

TNI's ROSITA Program: Empowering Dengkibuma Villagers, One Harvest at a Time

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PUNCAK- In a profound act of community support, the Raider Infantry Battalion 323/Buaya Putih Kostrad, under the command of TNI's HABEMA Operational Command, has launched a program that directly uplifts the economy of Papua's rural communities. The initiative, known as *ROSITA (Buy Up Farming Products)*, was implemented by the 323 Task Forces stationed at Gome Post, led by First

Lieutenant Galang, during a routine security patrol in Dengkibuma Village, Beoga District. Tuesday. 26 Nov 2024.

The program stems from a directive by the 323 Task Forces Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Tri Wiratno, who emphasized the importance of addressing the economic needs of the communities under their watch. As part of their mission, the Soldiers purchased local farming products using their personal funds, providing immediate economic relief to villagers and reinforcing a spirit of partnership.

Amid the scenic highlands of Papua Tengah, the Soldiers' gesture resonated deeply with the villagers. Sellers eagerly participated, knowing their hard-earned harvests were valued. Mama Nia Wonda, one of the farmers, expressed heartfelt gratitude, saying, *"Thank you, Commander 323. God bless."* Her words captured the essence of the program's impact: restoring dignity and hope in the community.

Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, HABEMA's Commanding General, commended the initiative, stating: *"The ROSITA program exemplifies TNI's commitment to fostering economic empowerment in remote regions. Such efforts are pivotal in accelerating Papua's development and nurturing a brighter future for its people."*

The ROSITA program not only stimulated the local economy but also deepened the bond between the TNI forces and the Dengkibuma community. Through personal sacrifice and genuine care, the Soldiers demonstrated that their mission transcends security, embodying the values of service and compassion.

This initiative is a testament to the transformative power of small acts of kindness. It underscores the role of the TNI as protectors and partners in progress, fostering resilience and hope in the heart of Papua. As the program continues, it shines as a beacon of unity and a reminder that every effort counts in building a prosperous future.

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