

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT – WORLD BANK
MEDIA MONITORING REPORT VILLAGE LAW**

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HEADLINES

- The Directorate General of Early Childhood Learning Centers (PAUD) at the Ministry of Education stated that **“One Village One PAUD Program” has been successful in developing PAUD in 72.12% of the total villages** in the country. In Indonesia, there were around 19 million children aged between 3 to 6 years.
- In 2017, priority is given to PAUD development in border areas. The Education Database (Dapodik) showed that **by January 2017 there were 7,444 PAUD in 43 border districts in 13 provinces. These PAUD employed over 2,400 teachers and have more than 170,000 pupils.**
- The Deputy Minister for Village and Regional Development at the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture Nyoman Shuida stated that the amount of village funds allocated to least developed villages is not sufficient. **More funds are needed for approximately 5,000 least developed villages, especially those situated in remote islands, to deal with complex development challenges.**
- The Commission for Corruption Eradication (KPK) **received 362 reports concerning the misuse of village funds. Of these, 87 reports would be further investigated.**
- The Minister of Villages called for active participation from the community in overseeing the use of the village fund. **The Ministry, through a hotline center (15040), welcomes any information concerning the allegation of village fund misuse or corruption.**
- The Minister of Villages and the Australian Ambassador Paul Grigson **launched an application called “Ruang Desa” (village-space), a smart phone-based communication platform on the village fund.**

1. THE DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING OF DD

The Deputy Minister for Village and Regional Development at the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture Nyoman Shuida stated that the amount of village funds allocated to least developed villages is not sufficient. Least developed villages, especially those situated in remote islands, need more resources to deal with complex development challenges. There were 5,000 least developed villages that needed an affirmative policy.

Separately in Bengkulu, by the last week of January 2017, only three out of 93 villages in the Lebong district (Bengkulu) submitted the 2016 village budget realization report. Submission of the 2016 realization report is one of the requirements for the disbursement of the 2017 fund.

In South Sumatera, the Muara Enim district government instructed village governments to allocate their budget for waste management programs in 2017, including establishing a BUMDes to handle waste problems.

Sources:

- [*Dana RP 1,1 Miliar untuk Desa Tertinggal Dianggap Kurang*](#) – Kompas.com, February 1, 2017
- [*90 Desa Belum Laporkan ADD dan DD*](#) – Bengkuluexpress.com, January 26, 2017
- [*Desa Wajib Miliki BUMDes Bank Sampah*](#) – Sumeks.co.id, January 26, 2017

2. MISUSE AND CORRUPTION OF THE VILLAGE FUND

The Commission for Corruption Eradication (KPK) received a total of 362 reports concerning the misuse of village funds from citizens. Of these, 87 reports were verified and would be further investigated. No information was given on the value and geographical distribution of these cases, but the KPK spokesperson stated that these reports indicated a more active participation from the community in overseeing the village fund.

The Minister of Villages called for an active participation from the community in overseeing the use of village fund. The Ministry, through a hotline center 15040, welcomes any information concerning the allegation of village fund misuse or corruption. The Ministry would also work closely with the KPK in preventing village fund corruption.

The media reported that three village heads were named suspects for their involvement in a corruption case. In the Tamiang village (Serang district of Banten), the former village head and the acting village head were accused of embezzling the 2015 DD fund. These

suspects used up to IDR 362 million of the total IDR 636 village budget for their personal purposes, including for purchasing a car.

In the Sidoarjo District (East Java), the Sairogo village head was arrested when collecting extortion money from villagers who participated in a national land certification program. The State Land Agency (BPN) of the Sidoarjo district has warned the district government that land certification program is a corruption-prone program, where illegal levies committed by village officials reportedly occurred.

Two village heads in the Nagan Raya District (Aceh) filed a lawsuit against the district head to the State Administrative Court (PTUN) of Aceh after recently being dismissed from their position. The head of Paya Undan village was dismissed after reporting the district head to the district police for his alleged involvement in the misuse of the 2016 village fund. Meanwhile, the head of Kuta Sayeh was dismissed without a written announcement and replaced by an acting village head.

Separately in South Sulawesi, the East Luwu district attorney began an investigation of a DD corruption in the Pongkeru Village.

Sources:

- [*KPK Telaah Laporan Dugaan Korupsi Dana Desa*](#) – Suara Pembaruan, January 30, 2017
- [*KPK Usut 87 Dugaan Korupsi Dana Desa*](#) – Fajar.co.id, January 30, 2017
- [*KPK Telaah 87 Kasus Dugaan Korupsi Dana Desa*](#) – Jawapos.com, January 28, 2017
- [*KPK Usut 87 Dugaan Korupsi Dana Desa*](#) – JPPN.com, January 28, 2017
- [*Pemkab Godok Aturan Anti Pungli*](#) – Jawa Pos, January 26, 2017
- [*Dana Desa Dikemplang*](#) – Radar Banten, January 30, 2017
- [*Dana Desa Ditarik Sebelum Kades Dilantik*](#) – Radar Banten, January 31, 2017
- [*KPK Gandeng Kemendes Awasi Dana Desa*](#) – Liputan6.com, February 1, 2017
- [*Dana Desa Dikorupsi? Laporan di Sini*](#) – Fajar.co.id, February 1, 2017
- [*Dua Keuchik Gugat Bupati Nagan ke PTUN*](#) – Serambi Indonesia, January 26, 2017
- [*Siap-siap, Seluruh Bupati Akan Dipanggil KPK Soal Dana Desa*](#) – Jawapos.com, February 1, 2017
- [*Di Lutim, Kejaksaan Mulai Selidiki Penyelewengan Dana Desa*](#) – Fajar.co.id, February 1, 2017

