Grow a Garden

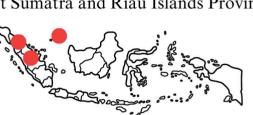


Your Chilli and Veggie Seeds plus farm training provide healthy food for families and another source of income ... so families are stronger when floods, drought or storms strike.

Your Gift of Grace delivered in:

North and West Sumatra and Riau Islands Province,

Indonesia





What you give	 Chilli & veggie seeds Training in climate-smart farming, including: soil preparation composting pest control
Why your gift is needed	 Local communities report the changing climate is increasing the frequency and impact of natural disasters Their main source of income is farming, fishing, livestock, and small business These livelihoods are easily destroyed when natural disasters strike Communities are not well-prepared for disaster
How your gift helps	 Your Seeds plus training means better productivity and reliability of crops, better food security, chance to earn income, better well-being PLUS the environment is protected
Your gift delivered by	Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies (CDRM&CDS)

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Thank you to the Australians who support us. God bless you!"

Rosina Sirikole, Indonesia



CASE STUDY

Rosina's story: "Thank you for being patient with us"

Rosina is one of the people you support with chilli and veggie seeds, plus training in climate-smart farming.

"In the beginning, I started growing vegetables and chillies in my yard.

My goal was just to grow enough for my family to reduce our expenses. While planting chillies in my yard, I gained a lot of knowledge and skills.

With support from CDRM&CDS (ALWS' local partner), I learned to cultivate the soil for vegetables and chillies to grow well.

I also learnt about making compost and how to prevent disease in plants. My vegetables and chillies grew well and we harvested enough for our daily needs.

After this, my husband and I became more confident to grow our chilli and vegetable farming.

Now, we grow them in the fields, alongside bananas. We increase our source of income from all these crops.

Our chillies and vegetables grow abundantly!

I use some for home, and I also sell them to residents in the village. They love buying my vegetables and chillies. I earn extra money from this - around 300,000 rupees a month (\$28). I save this extra money.

I feel happy I participated in the training.

I became enthusiastic about following it, taking part in group activities, saving money, and joining in meetings.

I gained a lot of experience and knowledge that changed my family's lives.

Before the training, I didn't know how to grow vegetables or chillies. I just farmed rice, bananas and taro.

We didn't know about using compost. The rice harvest was also small, and not enough to last until next season.

My dream is to continue developing my chilli and vegetable farm. I hope to sell my chillies and vegetables further afield, not just in the village.

If this goes well, then our family income will increase. Our lives will get better. May God hear our prayers.

I am grateful to CDRM&CDS for being patient in encouraging, educating, and supporting us.

Thank you also to donors and the Australians who support us. God bless you!"



