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HEADLINES

- Data from the Ministry of Villages showed that **52,745 villages (71%) have reported their village budget realization report in 2016**. Delays in the village financial reporting were mainly due to internal village disputes (7.8%) and villages needing extra time to revise their reports (37.9%) in order to fulfill additional requirements from the district government (37.9%).
- The Ministry's data also showed that the **largest proportion of the village budget in 2016 was used to fund village infrastructure projects (90.5%)**, followed by the empowerment program (5.7%), village government administration (2.6%), and other community program (1.4%).
- The **Minister of Villages stated that rural infrastructure projects have contributed to community welfare**. Overall, the village budget has been used to build 50,378 kilometers of roads; 412,199 meters of bridges; 12,614 units of MCK (washing and bathing facilities); 15,943 units of clean water facilities, as well as early childhood education centers (PAUD) and community maternal and infant healthcare centers (*posyandus*). Moreover, rural infrastructure projects largely employed local workers, with a significant impact on income generation.
- The **Ministry of Villages aims to establish a holding company at the national level as an umbrella company for BUMDes**. A concept is currently being reviewed by the Ministry of State Owned Enterprise (BUMN) and is expected to be completed in the first semester of 2017.
- The Millennium Development Goals (MGDs) has admittedly contributed to the reduction of the infant mortality rate by 23%. However, **issues relating to poor infant nutrition status remains a crucial issue**. Data from the 2015 Basic Health Research (Riskesdas) showed 6% of infants have poor nutritional status, while 37% suffer from poor weight gain.
- The Regional Representative Council (DPD) member from Central Java urged the government to issue a **regulation on management of the ex-PNPM Program assets**. In the Grobogan District, the management of ex-PNPM assets becomes the responsibility of the Inter-villages Coordination Body (BKAD), set up by a district head decree. In the district, the assets continued to grow, from IDR 34 billion (2013) to IDR 98 billion (2016).