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net attributable additional income of **IDR 16 million** 

increased income of **7909** coffee farm household

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**PRISMA** approach to social inclusion is based on the recognition that **people** with disabilities in the community often lack access to opportunities and resources which impact on their lives

When I was ten months old I contracted polio. My parents were convinced it was black magic. Only when I was five years old did they accepted I would not using my left leg. They thought I shouldn't go to school. But I insisted. It's this stubbornness and belief in myself that has made me a good business person.

I started as a coffee farmer assisting my parents. In 2015, I received training from Indokom, ICCRI, and PRISMA on good agricultural practices. After the training, I took out a loan and started my own coffee nursery. From the profits, I

was able to rent 11 hectares of land to expand my business.

I soon started my own coffee processing business by using standard operating procedures from large coffee buyers. Farmers can double the price of their beans by processing them this way. In the first season, I processed 10 tonnes of beans from 15 members of my cooperative. In the second season | processed 50 tonnes. | am now supporting my extended family. I have been able to buy education insurance for my kids. I have also been elected manager of the coffee cooperative.

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