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### Asian Agri Distributes Clean Water Facilities to Elementary Students in Jambi

**Tanjung Jabung Barat, Jambi, 12 March 2020** – Asian Agri through its business unit PT Dasa Anugrah Sejati (PT DAS) today distributed new taps and sinks to SDN 183 Dusun Palang in Lubuk Bernai Village in the Jambi province.

Marpituah Saragih, PT Das Group Manager, explained that the new equipment had been urgently required as the school previously had insufficient [clean water facilities](#) for students and teachers.

“This donation is part of the ongoing [Corporate Social Responsibility](#) (CSR) program that we have with this school, as we have previously renovated their classrooms. This time, by upgrading the sanitation facilities in this school, we hope that students will be able to maintain good hygiene by regularly washing their hands to avoid various diseases,” he said.



On the same occasion, Asian Agri conducted an educational session to teach the students how to wash their hands properly to prevent being infected during the ongoing Covid-19 virus outbreak which has hit several parts of the region.

Rudy Jashton Siahaan, Asian Agri CSR Coordinator in Jambi, said: “Washing hands properly is a main way to avoid being infected by the virus. We hope the students and teachers will use the new facilities by washing their hands properly and regularly to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.”

Zeri Maryadi, Deputy Principal of SDN 183, expressed appreciation to Asian Agri.

“We are ensuring that our students and staff are washing their hands regularly with the new faucets in place, especially in the morning before they enter the classrooms,” he said.

### **About Asian Agri :**

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia’s largest palm oil producers since 1979. Today, the company manages 100,000 hectares of land and employs over 25,000 people. A pioneer of the Indonesian government’s Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program, Asian Agri works with 30,000 plasma smallholders in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 hectares of palm oil plantations, as well as independent smallholders, bringing about positive impact on their quality of life and economic development.

Implementing a strict “no burn” policy and best practices in sustainable plantation management, Asian Agri has helped its smallholder partners improve productivity, yield and supply chain traceability, while assisting them obtain certifications. The company’s mills are technologically advanced and energy self-sufficient, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions.

Asian Agri is a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). More than 86% of both owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces and 100% of scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified. All plantations, including those owned by smallholders, have been certified by ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification). The company has also been 100% ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certified.

The company’s operations are ISO 14001 certified, while its Learning Institute and nursery research center in Riau province, Indonesia are both ISO 9001 certified. Asian Agri’s R&D Center in North Sumatra was also given a certification by the International Plant-Analytical Exchange at the WEPAL lab at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, for its high standards.

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