

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT – WORLD BANK**  
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**HEADLINES**

- The Minister of Villages stated that the village fund, amounting to IDR 60 trillion, was only a fraction of the incoming flow of funds to the villages. Overall in the country, **a total IDR 560 trillion has been budgeted by 19 ministries/agencies and sub-national governments for village and rural development.** Some parties assert, however, that coordination among the agencies has remained a pressing issue.
- The Minister of Villages stated **the disbursement rate of the 2016 DD from the district government to the village stood at IDR 46.9 trillion or 96%.** Meanwhile, the disbursement rate from the central to the district government reached 99.7%. Overall, the total amount of DD in 2016 increased by 126% compared to the previous year (IDR 20.7 trillion).
- The Ministry of Education stated that **the government would implement PAUD accreditation programs** with the aim of improving the quality of PAUD and the targeting of government financial assistance. In 2016, the budget absorption rate in the Directorate General for PAUD and Community Education reached 92.1%.
- The Ministry of Environment and Forest is conducting a **verification of seven customary forests in five provinces** (South Sulawesi, North Kalimantan, Aceh, Bali, and Southeast Maluku). Previously in 2016, the government acknowledged nine indigenous communities' rights to customary forests covering a total of 13,100 hectares.

## 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Villages stated that the village fund, amounting to IDR 60 trillion, was only a fraction of the incoming flow of fund to the village. Overall in the country, a total of IDR 560 trillion has been budgeted by 19 ministries/institutions and sub-national governments for village and rural development.

The Directorate General for Village Government of MOHA, Nata Irawan, stated that at least 18 ministries/institutions (K/L) at the national level have village development programs. Coordination among these institutions, however, has been poor. Meanwhile, the chairperson of the Civil Society Working Group at the Ministry of Villages proposes the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture (PMK) to play a bigger role in coordinating and synchronizing the overall village development programs.

Separately, a member of Legislative Board (*Baleg*), a body within the House of Representative (DPR), Misbakhun has stated that coordination among ministries continues to be an unresolved political issue with regard to the implementation of the 2014 Village Law. He asserts that the poor coordination, caused by unclear roles of the Ministry of Villages and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) in implementation and supervision, requires a political solution. DPR is now discussing a draft term of reference (TOR) for the socialization of the Law No 6/2014. He maintains that in order for the TOR to be effective, a political solution for poor inter-ministerial coordination should be sought.

### Sources:

- [\*Program Lintas Kementerian Belum Terintegrasi\*](#) – Koran Sindo, February 3, 2017
- [\*Pembangunan Desa Tidak Terintegrasi\*](#) – Indopos.co.id, February 3, 2017
- [\*Pemerintah Alokasikan Rp 560 Triliun untuk Daerah Tertinggal\*](#) – Antaranews.com, February 4, 2017
- [\*Konflik Antarkementerian, UU Desa Dianggap Sia-sia\*](#) – Suara Pembaruan, February 3, 2017
- [\*Mendes PDTT Dorong Wali Nagari Optimalkan Dana Desa 2017\*](#) – Gatra.com, February 6, 2017

## 2. THE DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING OF DD

The Minister of Villages stated the disbursement rate of the 2016 DD from the district government to the the village stood at IDR 46.9 trillion or 96%. Meanwhile, the disbursement rate from the central to the district government reached 99.7%. Overall, the total amount of DD in 2016 increased by 126% compared to the previous year (IDR 20.7 trillion). Separately, the Executive Director of the Regional Autonomy Oversight Institution (KPPOD) Robert Endi Jaweng appreciated the high rate of the DD

disbursement rate. In 2015, he added, the rate was less than 90%.

**Source:**

- [Penyaluran 2016 Mencapai 96 Persen](#) – Kompas, February 4, 2017

### **3. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE**

Delays in the issuance of village annual budget (APBDes) were reported in Aceh and West Java. In Aceh, all 321 villages in the West Aceh District have not submitted draft APBDes to the district government. As a consequence, salary payments for village officials in this district have been delayed for two months.

