

Bunga Walli from Malaumkarta

Bunga Walli began working as a teacher in Malaumkarta Village in 1997. At that time, instead of going to school, many children were joining their parents to go for *siema*, a community tradition to gather food, especially sago. For about more than one month, children left the school to help their parents. The personal approach to parents that Bunga adopted finally allowed the kids to stay in school. The parents even provided food for their children during the *siema* season.

Today, 20 years afterward, Bunga Walli returns to Malaumkarta as headmaster. This time, with the support of KOMPAK (Kolaborasi Masyarakat dan Pelayanan Untuk Kesejahteraan)-a partnership program between The Government of Indonesia and Australia-she initiates series of breakthroughs. Bunga reactivates the school committee and raises the community awareness on education. Using the Village Fund, Bunga is also working to improve the education service quality to achieve the minimum service standard (MSS) the she learned from the LANDASAN II-KOMPAK.