



Providing Clean Water in **Indonesia**

As with other villages in the east of Lombok, Repuk Bunut Village experiences the same thing as the other communities on the island - water pollution problems and lack of access to clean water. Of the more than 1,250 residents in this village, only 14 wells are actively used to meet the daily water needs - but the water is dirty and harmful when consumed. Unfortunately, there is no other choice but to use the water - greatly affecting the education of students.

Students often do not bathe frequently, have skin diseases, and have minimal knowledge of the importance of clean, safe water. This combination is a very visible challenge for the young generation, and it will be very hard for the next if guidance on how to maintain personal health and hygiene awareness is not provided. Access to clean water is needed to change life, to be healthy and clean, and in order to provide the younger generation a better life through a better education and healthy lifestyle. Xylem Watermark and Planet Water Foundation will provide the change this community needs during Project 24.



REPOK BUNUT SDN 7 Gelanggang

Number of Students: 215

GPS Coordinates: 8.453020, 116.320140

Village Population: 1,250 (approx)

Number of Households: 312 (approx)

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When Well Water Is Consumed in Class Effects Felt Almost Immediately

“One day, feeling very thirsty and without asking permission from my class teacher, I went home to ask my parents for money, only to buy drinking water. After that, I went back to class and took lessons. But my concentration was disturbed because one of my classmates was vomiting because without understanding, the other friends were getting the well water at school and giving him a drink. After 3 minutes, my friend felt stomach pain (diarrhea). Our class was forced to end because one of the friends must be brought to the doctor. Apparently, the doctor said that this is because my friend often drinks well water without boiling first. Many of my friends often do not bathe at home before going to school. My hope as a student, I would like to have easier access to clean water for us to be healthy.”

- Norazila, 11 years old, Grade 6



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



“As the head of the family, since the water pollution problem arose, we are having difficulty accessing water for drinking, bathing, etc. as well as for irrigating fields for gardening.”

- Zulkarnaen



Planet Water Foundation is a U.S.-based non-profit that develops strategic partnerships that support Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts that align with four of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Quality Education; Gender Equality; Reduced Inequalities; and Clean Water and Sanitation. Project 24 programs and initiatives support these four SDGs with longitudinal support in each community for five years. Project 24 is Planet Water Foundation’s World Water Day advocacy and engagement platform around the world’s critical need to solve water poverty since its inception in 2015.

“As the principal here, I have been trying to provide water facilities for school but, to meet the needs of 226 people every day is very hard because there is no budget from the government for it. We have told the students to bring water from their house, but sometimes they do not do it because the water they bring to school is the same from the well.”

- Sulhanudin, S.Pd.SD, Headmaster



“As a teacher in the classroom, I myself do not understand much about clean water - I think that clear water is healthy. So, I also let the students consume the well water directly. One day, one of my students had severe diarrhea, and I think it was the result of drinking the water well, so I just gave him a temporary medicine and drove him home. The next day the student did not go to school, because of typhoid.”

- Juma’ah, Grade 5 Teacher

