



## Asian Agri and Tanoto Foundation Donate 24 Tons of Oxygen to Support COVID-19 Patients

**Jambi, 7 August 2021** – Asian Agri partnered the Tanoto Foundation, an independent philanthropic organization founded by [Sukanto Tanoto](#) and Tinah Bingei Tanoto in 1981, to jointly donate 24 tons of oxygen to support Covid-19 patients in Jambi Province. This was done in coordination with the Governor of Jambi Province and the Jambi Provincial Police.

The surge in COVID-19 cases in Indonesia has caused a shortage of oxygen in hospitals with patients facing severe-critical symptoms. Asian Agri and the Tanoto Foundation have committed to assisting the Government by providing oxygen for COVID-19 patients, especially those in Jambi.



The oxygen was shipped from Pangkalan Kerinci to Jambi on August 6, 2021, and escorted by the Jambi police. The shipment arrived on August 7, 2021, and was received by the Governor of Jambi Province, Dr. H. Al Haris, S.Sos, M.H and the Jambi Provincial Police Chief, Inspector General. Pol. A. Rachmad Wibowo at the Governor's official residence.

“We welcome the donation by Asian Agri and the Tanoto Foundation. We assigned a special team to safely escort the oxygen truck to its destination. The oxygen is very critical in helping COVID-19 patients in Jambi,” Inspector General. Pol. A. Rachmad Wibowo said.

The Governor of Jambi Province, Al Haris express his appreciation of the aid provided by Asian Agri and the Tanoto Foundation. “Currently, we have a shortage of oxygen in Jambi, especially with the increasing number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients with severe to critical symptoms. We really appreciate the oxygen aid from Asian Agri and the Tanoto Foundation as it will help many hospitals in the province to save lives. We hope this pandemic will end soon and we can return to our normal lives.”

Tanoto Foundation's Board of Trustee, Anderson Tanoto said, “When we received news of the shortage of oxygen in hospitals for COVID-19 patients, we felt the need to respond quickly by delivering oxygen produced by PT RAPP in Pangkalan Kerinci to Java. The distribution will be supervised by the Ministry of Health, so that the hospitals that are in dire need will receive the necessary supplies.”

“We hope the oxygen will save more lives in Jambi,” he added.

The Ministry of Health revealed that the surge in COVID-19 cases in Indonesia in recent weeks has coincided with the sharp increase in demand for medical oxygen from 400 tons per day to 2,500 tons per day.

### **About Asian Agri:**

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia’s largest [palm oil producers](#). Founded in 1979, the company today manages 100,000 hectares of plantation land and employs over 25,000 people. A pioneer of the Indonesian government’s Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program, Asian Agri currently works with 30,000 Plasma Scheme smallholders in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 hectares of palm oil plantations, and independent smallholders who manage a total 41,000 hectares.

Implementing a strict “no burn” policy since 1994 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 (PT Inti Indosawit Subur) is a member of the [Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil \(RSPO\)](#) since 2006. More than 86% of its owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces and 100% of Plasma Scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified. All its owned plantations and those owned by scheme smallholders ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification) certified since 2014. In 2019, the company also achieved 100% ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certification.

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 laboratory at the Center for Research and Development in Tebing Tinggi is accredited by the National Accreditation Committee under the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA).

### **About Tanoto Foundation:**

Tanoto Foundation is an independent philanthropic organization founded by Sukanto Tanoto and Tinah Bingei Tanoto based on the belief that every person should have the opportunity to realize his or her full potential. Tanoto Foundation programs stem from the belief that quality education accelerates equal opportunity. We harness the transformative strength of education to realize people’s full potential and improve lives. Tanoto Foundation focuses on making an impact in three areas: improving learning environments, future leaders development, as well as medical research and sciences.

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