2019, with
independent
smallholders
from East
Kalimantan
participating in
the program
facilitated by
Daemeter
Consulting.**

The program held in PT Agro Indomas was designed to support Fresh Fruits Bunches (FFB) suppliers to Bumi Jaya POM (palm oil mill).

The program was conducted in six villages for four main suppliers



FFS closing ceremony at Bumi Jaya Mill (Agro Indomas east Kalimantan)

FFS was conducted at a demonstration plot in the plantation



Making Liquid Organic Fertilizer (POC) in Batu Agung village

Sessions were carried out twice a week from August till November 2019. Individual training sessions were also given on a monthly basis for 2-3 hours per session.

FFS was run from November 2019 - January 2020 for 269 smallholders



Batu Agung village, Agro Wana Lestari, 2019

The second batch of FFS was carried out in Agro Wana Lestari (AWL), in Central Kalimantan, for suppliers from three villages, Batu Agung, Tribuana and Bukit Indah villages. The program improved the farmers' understanding of Good Agricultural Practices

FFS became the first model of a smallholder school in Penajam Paser Utara (PPU) district



Field Farmer School Activities in Tribuana village

Contributing to the increasingly good relations between farmers, Goodhope and the district government.





After a brief hiatus due to the Covid pandemic, FFS resumed in Central Kalimantan with 97 farmers, facilitated by Daemeter Consulting

The knowledge gained has helped farmers improve the productivity of the land they own and supports the progression towards sustainable palm oil certification (ISPO and RSPO).

**Smallholders from Lanpasa
Farmer Group in Central
Kalimantan are among the
97 independent _____
smallholders who are
benefitting from our FFS
training program in 2022**



"We, from Lanpasa, would like to express our gratitude to PT Agro Indomas (Goodhope) and to the Daemeter consulting for organizing the FFS.

We enjoyed the combination of theory and practical sessions delivered by Mr. Yunus (trainer) and have learned valuable points about how to better cultivate oil palm.

We hope that the company will continue to guide us to become successful farmers".





In 2023, Goodhope conducted Farmer Field School training for 101 smallholders in the Ketapang region of West Kalimantan



The program was well received with many of the smallholders hoping that Goodhope will continue investing in their development to improve their livelihood and to ensure the sustainability of their farms for their children and generations to come.



**Conducted over 3 months
from September to December
2023 by our partner, Widya
Erti Indonesia**

Goodhope is the first company to run such a program for farmers from the villages of Semandang Kanan, Randau, Istana, and Sandai.

Goodhope focused on capacity building to ensure that farmers in the region are equipped with agricultural knowledge that goes beyond just knowing how to plant oil palm





In 2025, the Farmer Field School program was expanded to support independent smallholders supplying Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) to the Agro Bukit (ABCK) mill in Central Kalimantan

This 8-week training module ran from January to March and was delivered by a Senior Trainer in collaboration with Widya Erti Indonesia (WEI). Participants had the opportunity to share experiences, observe, and learn through both theoretical and practical sessions with the Senior Trainer.





45 smallholders successfully completed the FFS program, with a closing ceremony held on March 19, 2025

The training covered topics on sustainable land management, plant morphology, composting, and harvesting techniques. NDPE (No Deforestation, No Expansion on Peat, No Exploitation) awareness was also included in the curriculum. Participants appreciated the balance between theory and hands-on practice.



The program successfully achieved its objectives by promoting sustainable farming practices and enhancing participants' knowledge on NDPE principles. It reflects our continued commitment to supporting smallholder inclusion



Farmer Field School is just the beginning of our commitment to support the inclusion of independent smallholders into our supply chain. Together with our partners, the next important step is to assist them in obtaining the Cultivation Registration Certificate (STDB). The ultimate goal is to support their journey towards palm oil sustainability certification to further improve their livelihood and nurture long-term sustainability.