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## ABSTRACT

Village development is important, not only because there is a gap between urban and rural areas in terms of the poverty level that mainly happens in the villages, but also because of villages' potential that encourages its development. The government has made several efforts to develop villages by creating agropolitan areas as an alternative solution to improve the rural area development without forgetting the urban areas. An example is the Candigarón agropolitan, which is located in Semarang Regency, with Candigarón village itself as the Central Development Village (Desa Pusat Pertumbuhan/DPP) together with 7 hinterland villages. Having an agropolitan with all of its facilities is expected to increase the bargaining power of the farmers, so that they will not sell their products or commodities to whole sellers as well as to improve their product quality.

The agropolitan infrastructures, such as village main roads, improving the farmer distribution roads, Candigarón agropolitan market and sub stations, coffee warehouses and drying areas located in three district spots, means to do post harvesting and farming product processing infrastructure (for coffee and spices), as well as other supporting facilities have been allocated. However, they have not shown the purpose of the agropolitan program implementation as a real solution to improve the farmers' economic condition. Considering those problem, we, therefore, need to evaluate the agropolitan showed in the thesis question, "What is the impact of agropolitan toward the economic development of the villagers?"

This thesis aims to evaluate the agropolitan development in Semarang Regency, related to the impact of agropolitan toward the economic development of the villagers. It is done through the study of pre and post agropolitan conditions. Afterwards, we conduct agropolitan and economic analyses, which cover agropolitan condition analyses and their changes, which consist of production potential analyses, marketing and institutional potential, commodity mapping analyses, and also the impact of agropolitan analyses.

Generally, the results of the study show that in Semarang Regency, agropolitan has a positive impact toward the economic development of its villagers through an increase in productivity by 61.3% or 1.36 ton/Ha., as well as alterations in production, processing, and marketing of the commodities in the area, which influence the production value. The most beneficial change with having an agropolitan is the wide-open access to the harvested farming product market as a result of the development of the transportation infrastructures. Nevertheless, it is not an optimal condition, so that it is recommended for the agropolitan stakeholders in Semarang Regency to improve its management to integrate all the agropolitan activities in the agrobusiness system. Looking at the positive effects of an agropolitan, this activity needs to be developed in other village areas in Semarang Regency.

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