

## **Project Update: February 2022**

### Farmers' commitment to plantation maintenance is increasing as they realise the long-term benefits

Some of the project farmers have been on the land for almost 4 years now. This has increased their ownership spirit as they commit more of their time to maintaining the existing plantation alongside nurturing their crops. Although 2021 presented lots of challenges to our success stories, including the production of NTFP seedlings which was unsuccessful due to weather and other circumstances beyond our control, we were still able to plant 5 ha of new land with assorted trees and trialled 0.5 ha with NTFPs seedlings. Amazingly, about 95% of the new plantings survived due to extra care and intensive maintenance. All thanks to the farmers who are committing immense time and energy towards the success of the project. We hope to complete the final planting coupe this year.