In West Java, the media reported that delays in the issuance of APBDes has forced the provincial government to postpone the disbursement of the village infrastructure grant. In the province, each village is entitled to IDR 165 million of infrastructure grants, but the provincial government has not received a single proposal from the village. The villages have not issued the 2017 APBDEs, which is one of the requirements to obtain the grant.

**Sources:**

- [Bantuan Gubernur Masih Utuh](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, February 8, 2017
- [APBG Macet, Aparatur Tak Gajian](#) – Aceh.tribunews.com, February 5, 2017

### **4. CORRUPTION**

In Central Java, the media reported two corruption cases involving the village heads. In the Tegalsumur, the village head in the Grobogan district was charged with a 15-month imprisonment for committing a corruption of the 2016 ADD. The former village head was accused of embezzling IDR 52 million and stood trial in the Court for Corruption Crime (*Tipikor*) in Semarang.

Meanwhile in the Brebes district, the Manggis village head was arrested for extorting money from villagers participating in the national land certification program (PRONA). The village head demanded payment IDR 1 million per piece of the certified land. The village head has coordinated the registration of 210 certificates.

The media also reported an anti-corruption measure taken by the Semarang district government. In the district, 206 village heads signed an integrity pact to reaffirm commitment on transparency and anti-corruption principles in village administration. The District head set a target to retain an audit result of unqualified opinion (*Wajar Tanpa Pengecualian* or WTP, reasonable without exception) from the Supreme Audit Body (BPK) for a 5 consecutive.

In South Kalimantan, a team of police from the Tapin district and South Kalimantan province arrested the Bramban village head over a DD corruption case. The village head was accused of embezzling IDR 52 million of the 2015 DD for his personal purposes.

In Papua, the Biak Numfor district attorney (Papua) began to collect information on the allegation of the 2016 ADD corruption in several sub-districts. Separately, several village heads in the Poso District (Central Sulawesi) reported a local NGO Anti-Corruption Community Movement (GMPK) to the district government over an intimidation when the NGO staff visited the villages to collect information on village budget and implementation of DD-funded projects.

**Sources:**

- [\*Dana Desa Diduga Disunat, Kejaksaan Negeri Biak Himpun Data\*](#) – Tempo.co, February 2, 2017
- [\*Kades Tegalsumur Dituntut 15 Bulan\*](#) – Suara Merdeka, February 4, 2017
- [\*Program Gratis Ditarik Biaya, Kepala Desa Kena Batunya\*](#) – Liputan6.com, February 3, 2017
- [\*Kades di Poso Resah Oleh Anggota LSM yang Mengaku Perpanjangan Tangan KPK\*](#) – Kompas.com, February 6, 2017
- [\*Kades Bramban Ditangkap Tim Gabungan Polres Tapin dan Polda Kalsel, ini Kesalahannya\*](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, February 8, 2017
- [\*206 Kades tandatangani Pakta Integritas\*](#) – Suara Merdeka, February 7, 2017.

## **5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS**

The Murung Raya district in Central Kalimantan is scheduled to hold village head elections in 36 villages on March 16, 2017. The district government called for local election committees to intensify socialization and improve coordination, in order to avoid delays due to lack of viable candidates. In the East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) Province, the North Central Timor (TTU) district police began a socialization program on the coming village elections, with the primary aim to prevent horizontal conflict.

**Sources:**

- [\*Serentak! Pilkades Digelar di 36 Desa\*](#) – Kaltim.prokal.co, February 4, 2017
- [\*Polres TTU Perketat Pilkades di Kiuola\*](#) – Kupang Pos, February 3, 2017

## **6. PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY: EDUCATION**

The Directorate of General of Early Childhood Learning Centers and Community Education (PAUD and *Dikmas*) of the Ministry of Education stated that the government would implement the PAUD accreditation program. Accreditation of PAUD was considered important in ensuring the quality of service delivery and improved targeting of

the government financial assistance. In 2016, the budget absorption rate in the Directorate General for PAUD and Community Education reached 92.1%.

