

Story of Change

## Yakob Sorbu: One Hundred Bottles of VCO for His Daughter's Education Fee

Yakob Sorbu is a 45 years old man from Kansai Village, Numfor and currently is the secretary of the general VCO producer group in Kansai village. He is also a member of the Sampari group and one of the few male VCO producers in Kansai village. Every day he and his wife sell the harvest from their garden in front of his house. Some of the garden products that he sells are cucumbers, sorghum, long beans, tomatoes and chilies.

He learned to produce VCO from a training provided by IDEP, Bali which was funded by the Protarih program in 2015. After attending this training, he had tried several times to make VCO but failed. "I first tried to make VCO using 50 coconuts but only managed to produce 4 bottles out of it. Not giving up, I tried making it again using 30 coconuts and managed to get 12 bottles if VCO. I made a mistake at that time, I used boiling hot water to get coconut milk because I misunderstood the instructions they gave me."

"In 2019, I participated in the VCO making training initiated by the GEG program. The method introduced was easier for me to follow. Since then, I have been producing VCO regularly in small batches to sell in front of my house" said Yakob smiling.

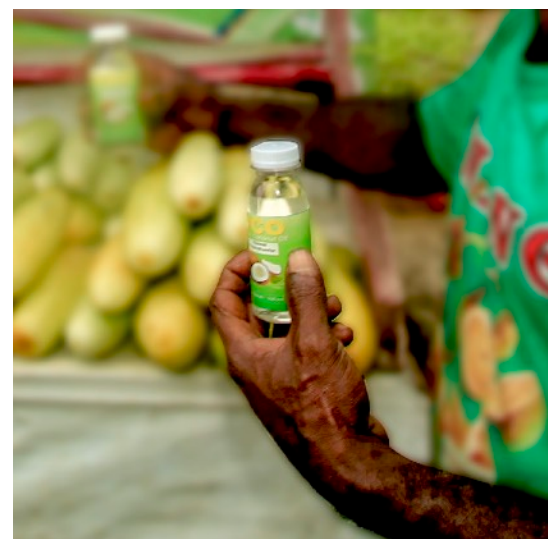


Last February, for the first time Yakob produced large quantities of VCO to pay for his daughter's education. He and his wife used 150 coconuts that they bought at a price of IDR. 1000/ coconut from coconut growers in Kameri village and managed to produce 111 bottles of 100 ml VCO. Five of the bottles were bought by residents of his village, Kansai, and the rest were sold to Manokwari.

He successfully sold at least a hundred of bottles of VCO in a short period and the money has been used by his daughter who is studying Agriculture at University of Papua in Manokwari to buy a second hand laptop and pay her semester fees.

"So far, VCO has been very useful because it can help me get a large amount of money in a short time," he said gratefully. Moving forward, he

said that he will keep producing VCO in large batches and has a plan to build a production room in his house to ensure the quality of his VCO."







## Swiss-belhotel Jayapura & Container Coffee Cooperation to Absorb Papuan Coffee

Container Coffee Papua is one of the partners of the GEG program which was established in 2019. This business is owned by Aloysius Jufuay, a Papuan youth who lives in the city of Jayapura. The business of Container Coffee includes selling Papuan coffee green beans as well as packaged coffee in the form of beans and powder.

Facilitated by the GEG program, in early August Container Coffee signed a cooperation contract with

Swiss-Belhotel to supply coffee for 5 years to them with an estimated volume of 4-5 tons per year.

As one of the largest hotels in Jayapura, this collaboration is very significant in absorbing the coffee harvest of the farmers and at the same time very beneficial to further promoting Papuan coffee to the hotel's wide network of guests.

Upstream, this collaboration means that farmers need to be more

enthusiastic and careful about taking care of their coffee plantations and also maintaining the quality of the coffee beans they produce. So that this kind of cooperation can continue and grow in terms of volume request and also to a wider network of businesses.

The GEG Program is committed to ensuring that Papuan coffee farmers are connected to the right markets to ensure the sustainability of their green businesses.





## Dogiyai Regency Plantation Office Targets Coffee Quantity, Quality and Continuity in Dogiyai



Dogiyai Regency in Papua Province has great coffee potential. This district consists of 10 sub districts and 79 villages where from the 79 villages in the district, 76 of them have the potential for coffee development. Therefore, the Dogiyai Regency Plantation Office is committed to increase the amount of coffee production by expanding and opening new coffee plantations.

This year the target of the Dogiyai Plantation Service is to expand the coffee plantation area to a minimum of 100 hectares. The Dogiyai Plantation Service is collaborating with coffee farmers in Kigamani village, Degeigimi sub district to prepare 105,000 coffee seedlings for new planting. As of April they had managed to prepare 40,000 new coffee seedlings.

It is expected that this will become a primary coffee plantation which is expected to provide premium Arabica coffee seeds and seedlings

for all villages in Dogiyai district and even to other districts. It is hoped that in the next few years, the plantation can bring in local revenue for the Dogiyai district.

According to Meky Dimi, Head of the Plantation Division of the Dogiyai Regency Plantation Service, the presence of GEG program has added value to the government's work. Previously, the focus of his office was to rehabilitate the old coffee plantations. However, in the last two years, as the price of coffee beans has increased, the government no longer focuses on the rehabilitation of coffee farms.

"We believe that good coffee prices will be able to encourage farmers to rehabilitate their gardens independently. So now we at the Plantation Service have shifted our focus of intervention to expanding the coffee planting area in Dogiyai district to increase the production", said Meky Dimi to the GEG team.

Seeing the serious commitment of the Dogiyai Plantation Service in developing coffee in this district in taking active steps to develop coffee, gives hope for a better future for Papuan coffee and for Dogiyai







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