

**THROUGHOUT 2022,
PETROKIMIA GRESIK'S MAKMUR PROGRAM & AGRO SOLUTION
PROSPER MORE THAN 30 THOUSAND FARMERS**

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On the occasion of **National Farmers Day 2022**, Petrokimia Gresik affirmed its commitment to continue to improve the welfare of farmers in Indonesia. Where in 2022 this has boosted the welfare of 31,113 farmers through the Agro Solution and Makmur program that has been run by the company.

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo, on Saturday (24/9) said that Petrokimia Gresik runs the Agro Solution program starting in 2021 when Indonesia's economic conditions are contracting due to the Covid-19 pandemic, then strengthened by the presence of the Makmur (Let's Advance People's Business) program by the Minister of SOEs of the Republic of Indonesia, Erick Thohir.

"Both Agro Solution and Makmur program have proven to be able to be catalysts for the acceleration of national economic growth through increasing agricultural productivity," said Dwi Satriyo.

This partnership program is presented because of many problems of farmers in the field, including low productivity, lack of assistance, unaffordable agro-input prices (fertilizers, pesticides, and seeds), difficulty in access to financial institutions, a limited number of Field Agricultural Extension Officers (PPL), selling prices of crops that tend to fall during the harvest (no price guarantee), and farmers have not been facilitated from the risk of crop failure and limited infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Agro Solution is an initiation program of Pupuk Indonesia that seeks to create a comprehensive agricultural ecosystem, both on-farm and off-farm, starting from the provision of funds or business capital in synergy with banking institutions, then insurance guarantees, fertilizer availability, pest control, to off-takers.

The difference with Makmur, all stakeholders involved are state-owned companies, namely PTPN, Pupuk Indonesia, ID Food, Perhutani, Askrindo, Jasindo, and BRI.

Petrokimia Gresik is a member of the Pupuk Indonesia holding which has a big target in the realization of Agro Solution and Makmur. Until 2022, the Petrokimia Gresik target will increase to 85,000 Ha. Meanwhile, the realization until August 2022 has reached 66,694 ha or 78 percent of the target and has involved more than 30 thousand farmers

"We are optimistic that we can exceed this target by the end of 2022 so that more farmers will prosper through this program," said Dwi Satriyo.

The increase in income felt by farmers through this program is fairly high, ranging from 15 percent to almost 30 percent each season.

Food crop farmers, from previously only earning Rp25,225,070/Ha, through this program increased by 26 percent to Rp31,676,151/Ha. Likewise, plantation farmers, increased by 28 percent from Rp49,552,317/Ha to Rp63,294,354/Ha. Almost the same conditions are also experienced by horticultural farmers.

In this program, the services provided by Petrokimia Gresik to improve the welfare of farmers are as follows,

first, providing a soil test car that can identify soil content in agricultural land, so that the recommended fertilization is more precise with optimal results.

"Petrokimia Gresik has 15 units of soil test cars spread across various regions in the country. All farmers can provide this service for free. Farmers only need to bring soil samples, and in a matter of minutes they already know the soil content, complete with fertilization recommendations," said Dwi Satriyo.

Second, Petrokimia Gresik also provides cultivation control starting by ensuring the availability of fertilizers and pest control. In this program, Petrokimia Gresik educates farmers to use non-subsidized products that have been proven to be of high quality in increasing agricultural productivity, as well as farmer income.

Petrokimia Gresik has introduced Petro ZA Plus, Phosgreen, and Petroganic Premium as an alternative to the substitution of ZA, SP-36, and Petroganik fertilizers which are based on Permentan Number 10 of 2022 are no longer included in the subsidy scheme.

Third, Petrokimia Gresik also complements capital assistance through the Mangga Makmur program, which is financing from the Petrokimia Gresik Social and Environmental Responsibility (TJSL) specifically to farmers participating in the Agro Solution Project which is used for the cost and purchase of non-subsidized fertilizers and pesticides of Petrokimia Gresik.

"With this integrated agricultural ecosystem, farmers can focus more on carrying out their agricultural cultivation, because both capital and sales of crops have been touched," concluded Dwi Satriyo.

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