

TRI MEGA PAMUNGKAS. 2023. Empowerment Of Farmers Through Organic Rice Planting Program By The Sri Rejeki Farming Group In Brongkol Sidomulyo Village Godean District Sleman Regency. Under Direction by Nanik Dara Senjawati and Eko Murdiyanto

ABSTRACT

This research aimed to (1) Assess the Organic Rice Program by the Sri Rejeki Farmers Group in Brongkol. (2) Assess the empowerment process in the Organic Rice Program by the Sri Rejeki Farmer Group in Brongkol. This study uses a qualitative approach with the type of research is a case study about the process empowerment in the Sri Rejeki farmers group. The technique of determining informants was by purposive sampling, those study, the informants who interviewed were the secretary of the Sri Rejeki Farmers as a key informant, the manager of Lembaga Distribusi Pangan Masyarakat (LDPM) Sidomulyo and a member of the group as the maining informant and Penyuluh Pertanian Lapangan (PPL) UPTD BP4 Region II Group as supporting informant. The data sources used are primary data and secondary data. The data analysis techniques use reduction, data presentation, conclusion, and verification. Test the validity of data using source triangulation. The results of this study concluded (1) Implementation of the Organic Rice program had been carry out with changing the conventional rice cultivation system to an organic rice cultivation system and purchasing rice from farmers' crops by Gapoktan Sidomulyo. The implementation of the organic rice program has not been achieving because some farmers returned to using chemical inputs. (2) The process of empowering members of the Sri Rejeki Farmers Group is carry out with awareness stage, and capacity building but has not yet reached the provision of empowerment. The granting of power has not carried out because some farmers do not have control over the land so their cultivation decisions still depend on the land owner. Farmers' dependence on landowners results in farmers being powerless in made decisions to cultivate rice organically with the capacities that have obtained during the organic rice field school.

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