3. VILLAGE FACILITATORS

The media reported that many village facilitators in the North Aceh and Aceh Besar district have not received an authorization to perform work letter (Surat Perintah Tugas, SPT). However, they continued to work voluntarily in the village based on a request from the village head, especially in helping the village prepare the village budget and work plan. Previously a local NGO Aceh Society for Transparency (MATA) demanded that the North Aceh and Aceh Besar governments evaluate the performance of village facilitators in these districts, arguing that the facilitators have been inactive.

Sources:

- [*Pendamping Desa Jangan Cuma Makan Honor Buta*](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, January 31, 2017
- [*Tenaga Pendamping Desa Protes Pernyataan MATA*](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, January 30, 2017

4. PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY: EDUCATION

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The other important priority is to improve quality of learning by changing the institutional setup. The Ministry has changed the status of 21 Centers for Development Learning Activity (KPKB) - previously under the provincial government – into Technical Implementation Unit (UPI) under the Ministry.

Sources:

- [*Mendidik Generasi Emas di Perbatasan*](#) – Koran Tempo, January 31, 2017
- [*Pemerintah akan Tingkatkan Jumlah PAUD*](#) – Suara Pembaruan, January 30, 2017

5. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The Minister of Villages and the Australian Ambassador Paul Grigson launched an application called “Ruang Desa” (village-space), a smart phone-based communication platform on the village fund. The application has a number of features, including tutorial videos, short message service (SMS) and free calling facility, and ready-to-use data and information, which expectedly would help facilitators and village officials in performing their tasks. The Minister stated that the application would help connect 21,000 facilitators and officials at village, sub-district, and district levels across the country to a team within the Ministry. In its initial stage, the application is available in three provinces: Aceh, East Java, and West Nusa Tenggara. The Australian government, through the KOMPAK Project, supports this initiative.

Sources:

- [Dubes Australia Resmikan Aplikasi Ruang Desa](#) – Waspada, February 1, 2017
- [Kemdes Gandeng Australia Luncurkan Aplikasi Ruang Desa](#) – Suara Pembaruan, February 1, 2017
- [Aplikasi Ruang Desa Jadi Sarana Komunikasi](#) – Kompas, February 1, 2017
- [Aplikasi Komunikasi Desa Diperkenalkan](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, February 1, 2017

6. SOCIAL FORESTRY

At the end of 2016, the government officially acknowledged nine indigenous communities' rights to customary forests covering a total of 13,100 hectares. An article in the Jakarta Post urged that the government's recognition should not rest with these nine communities. Arguing that a partial approach in addressing the rights of indigenous communities is no longer adequate, the author proposes a number of measures. First, the government is required to recognize and define indigenous villages. Second, the government needs to develop a blueprint on national development for indigenous peoples.^[17] Last, the government needs to consider defining the types of work of indigenous people, as farmers, land cultivators and traditional fishermen and synchronizes the regulatory framework.

Source:

- [After the Customary Forest Recognition](#) – Jakarta Pos, January 26, 2017

7. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- CENTRAL JAVA: At least 1,700 of the total over 2,500 village officials in the Demak district registered to BPJS Ketenagakerjaan (national social protection), including the village heads (source: [1.700 Perangkat Desa Ikut BPJS Ketenagakerjaan Mandiri](#) – Suara Merdeka, January 26, 2017).
- WEST JAVA: The West Java provincial government allocated IDR 876.4 billion of financial assistance to 5,132 villages in 2017. Each village would receive IDR 165 million, comprising of village infrastructure grant (IDR 150 m) and grant for village operational costs (IDR 15 million) (sources: [Java Barat Siap Kucurkan Dana Bantuan Keuangan Desa](#) – Tempo.co, January 26, 2017; [Petunjuk Pencairan Dipertanyakan](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, January 31, 2017).
- JAKARTA: The World would help the Government of Indonesia in developing the Tana Toraja district (South Sulawesi) as a main tourist destination. The district head expected that the Bank would collaborate with local universities in conducting preliminary studies (Source: [Garap Pariwisata Tana Toraja, Pemerintah Gandeng Bank Dunia](#) – Kompas.com, January 30, 2017).
- WEST JAVA: The Bogor district government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Geospatial Information Agency (BIG) to develop geospatial maps of all 434 villages (source: [Peta Desa Jadi Acuan Program Pembangunan](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, February 2, 2017).