

Voices of Community

What's happening in East Java and NTB?

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“I declare Lombok Tengah as a School Based Management (SBM) District” [Bupati of Lombok Tengah]



From left: Vice Bupati, SPC-UNICEF, Governor, Bupati, CFO, Education Officer

District Government of Lombok Tengah and UNICEF conducted a District SBM Replication Workshop in mid of 2006. After receiving information on the progress of SBM implementation and based on his field visit, Bupati of Lombok Tengah, Mr. Lalu Wiratmaja asked participants

- School Supervisors, School Principals and teachers - to achieve all Elementary Schools in Lombok Tengah implemented SBM soonest. This “request” was accepted enthusiastically by all participants. A strategy was developed. As a result, SBM has been implemented in all Elementary Schools supported by various budget sources such as ADB, BOS (school budget support from MONE), local budget (APBD) and community. All trainings for teachers should allocate a session on SBM that facilitated by District SBM Facilitators or the Provincial SBM Development Team.

A political support is needed to speed up this movement. Bupati of Lombok Tengah is aware on it so why he declared Lombok Tengah as SBM District on 7 May 2007 as a part of celebrating National Education Day (2 May). The ceremony was conducted in Praya Playing Field and attended by Mr. Lalu Serinata, Governor of Nusa Tenggara Barat (NTB), Mr. Willem Standaert, Senior Programme Coordinator of UNICEF Indonesia, District Senior Officials, representatives from districts/city in Lombok island, and around 500 persons who represented stakeholders of education at sub-district level in Lombok Tengah.

VoC reporter, Mr. Wayan Perten Giri, asked several teachers, students, School Principals and School Supervisor to find their comments on this launching. Most of them were happy and waiting for further steps to improve quality of education in Lombok Tengah. Mr. Hady Husain, School Principal of SDN-1 Kopang, one of UNICEF piloting school said: “This launching is a political base for implementing SBM as stated in Article 51 of National Education System Law Number 20 of 2003”. While Mr. Komang Laksamana, School Principal of SDN-1 Mantang explained: “ My school has implemented SBM using BOS and is supported by community. School provided Rp. 1 million for each classroom teacher to implement SBM. This launching improved our confidence to implement SBM”.

At teacher level, this launching also got positive response. Mr. Lalu Burda, Teacher in Grade V of SDN-1 Kopang said: “Now, I can share implementation of

active, joyful and effective learning (AJEL) with other teachers. It will have a positive impact in developing topics of sub-district tests. Teacher will provide more questions on reasoning than memorizing basis. I want to improve self-learning of students”. Mr. Serimin, Teacher in Grade VI of SDN-1 Mantang added: “Learning skill of teachers can be improved through Teacher Group meeting. I will ask parents to support study club of students in their area.”

How about students? Do they know benefit of this launching or SBM itself? Yolanda Satriani Putri or Oya, student of Grade VI in SDN-1 Mantang informed: “Before SBM was implemented in my school, learning was boring and monotonous. Now, I can enjoy with learning materials. Mostly, teachers will explain if we asked. He did not talk too much. If he explain a topic, he used simple education tools. Previously, students played and joked before teacher came in the classroom. Now, we already discussed topics of the day while waiting for teacher coming to the classroom”. Iqbal Hadi, student of Grade VI of SDN-1 Kopang agreed with Oya, however he added: “Teachers ask students more to write down situation around us to improve our sensitivity to others and environment”.

Mr. Wayan P. Giri closed his conversation with those respondents by asking Mr. Ali Hasyim, School Supervisor to get his opinion. Mr. Ali said: “Thanks to Pak Bupati who is aware that SBM can improve quality education in this district and support us to implement it. In Kopang sub-district, we agreed to classify schools using star system as done in hotel classification. We will have 3-star schools, 4-star schools, etc. In principle, all schools already got minimally 1 star. I would like to thank also to UNICEF that introduced this approach since 2002. We started with 2 clusters in Kopang and Pujut sub-districts which covered 16 schools. Now, they echoed this to all schools”.

Then, what's UNICEF role? UNICEF should complete its commitment to support 33 schools in Pujut that have been supported since 2006 as a pilot schools. Quality control and improving learning materials could also be the area of UNICEF support in the coming period. Congratulation Mr. Lalu Wiratmaja.*** oooooooo***



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