**Sources:**

- [\*Pendidikan Non-formal Perlu Dikembangkan\*](#) – Media Indonesia, February 3, 2017
- [\*Akreditasi Wajib Bagi Lembaga PAUD\*](#) – Suara Merdeka, February 6, 2017

## **7. PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY: HEALTH**

The Tuban district government (East Java) launched a Regional Indonesia Health Card (*Kartu Indonesia Sehat Daerah*) to improve health service for the poor. A total of 7,246 poor households have been identified as eligible recipients and by January 2017 as many as 5,120 cards have been distributed. Recipient of the program were the poor households who have not been covered by the national social security program and Indonesia Health Card.

**Source:**

- [\*Pemda Giatkan Program Pemberantasan Kemiskinan\*](#) – Media Indonesia, February 8, 2017

## **8. EX-PNPM ASSETS**

Despite the discontinuation of the PNPM since 2015, an evolving fund program for women in the Serang district (Banten) continues to operate. The program, currently under the Activity Implementation Unit (UPK), manages IDR 300 billion of evolving funds for women engaged in small businesses. The district government is discussing with inter-village cooperation bodies (BKAD) on the management of ex-PNPM assets. Handing over the assets to village-owned enterprises (BUMDes) became one of the options.

**Source:**

- [\*Dana Bergulir UPK Capai Rp 300 M\*](#) – Radar Banten, February 3, 2017

## **9. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

Following recognition of nine customary forests by the end of 2016, the government is conducting verification on customary forests in seven locations. These locations include Sigi and Enrekang (South Sulawesi; Malinau and Nunukan (North Kalimantan), Pidie (Aceh), Karangasem (Bali) and in Southeast Maluku.

Meanwhile in the Jambi province of Sumatera, the media reported a dispute between a firm and the indigenous people. Police arrested the secretary of the Depati Nyato Adat Council, Agustin Ali, who led a protest on Dec 2016 against the prohibition to enter a geothermal exploration area managed by PT Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE). The

adat council claims that part of the exploration area belongs to adat forests of Kemuning and Bintang Marak villages, on which the local residents were planting cinnamon (*kayu manis* or Cassiavera).

**Sources:**

- [Pengurus Lembaga Adat Ditahan](#) – Kompas, February 7, 2017
- [Hutan Adat Tak Bisa Dijual](#) – Majalah Tempo, February 6, 2017

**10. ADDITIONAL NEWS**

- NORTH SUMATERA: All-Indonesia village officials association (APDESI) will hold a national annual meeting in Medan in April 2017. The president is scheduled to open the meeting. APDESI claims a membership of 50,000 village officials and 4,000 village heads will attend event ([Jokowi Diharapkan Buka Rakernas APDESI](#) – Kompas.com, February 3, 2017; [Sumut Tuan Rumah Pertemuan Perangkat Desa Se-Indonesia](#) – Waspada, February 4, 2017)
- EAST NUSA TENGGARA: The District Inspectorate of Malaka began an audit of the 2016 DD in 127 villages. The audit is scheduled until December 2017 (source: [Inspektorat Periksa Dana Desa 2016](#) – Kupang Pos, February 7, 2017).
- CENTRAL JAVA: The Klaten district introduced a new method of consultation meetings in 2017. Last year, each village was instructed to hold a village consultation meeting prior to determining village development plans and budget. This year, such meetings were held at 26 sub-district governments. Each village is instructed to send a delegation, consisting of the village officials, member of village consultative body (BPD), and community leaders (source: [Sambang Warga Digelar di 26 Kecamatan](#) – Suara Merdeka, February 6, 2017).
- WEST JAVA: The Tasikmalaya district government sets Feb 6 as a deadline for the villages to issue the 2017 village annual budget (APBDes). The deadline is set to ensure a timely disbursement of the 2017 DD Phase 1 (source: [Desa Diberi Tenggat Pelaporan ABPDes](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, February 4, 2017).

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