

## North Sumatra

### DBE3 Program Disseminated to Non-Target District

DBE3 is not only known in the target districts in North Sumatra but also in a non-target district, Labuhan Batu. Initially, Labuhan Batu district learned about the program related to learning in SMP and MTs.

On finding out about these programs, MKKS Gugus III Kecamatan Kualuh Hulu and Kualuh Selatan, Labuhan Batu invited a DBE3 team to give training for teachers in MGMP in two sub districts. On November 1-2, training for teachers was conducted at Perguruan Kualuh, Aek Kanopan. 250 teachers, 22 principals and 3 people from district school principals' group (MKKS) participated in this training. The training was also supported by an organization called Forum Masyarakat Labuhan Batu (FORMAL – the Community Forum of Labuhan Batu).

DBE3 District Trainers are facilitating the training outside of classrooms. Participants enthusiastically follow all programs.



According to Bpk. Maruli Sitorus, a principal and committee member of MKKS cluster III, the training was very interesting and important for the teachers.

“The training is important for teachers. The six-monthly MGMP meetings are quite boring. We need something new; that is why we invited trainers from DBE3 North Sumatra.

The training materials given by DBE3 North Sumatra were adjusted to the needs in Labuhan Batu. The materials were focused on how to motivate students, how to learn effectively, what learning models should be applied and

how to develop lesson plans.

Two participants – Ibu Nuraini and Bpk. Suharto – said that the training broadened their horizons and gave them more knowledge about learning, which is very useful for them. In addition the training will also help them to get their certification. As for the training materials, both of them said that they were interesting. Participants enjoyed the training and took part in it until the end. The training focusing on Science, Social Studies, Indonesian, English, Civics and Mathematics was facilitated by eight District Trainers of DBE3 North Sumatra.

### Vocational Training for Youth in North Sumatra



Participants on Computer training are paying attention to the instructor



Training on printing involving school drop outs.

North Sumatra conducted vocational training for young people to equip with skills that will be useful for their life in the future, DBE3. The training was focused on graphic design, computer assembly, event organizing, marketing, and printing. This vocational training is part of DBE 3 Non-Cash Grant program.

The training involved school drop-outs ranging from 12 to 18 years of age. In the event-organizing training, participants were taught how to conduct and organize events and how to market their services. This included how to be an effective Master of Ceremony.

Computer assembly training was conducted in Deli Serdang, North Sumatra on November 18. In this two-week training participants were taught how to assemble computers and how to install the software. They also got an opportunity to learn graphic design.

The training on printing was conducted in Binjai on October 14. The 45-day training focused on an introduction to printing, how to print effectively and how to market the products.

## Jakarta

### Core Trainer Workshop on Modules 6-7 (English & Mathematics) in Jakarta

The workshop was held on October 13-17, 2008 at Ibis Hotel Slipi, Jakarta. The workshop's objectives were to train core trainers on modules 6-7 and prepare them to conduct training in district level.

The participants were Core Trainers from all provinces where the DBE3 project is being implemented. One of the participants, Bpk. Karim (37), an English teacher from SMAN 1 Liliaraja Soppeng, South Sulawesi, said that so far he had participated in five rounds of training conducted by DBE3 and had really got a lot benefits from these training.

"Thanks to the training and workshops

conducted by DBE3 now I can present the subject in a more effective and lively manner in class. I can say that students enjoy the lessons more and they understand the knowledge more," said Karim.

What Karim said was in line with the workshop, which was opened by Jordan Naidoo, the Acting CoP of DBE3. In his speech at the workshop opening, Jordan emphasized the importance of improving teaching methods through workshop and trainings. Some feedback and comments were given by participants. One of them concerned the need to revise module 6, specifically in terms of language.



One of participants volunteering in ice breaking session at the workshop

### Workshop in Learning Resources Box



One participant presenting how to use the material in Learning Resource Box workshop

On October 21-22 DBE3 held a learning resources box workshop in Jakarta. The workshop, involving all DBE3 teams from 6 provinces, was intended to explain about the learning boxes: what they are and how to use them effectively. The training participants were Education Officers, District Officers and District Trainers. Following the training, District Officers and District Trainers will conduct similar training for teachers in their own districts.

### DBE3 Meeting in Jakarta

On November 12-13, 2008, DBE3 team Indonesia had a meeting in Jakarta. The meeting was opened by the new DBE3 CoP Stuart Weston. The two-day meeting was meant as an introduction to the new CoP and for a discussion of the future program. The discussions at the meeting ranged from program revisions to replication/dissemination of DBE3 programs at district levels. There was also a discussion on non-cash grants and communications. The meeting was attended by provincial and district staff from Aceh, North Sumatra, West Java-Banten, Central Java, East Java and South Sulawesi.



Mr. Stuart Weston, the new DBE3 CoP leading a discussion with PCs, DOs, and meeting participants

## West Java - Banten

## USAID Visit to MTs. Al Ghazali, Bogor



"Sometimes I practice English outside of classroom," says Valdi to Ms. Ellis during her visit to Mts. Al Ghazali.

On October 20, 2008, MTs. Al Ghazali Bogor welcomed Ms. Margot Ellis of USAID who visited the school to see the implementation of DBE3 programs and meet the teachers and principal. In this short visit Ms. Ellis had a chance to see the activities in an ICT class, English class and Civics class. West Java DBE3 Education Officer, Bpk. Rifki Rosyad, and the principal of MTs. Al Ghazali, Bpk.

