

PROJECT INFORMATION

INDONESIA/SULAWESI COMBATING POVERTY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FRESHWATER FISH FARMING

You can help by donating to the project “Combating poverty through sustainable freshwater fish farming”.

The district of Mamasa is located inland in the Indonesian province of West Sulawesi. Although its landscape is hilly and rich in water, it is distant from the coast and major cities. Many families work in the rice fields, but their livelihoods are precarious. In search of additional income, some people clear forest land, which fuels soil erosion. In order to break the cycle of poverty and environmental destruction, the Toraja Mamasa Church (GTM) has launched a special initiative: sustainable freshwater fish farming to provide a new source of income for families of smallholders.

At the newly established training centre, participants learn how to successfully raise and market fish step by step, from preparing a pond to proper care and feeding, and selling their harvest at local markets. In the process, they acquire practical skills and gain confidence as they help their communities unlock new sources of income.

Mina-Padi: Rice cultivation and fish farming as sustainable sources of income

Once they have been trained, these “multipliers” share their knowledge within their villages, helping others to set up small fish farms and distributing young fish to rice farmers. The conditions are favourable for this: the “Mina Padi system” is used, which is a traditional combination of rice cultivation and fish farming in irrigation channels. For farming families, raising fish in the rice fields provides a reliable additional source of income. These extra earnings make it possible to send children to school, pay for medical care and ensure adequate nutrition. At the same time, the incentive to clear forest land diminishes, as each new fishpond provides a sustainable alternative that benefits both people and nature.

By donating to the “Combating Poverty through Sustainable Freshwater Fish Farming” project, you are helping families in Mamasa to overcome poverty through their own efforts, while also preserving the region’s unique natural environment.

DONATE

Donation Account: EMS Evangelische Bank eG
IBAN DE85 5206 0410 0000 0001 24, BIC GENODEF1EK1
Reference “Indonesia: Freshwater fish farming”

For your questions: Angelika Jung
Tel. +49 711 636 78 -63
spenden@ems-online.org



Church - local and worldwide. The Evangelical Mission in Solidarity (EMS) connects people from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Evangelical Mission
in Solidarity

