

Your donation prevents damage caused by climate change and helps farmers to preserve and develop their traditional customs.

In Kulawi, a region in Central Sulawesi, the population is severely affected by the consequences of climate change. The Protestant Indonesian Church in Donggala (GPID) is therefore training farmers in sustainable organic farming. This not only mitigates climate change, it also gives farmers greater financial stability.

The consequences of climate change are felt throughout Indonesia, particularly in the Kulawi region. The weather is fluctuating more and more between extremes. Rainy and dry seasons are both becoming longer. On top of this, the consequences of decades of mismanagement are being felt since much of the rainforest was cut down to make way for monocultures. Today, farmers can no longer rely on their harvests. This threatens the livelihoods of large parts of the population.

The GPID has therefore networked with organisations and research institutions. Together, they train farmers in organic farming methods and agroforestry. These techniques increase

soil fertility, reduce the use of chemicals, protect forest diversity and secure the livelihoods of farmers.

The church offers workshops on agroforestry and organic farming. It trains farmers as well as multipliers who pass on their knowledge to the local communities. It provides machinery and seeds. The church is focusing its aid in particular on poor families and women. Traditionally, women in the region have a great deal of agricultural knowledge, for example on how to preserve seeds and planting techniques. Involving them strengthens both the project and boosts women's role in society. The GPID organises excursions to raise the awareness about climate change and its consequences.

## Tradition and innovation combined

The project of the Protestant Church in Indonesia in Donggala prevents damage caused by climate change and offers farmers in Kulawi the opportunity to preserve and develop their deeply rooted traditional customs and local knowledge. This not only helps farmers achieve better harvests, it also contributes to a healthy environment for future generations. Tradition helps shape the future!

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