

The Role of Farmer Groups in Managing Rice Farming Businesses in Wuasa Village North Lore District

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ABSTRACT

Research objectives This is To know how big the role group farmer is in the management of rice farming in the village of Wow North Lore District, Poso Regency. Wuasa Village owns fertile land suitable For Budi Power rice, so part big residents Work as farmers. This is the background writer. For the research role, group farmers to farming rice in the village Wow. Study This adopts a qualitative method with a descriptive approach. Data is collected through interviews, observations, and documentation. Research results show that the role group the farmer in the management of farming rice's impact is significant to the development farming public. And active in implementation activity farming, especially For searching and distributing information, collaborating with government or institutions related to providing facility production and planning activity for group farmers.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Rice, as a commodity food, has marked a very important strategy. Starting from stage pre-production like provision of seeds superior, fertilizer, medicine, facilities irrigation, credit production, and strengthening capital for institutional farmers. Efforts to improve production and income from farming rice No can succeed without adoption technology latest in various aspects like technical cultivation, seeds, medicines, and fertilization. (Ilham 2010) .

Agriculture is the main sector in eye livelihoods in developing countries. Apart from that, agriculture is also becoming a source of livelihood for poor people in rural areas in countries with income low or medium good in a way direct nor No directly (Waddington et al., 2012). The farming community plays a role that influences the development of agriculture. Empowerment of public farmers is very important. To help them face challenges, remember their role is crucial in moving the country's economy. Distinguishing farmer groups in rural areas is one way the government works with farmers to build their independence. Agricultural development efforts such as the formation of farmer groups help increase agricultural output, provide a solid platform in rural areas, and encourage farmers to cooperate to overcome various threats, challenges, obstacles, and disturbances (Bahasoan et al., 2024).

Farmer groups agree that to improve their quality of life, quality agriculture is needed, efficient farming businesses, and welfare for farming families. Apart from technology and capital, the ability of farmer groups has a very important role in maintaining sustainable rice productivity. This is

due to the nature of farming, which is oriented towards small areas of land and is often carried out on a part-time basis so that its contribution to total household income is relatively small. The use of economies of scale, coordination of operations, and implementation of government programs to increase rice production are the main objectives of this Work. Members are encouraged to share views, interests, and family ties (Nainggolan et al., 2014).

In an effort to accelerate target achievement, coaching is carried out for farmer groups. Considering the large number of farmers spread across various villages, it is hoped that the formation of insight and partnership horizons will change the current image of farming into a farming business that is empowered and sustainable in the future. The development of farmer groups is focused on implementing agribusiness systems, increasing the participation of farmers and other rural communities, as well as promoting cooperation between farmers and related parties to improve joint efforts. Farmer groups are formed based on similar interests, environmental conditions (social, economic, and resources), and closeness.

Wuasa Village is located in North Lore District, Poso Regency, where most of the population work as farmers. The village is surrounded by flat land suitable for irrigated rice farming, and there is a narrow stretch of irrigated rice fields to the west that separates the town from the hills. The large and fertile agricultural land in Wuasa Village makes it a source of rice for the community and many companies in Central Sulawesi.

The farming business in Wuasa Village is classified as active, with many farming rice in the village because of the village area. Wow owns flat and fertile land suitable For Budi Power rice, so part big its inhabitants Work as farmers. Wuasa Village owns a group classified as farmers active with the formation of 7 (Seven) groups farmer formed with the objective of receptacle communication between farmers and creating procedures using source existing power.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The basic research used is approach qualitative. According to Sugiyono (2015), a method study is an approach used For the study of a situation in which the object study is in natural circumstances. In this method, the researcher's role is the instrument main, data analysis is inductive, and the emphasis on results study qualitative more about meaning than generalization. Study This was carried out on January 20 2 4, with location research in Wuasa Village Subdistrict Northern Lore Regency Poso. Election place taken on purpose (*purposive*) and consider Wuasa Village community is a society that has productivity spelled out tall in field agriculture rice and also has 7 groups the farmer is said to be Enough active in management business farmer rice.

Study This uses descriptive approach analysis. Data obtained from primary and secondary sources. Primary data comes from observations and interviews. In this research, the sample acts as chairman of a farmer group in Wuasa Village, with a total of seven farmer groups.

