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Revitalization of Hundreds of Schools in Bali Boosts Local Economy

Bali, October 2, 2026 — Collapsed classroom roofs and biannual floods were once routine challenges for two schools in Bali prior to receiving government assistance for school revitalization. Today, upgraded infrastructure provides a safer, cleaner, and more comfortable learning environment for teachers and students alike.

During a field visit on Friday, October 2, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education (Mendikdasmen) Abdul Mu'ti, stated that expanding the revitalization program in Bali reflects the government's broader commitment to upgrading educational infrastructure across regions.

"In 2025, the program covered 188 schools. In 2026, we expanded significantly in Bali, bringing the total number of revitalized educational institutions to 401," Mu'ti stated.

Mu'ti emphasized that the revitalization program also benefits local communities by generating job opportunities. "This demonstrates that school revitalization not only elevates educational standards, but also drives job creation in the regions," he noted.

Among the beneficiaries is Public Elementary School (SDN) 15 Dangin Puri in Denpasar. Ni Gusti Ayu Trisna Dewi, a teacher at the school since 2019, shared how the 2026 revitalization delivered transformative changes to her workplace.

Trisna explained that prior to the renovation, a third-floor classroom ceiling collapsed due to severe winds and heavy rain penetration. "Before the revitalization, a classroom on the third floor collapsed during heavy rain and high winds, likely caused by water leaking from above," Trisna said in Denpasar.

Following the completed renovations, the classrooms and sanitation facilities have improved substantially, creating organized spaces that support student learning. "With the revitalization complete, the collapsed classroom has been fully restored, and all classrooms are now much tidier and cleaner," she said.

Trisna added that the renewed learning environment has boosted student morale, inspiring pupils to decorate their classrooms with their own artwork. "The overall impact on teaching and learning has been remarkably positive. The classrooms look much better and tidier, and students are far more enthusiastic about learning in a clean and organized space," she said.

Kanaya, a fifth-grade student at SDN 15 Dangin Puri, expressed her joy over the renovated facilities. "Our school has been repaired, and we are so happy and motivated to learn together with our friends. Thank you, President Prabowo and Minister Abdul Mu'ti," Kanaya said.

Established in 1975, Affected by Biannual Floods

A similar transformation occurred at Indraprasta Kuta Kindergarten (TK Indraprasta Kuta) in Badung Regency, Bali. Established in 1975 and relocated to its current site in 1989, the school faced severe structural deterioration prior to receiving the 2026 revitalization grant. Leaky roofs, crumbling walls, and termite-infested window frames damaged by recurring floods frequently disrupted daily classes.

Wayan Leniasih, Principal of TK Indraprasta Kuta, noted that the facility was in urgent need of repairs. "Before receiving the 2026 revitalization grant, our school was in a distressing condition. Since moving here in 1989, the building had never been renovated, leaving us with severe roof leaks and fragile walls," Leniasih said in Badung Regency on Friday, October 2.

"Through the program, TK Indraprasta Kuta received renovations for six classrooms, an administrative office, a restroom, and a playground that had previously collapsed after being hit by floodwaters," Leniasih added.

Leniasih explained that biannual flooding compounded the school's structural issues. "Termites infested the window frames following the floods. Twice a year, waist-deep floodwaters inundated the school, causing extensive damage that went unaddressed for years," she said.

She emphasized that the newly revitalized facility has inspired the school community to safeguard its upgraded infrastructure. "We promise to protect and care for these renovated facilities and new furniture. Everyone here is fully committed to preserving what has been provided," Leniasih said.

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