According to Bpk. Achmad, the major change happening in the school is in teaching methods. Teachers are now more prepared in presenting their lessons. They also are more creative in teaching their subjects in classrooms. In addition, students learn in a more pleasant and better way. Consequently, they can understand more about the subjects being taught.

In this visit, Ms. Ellis also had a chance to speak to one of students in English class. Valdi, who is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He said that he sometimes practiced English outside the class. The English class in MTs Al Ghazali is conducted in a creative way, giving opportunities for students to speak and practice with their classmates.

Achmad Karmiyatna, S.Ag, explained about the changes happening in schools after the training given to teachers.

The visit to MTs Al Ghazali was only a short one. However, after observing the activities in the classrooms, Ms. Ellis expressed her appreciation to school principal.

## Training on Modules 6-7 and Replication

In this first half of November, DBE3 West Java conducted two sets of training: training of District Trainers for modules 6 and 7 and a replication of DBE3 teacher training. The first training was held on November 3-6 at the Gumilangsari Hotel, Bandung, involving 15 District Trainers (11 male and 4 female), 8 English DTs (6 male and 2 female) and 7 Civics DTs (5 male and 2 female).

The participants were taught how to train using modules 6 and 7. In module 6 English and Civics DTs learned various strategies of teaching-learning, while in module 7 they learned various techniques of evaluation to measure the achievement of learning life skills. One participant commented, "It is interesting to learn new strategies for evaluating the life skills education. I used to think that it is simply the same as other techniques of learning evaluation."



In the ToT for modules 6-7 in Bandung, DTs of Civics working in group to develop models of active learning of life skills.

The other training was held in the District of Bogor on November 12-13. The event which involved 98 teachers (43 males and 55 females) was opened by Dinas Pendidikan, Kota Bogor. In this training, the participants who represented all MGMPs in Kota Bogor had the opportunity to learn about module 1 (Better Teaching and Learning) and module 2 (Life Skills). The training was collaboration of DBE3 with Dinas Pendidikan and MoRA, Kota Bogor, who sponsored it. In addition, the training

was also co-funded by the MGMP and the participants. Commenting on the training, one participant said, "I need this kind of DBE3-model training to make myself better in teaching life skills in classrooms."

## Central Java

# Replication on Basic Module Training for MTs Teachers in Blora

Replication of Basic Module Training was held in Blora on November 17-21 and November 23, 2008 at Gedung Serba Guna LP Ma'arif NU, Blora. The training was attended by 34 MTs teachers from 21 MTs in 10 non-target sub districts in Blora.

The training which aimed to improve teaching quality was given by DBE3 in cooperation with Blora Education Office and MoRA and LP Ma'arif NU Blora.

"This is our commitment to support the DBE3 program in Blora. We are conducting replication training on the basic modules for MTs teachers with LP Ma'arif NU," stated H. Aunurrofiq, SE, Kasi Kurikulum Diknas (Section Head of Curriculum of the Education Office).

The participants really appreciated this training. One of them, Arif Wahyu



Participants having a role play in Basic Module Training in Blora

Wantor, A.Ma, and Indonesian language teacher at MTs Assamani Bantengan Jati said that he was delighted to participate in the training, as he acquired useful knowledge and practical skills.

Meanwhile Kepala Kandepag Kabupaten Blora (Head of MoRA in district of Blora) Drs. H. Safrudin, M.Si, said that training was very appropriate for teachers and it made a significant contribution to improvement in MTs.

In the future MTs teachers should improve. Good quality teachers will improve MTs and the education system in Blora," said H. Safrudin, M.Si.

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## Aceh Team Visiting Central Java

On November 24-28, 15 participants from Aceh visited Kudus, Grobogan, Demak, Boyolali, Klaten and Purworejo to learn about replication program. The participants from Aceh were divided into two teams which visited different locations. Each team had a chance to meet and hold discussions with personnel related to the program i.e. government officials, principals, teachers and DTs. The team also discussed and learned how to budget the program and how to integrate life skills into lesson plans.

In general, the participants from Aceh felt satisfied with this visit as they got more information and knowledge about DBE3 program. However, the most important thing to emphasize in this visit -- according to Pak Irhamni, one of participants -- was the enthusiasm and motivation of teachers, government officials and staff of DBE3 in implementing this program to

increase the quality of education. Furthermore, Pak Irhamni said that way Central Java DBE3 staff approach district government leaders should be adopted in North Aceh.

Bpk. Djamaluddin, another participant, said that North Aceh needed to improve the MGMP in order to disseminate the DBE3 program to other teachers. The MGMP network will be useful to reach teachers in a large number of schools.

Adding to Bpk. Djamaluddin's comments, Ibu Yusnaini, S.Pd, a teacher, said, "From my observation of four Junior secondary schools, I am most interested in MTs Muarif-Sidomukti, Bener in Purworejo. The school is far from perfect, but, with only limited equipment teachers are still enthusiastic in implementing DBE3 programs.



Head Office of MoNE Purworejo replying questions raised by participants from Aceh

Now, I believe that to implement DBE3 programs we don't need to spend much money and we can use re-cycled resources from the environment."