

**TPL's Commitment to Regional Development: Handover of the Bridge in Lumban Manurung Village**

**Parmaksian, 13 August 2024 – PT Toba Pulp Lestari Tbk (TPL)** once again demonstrated its commitment to supporting infrastructure development in its operational areas. On August 9, 2024, TPL officially handed over its support for the repair of a bridge in Lumban Manurung Village, Parmaksian District, Toba Regency. This bridge was originally built with TPL's support in 2018 using wooden planks as the foundation. However, over time, the wooden material deteriorated.

To ensure the bridge remains safe and more durable, TPL provided repair support by replacing the old and damaged wooden planks with iron plates. This improvement aims to allow the community to use the bridge safely for their daily activities, especially in agricultural operations.

Ramson Simamora, TPL's Public Relations representative, stated, *"We deeply care about the safety and convenience of the community in using existing infrastructure. By replacing the wooden material with iron plates, we hope this bridge will last longer and provide significant benefits to the people of Lumban Manurung Village."*

Ricky Bens Hutabarat, also from TPL's Public Relations team, added, *"This support is part of TPL's commitment to continuously contribute to sustainable infrastructure development in our operational areas. We hope the community will benefit from it, and that this bridge will better support agricultural activities."*

With this repair, it is expected that access for the people of Lumban Manurung Village to their agricultural land will become easier and safer.

The Head of Lumban Manurung Village, Rianto Manurung, expressed his gratitude to TPL for its concern. *“We are very grateful for the support provided by TPL. This bridge is crucial for us, especially in supporting agricultural activities, which are the main livelihood of our community. Hopefully, this bridge will be well-maintained and bring great benefits to the villagers.”*

Parmaksian District Head, Ronald Sirait, who was also present at the handover event, expressed his appreciation. *“We highly appreciate TPL’s initiative in supporting the repair of this bridge. We hope that the collaboration between the government and TPL will continue to develop for future infrastructure projects.”*

Also attending the handover event were village government staff and several residents of Lumban Manurung Village, who witnessed the handover process firsthand. The event concluded with a communal prayer for the safety and well-being of all villagers.