

## From Ngepung with School Based Management (SBM)



Students are happy  
with new approach

Like one of James Bond's movie series titled as "From Russia with Love", Bapak Karyadi, the Headmaster of SDN-20 Ilir, brought SBM to Sanggau after his visit to SDN Ngepung. He was appointed four years ago as Headmaster of SDN-20 Ilir, a public school at Ilir Village, Balai Batang Terang Sub-district, Sanggau District, West Kalimantan. This village is 241 kilometres North-Eastern of Pontianak, the capital of West Kalimantan Province.

Bapak Karyadi and other 24 education personnel (teachers, headmasters and education staffs) visited Public Elementary School (SDN Ngepung) at Probolinggo District, East Java on 20-28 April 2005. The visit and development of SBM has been funded by Wahana Visi Indonesia (WVI). They spent 8 days to observe, learn and practice SBM in SDN Ngepung.

Bapak Karyadi recalled his impression when he saw the implementation of AJEL (Active, Joyful and Effective Learning) in SDN Ngepung: "It was fascinating. I understand AJEL theoretically, but I never try to practice it. By observing the learning process in classrooms at SDN Ngepung, I aware and believe that AJEL can be implemented in my school". Ibu Veronika, the teacher of Grade-1 at SDN-20 Ilir who also participated in the visit explained that she was confused when she looked at the situation of classroom in SDN Ngepung. She said: "I felt confused! How come the children create everything that being displayed in the classroom! The classroom was so full with children's creativities and products!"

Living with teachers, Headmaster and School Supervisors and interacting with children in SDN Ngepung in 8 days had answered all of their queries in the first day of the visit. They maximized their 8 days in Ngepung to learn and practice SBM. Besides learning from teachers and Headmaster, they were also facilitated by Ibu Titik and Ibu Sylvana from the Provincial SBM Development Team of East Java.

In July 2005, along with beginning of the first semester of 2005/2006 the Educational Calendar, Bapak Karyadi started the implementation of SBM in SDN-20 Ilir. It was challenging, because only Bapak Karyadi and Ibu Veronika who participated in the visit to SDN Ngepung. The other 8 teachers came from other schools.

Ibu Veronika explained how she started to implement AJEL in her class. At the beginning, she felt uncomfortable in using alphabet-cards as a teaching aid. In the past, she wrote down everything in the blackboard and asked students to follow her

how to read the letters. After several days, she found different result. Children were more active and enjoyed to learn, read and understand alphabets using this method. Having taught the first grade for about 18 years, Ibu Veronika felt happy because she found a new approach that was easier to use and get better result.

As a Center of Cluster in Batang Terang or "Sekolah Inti", SDN-20 Ilir has worked together with members of its cluster to implement SBM. Bapak Karyadi as Chairperson of this cluster used Teacher Group Meeting (Kelompok Kerja Guru or KKG) and Headmaster Group Meeting (Kelompok Kerja Kepala Sekolah or KKKS) as forum for improving the implementation of SBM in Batang Terang Cluster. In KKG meeting, teachers have developed learning materials. While in KKKS meeting, headmasters have discussed on how to improve school management and community participation. Bapak Karyadi and his friends have maintained communication with their colleagues in SDN Ngepung. Ibu Veronika said that she often contacted Ibu Anna, a teacher at SDN Ngepung to gather new teaching method.

The implementation of SBM has not only been accepted very well by teachers and headmasters. Students are also happy to this approach. Mila Astuti, a student of Grade-6 SDN-20 Ilir, commented: "I am enjoying going to school. I am not boring to the learning process, because we have a lot of things to be done. We are not only listening and writing, but we are also finding and playing."

What we learn? Frist of all, it is clear that SBM can be implemented in all areas in Indonesia including the remote area such as Ilir village. Secondly, UNICEF initiative on SBM already spread out to non selected areas by other donors. Thirdly, the Provincial SBM Development Team of East Java has played important role in spreading out SBM to non selected areas of GOI-UNICEF cooperation.\*\*\*

[As being informed by Pak Lucky Lumingkewas and phone conversation between Pak Donni as VoC reporter with Bapak Karyadi, Ibu Veronika and Mila Astuti in SDN-20 Ilir. Special thanks to Pak Lucky for his first hand information]



A "minimarket" as model  
for learning language,  
social interaction, math,  
etc.