

## Asian Agri Supports Small Businesses in Jambi Affected by Covid-19

**Jambi**, **29 July 2021** –Asian Agri distributed food packages to support small and home businesses affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This was done through its <u>Corporate Social</u> Responsibility (CSR) program.



The basic food packages comprised 5 kilograms of rice, 1 liter of cooking oil, 1 kilogram of sugar, 1 box of tea powder and instant noodles. The delivery of the basic food packages took place at CitraRaya City The International Lifestyle JI. Raya Boulevard Blok A10 No. 07 Mendalo Darat, and was facilitated by Atiek Endang Kusdarwati, Senior Manager HRD Jambi region, Asian Agri.

Also present at the hand-over event were Manager of SSL Plantation Jambi region, Liharman Purba, Head of UPTD Center for Wasnaker Region I Jambi Province, Dodi Haryanto Parmin; Head of Norma J3, Syamsul Bahri, Labor Inspector UPTD Wasnaker Wilayah 1, Irwan Saputra Pulungan; and Labor Inspector of UPTD Wasnaker Wilayah I, Ilhamnur.

Senior Manager HRD Jambi region, Atiek Endang Kusdarwati said the donation by Asian Agri was aimed at supporting small business communities and households affected by the pandemic. Asian Agri is part of RGE, which manages a global group of companies in resource manufacturing.

"We hope this donation will help lighten the burden of the community and it will be well received by the UPTD Wasnaker Region I Disnakertrans Jambi Province committee which facilitates the distribution to the affected residents. We also hope that this pandemic shall soon pass, our small businesses will once again thrive, and we will recover and be stronger," said Atiek.

Speaking on behalf of the community, Dodi Haryanto Parmin, the Head of the Regional I Wasnaker Balai UPTD Jambi Province, said: "We are grateful for Asian Agri's assistance and hope for a speedy economic recovery of our community and businesses."

## **About Asian Agri:**

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia's largest <u>palm oil producers</u>. 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).

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