

EYE-OPENING GOAT BREEDING TRAINING FOR FARMERS GROUP OF MITRA KORIDOR

In the framework of Chevron Community Empowerment/ Community Development, Yayasan Bina Usaha Lingkungan (YBUL) implemented Community Based Environmental Conservation and Micro Finance Development Program. The strategic objective of this 12-months-program is to expanding economic growth and social well-being through capacity building and community investment by expanding access for community based microfinance and development of community based environmental conservation. The beneficiary of this program is the communities surrounding areas of Chevron Geothermal Darajat, Garut as well as the communities surrounding area of Chevron Geothermal Salak, including kec. Pamijahan, Bogor, Kec. Kalapa Nunggal and Kec. Kabandungan in Sukabumi,

To implement the activities mandated, YBUL was working in partnership with PT. Permodalan Nasional Madani (PT. PNM) and collaborated with local NGOs, including: (i) Yayasan Pendidikan Lingkungan Kesehatan dan Kesejahteraan Keluarga (YPLK3), (ii) Biodiversity Conservation Indonesia (BCI), and (iii) Perkumpulan Suaka Elang (PSE).

On key activities in this program is integrated farming development. This activity aimed to introduce organic farming method and utilization goat waste for organic fertilize. Socialization of this activity has received well acceptance by the farmer group members in Desa Cipeuteuy, Sukabumi. As a follow up, on 23 April 2010, YBUL and BCI co-organized a training on goat breeding and organic fertilizer making. This training was held in kampong Cisarua, desa Cipeuteuy, Kec. Kabandungan, Kab. Sukabumi. The training, which was opened by the head of the village, Mr. Acun, aimed at sharing and providing up-dates on goat breeding management to the farmers group of "Mitra Koridor". The Mitra Koridor Group, which lead by Mr. Dayat Kewen, consists of 20 farmers and breeders from four kampongs in desa Cipeuteuy.

The trainer, Mr. Muhammad Nursyid, opened the training as a sharing session of practitioners of goat breeders and attractively package the training by highlighting the importance of group meetings/activities to support breeders' income generating activities in order to meet family needs and connecting it with the potential for earning higher income from breeding properly. In his presentation, Mr. Nursyid provided insightful guidance as well as practical information on selecting healthy goat for breeding, developing goat-friendly stable, on feeding variations, reproduction, and health maintenance. Several times, the trainer emphasized the importance of the breeders to properly care their goats. With human association, he smartly illustrated that the better selling price of goat must be every breeders' wish, but this premium price can only be achieved by having a good-looking and healthy goat.

The farmers enthusiastically inquired further details on the presentations, particularly on feedings and health maintenance of the stable, and they also actively seek answers to problems they faced. During the discussions, it was clear that the goat breeders in desa Cipeuteuy raised their goat traditionally and certainly needs further assistance to better raise their goats and manage them as a family income-generating activity.

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Kepala Desa Cipeuteuy, Mr. Acun, opening of training on Goat Breeding Management and the presentation by Mr. Muhammad Nursyid.



The participants of the training, the farmers group of "Mitra Koridor".