

First Harvest in Dolok Parmonangan, A Success Story of Cassava Farmers and TPL

SIMALUNGUN – A joyful atmosphere filled the Saborang Mulana Forest Farmers Group (KTH) in Dolok Parmonangan Village, Dolok Panribuan District, Simalungun Regency. Today, they celebrated the first cassava harvest from the intercrop program, an initiative under the Community Development (CD) program of PT Toba Pulp Lestari, Tbk (TPL) in the Aek Nauli Sector. (Thursday, 05/12/2024)

This program, which began in early 2024, received full support from TPL, which provided land, capital, and essential farming inputs such as base fertilizers, seedlings, and maintenance. With the applied intercrop method, the cassava harvest is expected to reach 26 to 30 tons, bringing optimism to the 28 households of KTH Saborang Mulana.

Hasudungan Siallagan, Chairman of KTH Saborang Mulana, expressed his gratitude for the harvest results. He hopes that this harvest will bring significant economic value to the farmers' group and the surrounding community.

“We are very optimistic that this program can enhance the economic value of our farmers' group. The support from PT TPL has been invaluable, from providing land and capital to essential farming inputs like base fertilizers, seedlings, and maintenance,” he said.

He also hopes that this collaboration will continue, not only for KTH Saborang Mulana but also for other farmer groups within PT TPL's operational areas.

On the same occasion, Agus Pelawi, Estate Manager of TPL Aek Nauli Sector, who attended the harvest event alongside CD Officer Jhony Sitohang, reaffirmed the company's commitment to supporting community welfare.

"This program is a tangible manifestation of our responsibility as a company towards the local community. We want to ensure that the synergy we build provides sustainable benefits, as part of TPL's commitment to growing and developing alongside the community," said Agus.

The cassava intercrop program serves as a real example of a mutually beneficial synergy between the company and the local community. With promising yields, this initiative not only increases farmers' income but also strengthens the harmonious relationship between PT TPL and the surrounding communities. Today's harvest proves that community empowerment-focused collaboration can create a meaningful and positive impact.