Table 1. Data on the number of farmer groups in Wuasa Village, North Lore District

No	Name of farmer group	Amount Member Group
1	Hintu Huraira	32
2	Malino Rays	28
3	Banyan Jaya	35
4	Halluahe	30
5	Darma Bakti	26
6	Farmer's Work	39
7	Independent	30

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Poso Regency is located in Central Sulawesi Province, in the Sulawesi region. Wuasa Village, in the district, has land suitable flat For agriculture and rice irrigation. To the west, there are narrow stretches of irrigated rice fields separating settlements from hills. In the area This is dry land as well as coffee and cocoa plantations owned by residents village, border direct with Lore Lindu National

Park (TNLL). On the side east of irrigated rice fields, there is dry land and a garden with creeping coffee and cocoa plants until to the banks of the Tambua River, separating Wow from village Alitupu, as well as the land hilly border with the valley.

Farmer groups play an important role in managing farming businesses to become vehicles. The study teaches its members To increase their knowledge effort. Farmer become an important organization for farmers to work together among members. This role is very important for farmers to improve the income and lives of farming communities in the region.

Farmer groups play a role as place meetings for farmers To discuss various related matters with activity agriculture together its members. As stated by Mr Ronal Pakola, one of the chairmen of group Darma Bakti farmer in Wuasa Village:

" Group Wuasa Village farmers own role important to management business farming, because the Wuasa Village farming group handles all agricultural activities and problems simultaneously, this group is very important for managing farming businesses. With seven farmer groups, farmers can work together to solve their problems. Keeping this in mind, farmer groups must be built and further empowered so that they can develop optimally."

Not far different from what was conveyed by Mr. Maskur, who also acted as chairman of group farmers in Wuasa Village:

" Existence group farmers increase management business farmer in a way effective. Group farmer This consists of farmers in the village Wow, though Not all farmers in the village join in as well as in activity This. Chairman group farmers chosen from circles considered farmers own adequate knowledge and good experience has not quite enough big answer to the role of group farmer to management business farmer the. The chairman of the farmer group, who is elected in turn is expected to be responsible for coordinating the cooperation activities of the farmer group, liaising with extension workers and agricultural services. "

Group form of farming receptacle place gathering farmers who own role important in influence income farmer rice. About matter according to Mr. Ronald Pakola:

" Group farmer role big in income results harvest farmer Because with exists group earlier make it easier farmer in management land where is the rice? Group farmers own a hijacker tool that makes it easy for farmers without having to emit cost For rental tools For piracy land agriculture. "

According to Mr Maskur that :

" With existing group farmer easier in access seeds, group farmer clear influential For income farmer Because group farmer gives fast information about ups and downs price seeds and also makes things easier work channels that sometimes must emit cost hire someone, now easier Because done in a way groups by farmers who are members in group farmer the. "

According to Mr Ronal Pakola that :

" For role planning activity Alone from specifically match plant in the rice field done in accordance with the agreement that has been made in One year Can twice planting, like Now Already enter season repetition January and month February Already plant. "

According to Mr Maskur that :

" In farming management, planning farmer group activities is very important to determine what activities will be carried out, how and when they will be carried out based on the information collected. "

The involvement of farmer groups in planning activities is very important because they are the ones who make the plans or know the conditions of their environment. It is hoped that the role of farmer group members in planning group activities will enable them to ensure that the farming activities carried out will be more effective and focused on their welfare. Group farmer's role in provision facilities and means production To use makes it easier for member farmers.

About matter according to Mr. Ronald Pakola:

" If it's for provision facility, That Alone every 6 years and also new just 2 years. Then, get the tractor from the village, so For the means moment harvest For complaint used together. "

Then, according to Mr Maskur that :

" The ability of farmer groups to build facilities and production facilities indirectly reflects the stability and maturity of the group. The more facilities and means a farmer group has, the greater their potential to carry out their duties effectively and optimally. "

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the results and Discussion in the study, it concluded that the role group farmer, fine administrator, or its members is very important in managing business farmer rice in the village Wow. Group farmers' role is big in increasing the effectiveness of the development of farming society, even exceeding before the formation of group farming. They coordinate with party government or agency related to providing facility means production. Besides, they are active in implementation activity farming, especially in searching and distributing information about seeds and prices fluctuating fertilizer, as well as reducing expenditure farmer in processing land and use tool tractors. They also play a role in planning activities that group farmers in a whole way.

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