STRATEGIC SECTOR COOPERATION ON FOOD & AGRICULTURE BETWEEN INDONESIA & DENMARK, Organic Dairy Production in Indonesia

Annual report for 2019

Project description

During the inception project of the SSC Food & Agriculture between Indonesia and Denmark, the partners agreed to develop and implement the framework and relevant legislation on organic dairy production. The project will officially be agreed upon with the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture during spring 2020.

The improvement of the dairy production is a political priority in Indonesia and organic production is considered to play a multiple role - as means to strengthen the framework conditions and supporting capacity building to improve the milk quality and food safety, supporting thereby a sustainable development of the industry in Indonesia.

The potential higher market price of organic milk compared to conventional milk will work as an incentive tool for increasing the motivation to comply with the framework, contributing at the same time to the welfare of the farmers (better price per litre for better quality). Moreover, the production of organic milk will increase the safety and quality of food products for the benefit of the Indonesian population and environment.

Key activities in year 2019

- Bilateral multiple meetings in Jakarta, Indonesia with relevant ministries, NGOs and stakeholders within food safety, agriculture and nutrition.
- Two study tours in Indonesia on dairy farming at different locations on Java.
- One study tour in Denmark for the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia to visit relevant Danish public and private partners involved in dairy production in Denmark.
- Dialogue and relation building with ministries and relevant stakeholders in Indonesia
- Involvement of the Danish and Indonesian dairy private sector by the Sector Counsellor
- Seminar in Indonesia on Pioneering Organic Dairy Production involving Danish and Indonesian stakeholders, private sector, NGOs and governmental institutions, launched by the Danish Minister for Environment, Lea Wermelin.
- Four DFC scholarships for the MoA to attend the course “Value Chain and Food Quality”
- Three DFC scholarships for the MoA laboratory extension services to attend the course “Food Safety in the Dairy Sector”.

Main achievements and lessons learned in 2019

During the preparation of the SSC project, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration conducted meetings with relevant ministries in Indonesia. It was decided that the scope of the project should be within the political priorities of Indonesia, in order to enhance the interest on and relevance of the project, as well as strengthening the impact of the same. Both the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and the Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia (BAPPENAS) are very interested in collaborating with organic dairy production, since organic development is already a political priority in Indonesia and will fit well into the country’s political agenda. The project has therefore met strong support in Indonesia.

The Danish Dairy sector is also actively engaged in Indonesia’s effort to modernize Indonesian dairy farms and in addition they give their backing to the SSC project.

It was agreed that the MoA is the signing partner of the project, while BAPPENAS will participate in the Steering Committee. MoA has already set up a Champion Team, anchored in the MoA at a high level, ensuring high impact and influence on the decision making.