

Project Update: May 2003

One major success story from our work is Mr. Sudirno's. He was a participant of vermicompost training at PPLH Seloliman. He was a farmer that interested in this vermicompost making. He practice making vermicompost for several months and now he get some benefit. He can use vermicompost as organic fertilizer to his garden and he can harvest corn 3 times bigger and get more corn than the past planting season when he used chemical fertilizer. He didn't have to buy chemical fertilizer that quite expensive and the soil structure were improved by the vermicompost. Some farmers were interested and want to follow him making vermicompost.

Mr Sudirno started with one box of vermicompost and now he developed it to four boxes of 1x2 meter. He uses his house, garden and livestock waste to feed his worms. From August to November he already gets 440 kg of vermicompost made by 3 kg of worm. He used this vermicompost to his garden 5x25 meter. The corns he plant gave him good yield and look different from the corn he planted before. The corn is three times bigger than before and gave more corn from each corn plant. He really happy to see his corn that looks different from other farmer yielded. He hope he could develop his process to produce more vermicompost and he hope he could make other farmer to join him develop the vermicompost and practice the organic farming in his village.