



Strategies of Rural Development

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In 2002, the World Bank laid out a renewed strategy for agriculture and rural development, entitled Reaching the Rural Poor. This strategy seeks to improve the well-being of rural people by fostering the conditions for rural growth

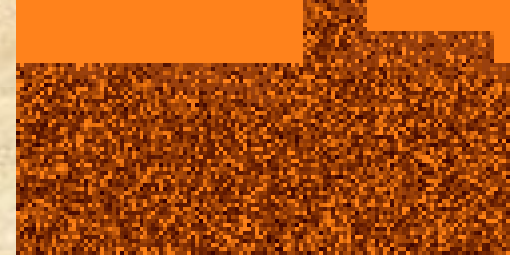
- 1. competitive agriculture sector,**
- 2. diversified rural economy with non-farm employment opportunities,**
- 3. sustainable managed natural resource base.**



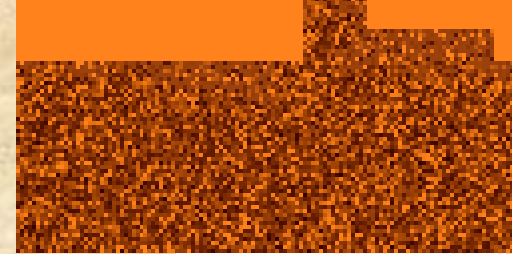
Indonesian agriculture supports the livelihood of millions of Indonesians. Three out of five Indonesians still live in rural areas and farming is their main occupation. While Indonesian agriculture has performed well historically and contributed to significant growth with increased employment and reduction of poverty, productivity gains of most crops have now slowed down significantly and the majority of farmers operate in less than one-half hectare today.

Implementing The Rural Development Strategy

- Investment in agricultural holdings,
- setting up of young farmers,
- training,
- forestry rather than deforestation of agricultural land,
- land improvement,
- setting-up of farm relief and farm management services,
- marketing of quality agricultural products,
- basic services for the rural economy and population,
- renovation and development of villages
- Protection and conservation of the rural heritage,



- diversification of agricultural activities and activities close to agriculture to provide multiple activities or alternative incomes,
- agricultural water resources management,
- development and improvement of infrastructure connected with the development of agriculture,
- encouragement for tourist and craft activities,
- protection of the environment in connection with agriculture, forestry and landscape conservation as well as with the improvement of animal welfare,
- restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and introducing appropriate prevention instruments,
- financial engineering.



villages are objects of development,
not subjects of
their own future

(Hans Antlöv, 2006)