



## Internship Permata Gayo Coffee Cooperative, Takengon Indonesia

**Title:** Preparing Coffee Farmers Cooperatives for a sustainable and eco-friendly agricultural practice

**Client:** Koperasi Permata Gayo (KPG)

**Period:** As soon as possible

**Duration:** 12-20 weeks

### Background

Koperasi Permata Gayo (KPG) is coffee farmers' cooperative established in Bener Meriah district, Aceh, Indonesia. At the moment KPG has 1,700 members who own 4,221 ha of land in Aceh. The cooperative exports 30% percent of their green beans to European market and another 50% to the USA.

As KPG is continually working towards an improved quality and quantity of its coffee production, it has also recently started to look into environmental issues faced by its members. The district where KPG is located has been frequently shocked by earthquake, the latest one happening in 2016. Moreover, a large number of farmers are planting their coffee at a high altitude and steep sloping area. Aside from being prone to natural disasters, KPG also still has to deal with household waste produced by its members, both in solid and liquid form.

### Assignments

1. Household waste management
2. Improving farmers resiliency and preparedness towards climate change
3. Land and soil management

### Intern criteria

We are looking for a creative and responsible young student with a background in agricultural science, good command of English and the ability to immerse in a different culture who is interested in working with KPG staff, management and farmer members to design on a set of procedures on household waste management, sustainable agriculture and land and soil management.

### Application

Send your CV and a motivation letter to the Agriterra office at [vacature@agriterra.org](mailto:vacature@agriterra.org) before 3 March with reference to "Assignment Indonesia-Permata Gayo".

Prior to the internship the candidate is expected to take part in an introduction workshop.

### About Agriterra

Agriterra is an agri-agency founded and steered by the farmers' organisations and agricultural cooperatives in the Netherlands. Its mandate is to strengthen producers' organisations and cooperatives worldwide. For farmer-led business initiatives, Agriterra specifically supports business development services in the pre-investment phase such as feasibility studies, market surveys, business planning and capacity building components.

In addition Agriterra also provides:

- Brokerage services to link farmer-led business development initiatives with investors, banks and other primary and supportive stakeholders in the value chain.
- Advisory services often employing Agripool advisors: experts stemming from cooperative and private agribusiness companies.