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School Revitalization Project Brings Comfortable Learning Spaces to Mountainous Wonosobo

Wonosobo, Central Java, August 15, 2026 — Nestled in the mountains of Wonosobo, Central Java, Public Elementary School (SDN) 03 Kertek has stood since 1976. For five decades, the school has served as a center of learning and growth for local children. Over time, however, the aging facility began to deteriorate, with sagging roof tiles and decaying window frames.

In 2025, after decades without major repairs, SDN 03 Kertek was selected for the government's school revitalization program. The school received approximately IDR 425 million to rehabilitate three classrooms and construct a new sanitation unit complete with separate restrooms for boys and girls, an accessible restroom for persons with disabilities, and handwashing facilities.

In August 2026, Muhammad Wahid Sulton was appointed Acting Principal of SDN 03 Kertek. The school is familiar ground for Sulton, who taught there for six years before spending five years at another school. He noted that while the original building remained functional, its deteriorating condition had become a growing concern.

"The building was usable, but far from ideal," Sulton said. "The roof tiles were sagging, and the window frames were in poor shape."

He added that the upgrades have visibly boosted student morale. "The children are thrilled because the school is much more comfortable now. Their enthusiasm for learning has grown, and many even stay after class hours," he said.

Fifth-grade student Sabata experienced the transformation firsthand. Before the renovation, poor sanitation was a persistent issue.

"The school used to be in bad shape, and the toilets were dirty and often clogged," Sabata said. "Now, everything looks much better, and the restroom are clean and comfortable to use. It makes me more excited and motivated to study."

Former Principal Maria Magdalena Juliati, who retired on Aug. 1, 2026, said the building's condition had long been a concern for staff and parents.

"The school was built in 1976 and had never undergone a major renovation before," Juliati said.

The school reported its facility condition through the national Basic Education Data (Dapodik) system, which led to its selection for the 2025 revitalization program.

"The impact was immediate," Juliati added. "The clean, refreshed classrooms create a far better environment for studying, and the upgraded restrooms give students peace of mind."



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Minister of Primary and Secondary Education Abdul Mu'ti emphasized that the national school revitalization program aims to deliver high-quality educational services nationwide. The initiative focuses not only on physical infrastructure but also on ensuring schools remain safe, comfortable, and supportive environments for student development.

The upgrades at SDN 03 Kertek mark a new chapter for the historic school, preparing its classrooms to support future generations as they learn, grow, and build their futures.

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