

## **Australian Embassy's Official Visited KOMPAK Activities in Papua**

Australian Embassy's official, Fleur Davies as the Minister Counsellor, Governance & Human Development visited programs supported by the Australian Government in Papua. Davies met with local government representatives and the beneficiaries of LANDASAN II program in Sentani Timur.

This program is a continuity program from LANDASAN I which was also funded by the Australian government. Through KOMPAK it supports the improvement of education and health services in six districts in Papua and Papua Barat, Jayapura, Merauke, Supiori in Papua, and Manokwari, Fakfak and Kaimana in Papua Barat. On this visit, Fleur Davies discussed the achievement of LANDASAN I and the continuation program, LANDASAN II, in supporting basic services with the Head of Village of Nolakla, Octovianus Puhiri and representatives from the local government. A focus of the program in this area is on strengthening the government and village community's capacities in planning and budgeting as well as monitoring and reporting the development activities in the village. The activities cover education and health services in 85 villages in Papua and Papua Barat. "I am pleased that KOMPAK does not only supports the central government but also the local government in strengthening the capacity of local government officials and assisting basic services units. I hope these efforts would improve education and health services, and also to provide support to village apparatus in implementing Village Law," said Davies.

Aside from meeting the local government, Davies also visited Harapan Health Center (Puskesmas Harapan) that serves seven villages in Sentani Timur. Together with Head of Puskesmas Harapan, Adi Kurniawan, and puskesmas staff, Davies discussed the support through LANDASAN II focusing on the process of health center accreditation, performance-based incentive system and innovation in health care. Davies continued her visit to Harapan Elementary School which also supported by LANDASAN II. In this school. LANDASAN II will support the improvement of educational services through capacity strengthening for the teachers and school members. The program will also conduct a series of activities to encourage the community to strengthen their participation in education services in their village.

After these visits, Davies attended a meeting with representatives from the Local Development Planning Agency (Badan perencanaan Pembangunan Daerah – BAPPEDA) to discuss Gerbangmas Hasrat Papua Program. Gerbangmas program is the flagship program of

Papua Government that aims to improve basic services and local economic development. In addition, KOMPAK also supports the review process of program implementation and provide recommendations to improve the Gerbangmas implementation.