

My family Always Comes First

“My family is everything, especially their health and that is the reason why I am using Air RahMat to treat my water”

As a *Posyandu Kader* for her community in Petojo Utara, Ibu Yuyun is very involved in promoting health to her neighbors. She has been active in all of the health programs carried out in her community including immunization campaigns, Posyandu, SENYUM (Sehat Nyaman Untuk Masyarakat) with Mercy Corps, and with the Desa Siaga program with HSP. She can't remember an activity she hasn't participated in. Caring for the community's welfare is her passion.

Ibu Yuyun is just as active in her home. She is the mother of six kids and the grandmother of one. She is the first to point out that no matter how busy she is her family always comes first. She is aware and concerned for her family's health and she tries to provide the best for them.

Just like any other mother, Ibu Yuyun is the manager of the household and her household consists of 8 adults and one child. She tries her best to ensure the family gets enough food and drink. As for the water they drink she says, “Clean and safe water is a must, we, especially the baby, could get a disease if we don't use safe water.”

Because her family drinks 1-2 *gallons* (19 liter large water bottles) a day, Ibu Yuyun used to spend a good deal of time boiling water for her family. It took hours a day just to make sure that the family had safe water to drink. Because of her involvement in helping the community and managing her family, Ibu Yuyun didn't have time to spend with her family nor time for herself. Now that has all changed.



Ibu Yuyun at her house with Air RAhMat

In July 2006 Ibu Yuyun was introduced to Air RahMat. Aman Tirta conducted a socialization event for Air RahMat to the *kader* working in the community. On that day Ibu Yuyun tried Air RahMat at the event. She started using it immediately in her house. She says all of her family loves it. Because of her trust and experience with Air RahMat, she is now a distributor, or non-traditional retailer (NTR), and she and a couple of friends are offering it to the community. But Ibu Yuyun has not stopped there: she is also doing a campaign about safe water for her community. She and her friends now know there's a healthy, cheap and easy way to get a safe drinking water, and they are doing what they can to let others know this, too.



USAID Visitor John Borrazzo samples Ibu Yuyun's Air RahMat treated water at her house.

On August 27th during the large community "Gerak Jalan Sehat" event, Ibu Yuyun participated by demonstrating how to use Air RahMat. She explained the benefits and provided water treated with Air RahMat for people to try. Following Ibu Yuyun's lead, in RW 08 Petojo Utara, many other families are using Air RahMat to treat their water.