

ABSTRACT

Respi Desiliani, Student ID 3504220009. 2026. The Effectiveness of Food Security Program Management by the Cipinang Mandiri Farmer Group in Panyingkiran Village, Ciamis District, Ciamis Regency.

This research was motivated by the suboptimal implementation of farmer group meetings, which were irregular and tended to be incidental, as well as the lack of knowledge and skills among group members and the low level of agricultural product diversification. The study aims to determine the effectiveness of the Food Security Program management carried out by the Cipinang Mandiri Farmer Group in Panyingkiran Village, Ciamis District, Ciamis Regency. A descriptive qualitative method was employed. The study involved six informants, utilizing primary data from the farmer group, the village government, and field agricultural extension workers, alongside secondary data obtained through literature and document reviews (including books, official documents, and images). Data collection techniques included interviews, observation, and document analysis. Data processing involved data reduction, data presentation, and data verification. The results indicate that the management effectiveness of the Food Security Program by the Cipinang Mandiri Farmer Group was not yet fully optimal. Of the four dimensions identified by Budiani (cited in Siahaan & Pardede, 2022:102–103), two dimensions program dissemination and program monitoring were suboptimal, while one dimension program objectives was not yet fully optimal. Contributing factors included insufficient intensity of guidance and dissemination by field agricultural extension workers, the absence of scheduled farmer group meetings and structured, continuous evaluations, and a lack of effective marketing systems to support harvest yields; consequently, farmer group involvement and the development of program outcomes have not proceeded optimally. The efforts undertaken include conducting direct visits to farmer groups to ensure the equitable dissemination of information, optimizing the role of farmer group leaders in mobilizing their members, and developing a more systematic outreach agenda.

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