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### Reducing Haze Impact with Community Health Checks and Mask Distribution in Merlung Jambi

**Jambi, 17 September 2019** – PT Inti Indosawit Subur (Asian Agri) today conducted basic medical checks and distributed masks in Merlung District, Tanjung Jabung Barat Regency in Jambi province, with the purpose of reducing the impact of haze which has spread over the region.

The [Corporate Social Responsibility \(CSR\)](#) activity took place in the Penyabungan Village Office in Merlung. Carried out in collaboration with the local government and local health centers, it was an important step towards safeguarding the health of the community who reside around the company's operations who are exposed to the haze.

Doctor Erwin Agus, Head of Merlung Health Center, said :“With this program, the villagers, ranging from toddlers to the elderly, were able to have their health checked in a Penyabungan Village which was easily accessible to them.”

On the same occasion, Welly Pardede, Head of CSR at Asian Agri, invited the residents to learn about fire safety and the importance of collective efforts in preventing and protecting their areas from fires.

In conducting the activity, Asian Agri provided medical staff which included two doctors and three nurses to serve residents who were seeking health checks and treatment.

#### **About Asian Agri:**

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia's largest [palm oil producers](#) since 1979. Today, the company manages 100,000 hectares of land and employs over 25,000 people. A pioneer of the Indonesian government's Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program, Asian Agri works with 30,000 [plasma smallholders](#) in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 hectares of [palm oil plantations](#), as well as independent smallholders, bringing about positive impact on their quality of life and economic development.

Implementing a strict “no burn” policy and best practices in [sustainable plantation management](#), Asian Agri has helped its smallholder partners improve productivity, yield and supply chain traceability, while assisting them obtain

certifications. The company's mills are technologically advanced and energy self-sufficient, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions.

Asian Agri is a member of the [Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil \(RSPO\)](#). More than 86% of both owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces and 100% of scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified. All plantations, including those owned by smallholders, have been certified by ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification). The company has also been 100% ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certified.

The company's operations are ISO 14001 certified, while its Learning Institute and nursery research center in Riau province, Indonesia are both ISO 9001 certified. Asian Agri's R&D Center in North Sumatra was also given a certification by the International Plant-Analytical Exchange at the WEPAL lab at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, for its high standards.

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