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COCOA JOURNEY

In Central Sulawesi, every good bean begins with sustainable farming practices.



Starting the Change

Across Sigi and Kulawi, farmers are relearning sustainable cocoa farming—transforming good practices into better harvests and a greener future.

“After learning how to properly prune, fertilise, and manage our trees, everything changed.
The soil is healthier, and so are our crops.”

Kristina Rampang,
Cocoa Farmer

The Science of Sustainable Farming

From soil care to harvest, sustainable methods guides every step. Farmers learn through hands-on training—choosing the right clones, applying nutrients wisely, and mastering fermentation.

“Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) is a complete package, from land selection and pruning to sanitation and post-harvest handling—all to meet global standards.”

Alfonso Wayudi,
Agricultural Extension Officer



These sustainable practices not only increase yields, they prepare farmers for global markets that now demand traceable, sustainable cocoa.

Protecting Land and Forests

Sustainability is rooted in respect for nature. By planting cocoa alongside durian, avocado, and banana, farmers create shade, protect the soil, and generate additional income.

Farmers are also made aware not to plant within conservation zones, ensuring forests such as Lore Lindu National Park remain protected.

“Durian trees now grow beside my cocoa. They provide shade, improve the soil, and support our household economy.”



Kristina Rampang,
Cocoa Farmer

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