



HORTSYS

Short evaluation report

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HORTSYS obtained subsidy from EVD through its Indonesia Facility. Partners were Directorate General Horticulture, Directorate Horticulture Seeds and Infrastructure (now Directorate Horticulture Seed and Production Inputs, henceforth 'Horticulture' for short) and BBPPMB-TPH (BPMB) from Indonesia and Naktuinbouw and Plant Research International (PRI) from the Netherlands.

Main issues were 1. Policy support to assist with the development of new regulations; 2. Provide some equipment to BPMB and 6 provincial inspection services (BPSB's); 3. Train staff of BPMB and BPSB's.

The third element included advising BPMB to be able to achieve accreditation by the International Seed Testing association (ISTA).

The Policy support was very timely because a new Horticulture law was drafted. The project produced a report: "The future of the Indonesian vegetable seed sector – Policy recommendations for improved seed availability". Recommendations were discussed at length during personal discussions with MoA staff and presented during the final meeting on 27 September 2010 (see report of this meeting). The private sector representatives present were all strongly supporting the recommendations.

Equipment was purchased in various European countries and shipped to Indonesia. There it was distributed to a number of laboratories: those of BPMB and the BPSB's of Medan, Pontianak, Makassar, Solo, and Surabaya. All equipment was installed successfully by BPMB staff.

The training approach consisted of three distinct steps: 1. training of trainers (TOT) and BPMB staff in English; 2. Translation of the course manual and give TOT training in bahasa Indonesia (with backup from the Dutch staff); and 3. Outreach training courses at 4 locations in the country, entirely done by the local staff (the trained trainers): in Medan, Pontianak, Makassar, and Malang. Staff of BPMB and various BPSB's (from Bandung, Surabaya) assisted.

The number of staff trained was larger than planned: 115 instead of the planned 50. It may be concluded that the three-step approach to training via Training-of-Trainers has been successful. The second course has already been run independently by the trained trainers. The four courses in the third year were entirely an Indonesian affair. The Dutch counterparts did not participate in the preparations, nor in the training itself. In this way a completely Indonesian course curriculum and training expertise has been developed, which can run for years to come.

One outstanding item still remains: due to unforeseen problems with membership payments to ISTA, the application for accreditation was done rather late. As a result the audit visit will take place after the official closing date of the project, *i.e.* on 2 November 2010. The process of corrective actions is expected to last a few months still and it was agreed with EVD that this Means of Verification can be delivered if and when it will be obtained.

The project leader is extremely satisfied with the enthusiasm and hard work done by his Indonesian and Dutch colleagues and counterparts. This was essential for the more than 100% successful outcome of this project.

Details about the project outcome can be found in the HORTSYS Final Report.

In conclusion it can be stated that all objectives have been reached, if not more.