

## Our work in the various districts

# Aceh Tamiang

### Smallholders Hub: Trained 73 village officers and 475 smallholders

Since the establishment of our [Smallholders Hub in 2020](#), our field assistants have trained 73 village agriculture officers. Together, our field assistants and village officers have trained 426 smallholders, with a total hectare of 704. See Appendix A for a list of topics we teach smallholders and village officers.

### RADD boosts the monitoring and verification capabilities of the Forest Management Unit

Musim Mas, along with other funders of RADD (Radar Alert for Deforestation Detection)<sup>3</sup>, has selected Aceh Tamiang as one of its pilot areas. As such, RADD's monitoring and alerts verification system has been integrated into IDH's Verified Sourcing Area project since Oct 2020.

World Resources Institute (WRI), the organization behind RADD, has developed a verification protocol to coordinate approaches after receiving alerts. The system is headed by the local Forest Management Unit (FMU or KPH 3), together with FKL, PUPL, Plantation Agency, and YAKATA.

Led by FMU, field verifications began in mid-June. Several high-profile forest clearances have been identified and will be slated to be followed up on. The response protocol is under discussion among the stakeholders in Aceh Tamiang and funders of RADD. The establishment of the Regional Monitoring Team by WRI is almost finalized, equipped with an official mandate from the provincial government.



<sup>3</sup> The RADD (Radar Alert for Deforestation Detection) system uses Sentinel-1 data of 10m spatial resolution and 10 days temporal resolution to detect deforestation event. Radar imagery "sees through the clouds", which is important since many tropical forests are in cloudy regions.

# DID YOU KNOW?

The Smallholders Hub in Aceh Tamiang is part of the VSA (Verified Sourcing Area) an initiative of IDH (Inisiatif Dagang Hijau [The Sustainable Trade Initiative in Indonesia]). This multi stakeholder partnership is leading the way in a collaborative project aimed at implementing the [Green Growth Plan](#) across commodities in Aceh.

The Aceh Tamiang Government has been instrumental in the project by providing support and establishing the PUPL (Pusat Unggulan Perkebunan Lestari) or Center of Excellence to ensure a smooth interface between the Government, private industries, smallholders, NGOs and other stakeholders. FKL (Forum Konservasi Leuser / Leuser Conservation Forum) has also been supporting the project and assisting with planning and implementation activities such as monitoring and patrolling the Leuser Ecosystem. The support from consumer goods companies, such as PepsiCo and Unilever, has helped advance the project.

# Aceh Timur

### Supporting existing programs in the area

Musim Mas will be supporting some projects in Aceh Timur as part of the IDH program.

There are preliminary discussions to expand the RADD pilot to Timur.