

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

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HEADLINES

- The Minister of Villages encouraged village heads to allocate a budget between IDR 200 to 500 million from the village budget to build wet ponds or water reservoirs. The villages could use the wet pond to increase agricultural productivity and to address the water crisis problem in certain regions.
- The Director of Primary and Secondary Education at the Ministry of Education stated that an affirmative scholarship program has been allocated for 1,407 students from the least developed regions and border districts, including members of the indigenous groups. A scholarship recipient is entitled to IDR 21.3 million to complete a three-year secondary education.
- The National Accreditation Agency (BAN) for Early Childhood Learning Centers (PAUD) and Non-Formal Education (PNF) aims to complete an accreditation of 22,500 PAUD by the end of 2017. Last year, accreditation for around 10,500 PAUD has been completed. As for the PNF, which includes a language course and other non-formal education, BAN stated that only 6% of around 24,000 units have been accredited.
- The media reported from a number of districts that in most villages the 2017 DD Phase 1 has not been disbursed. In Aceh, for example, only one out of 68 villages in the Lhokseumawe regency submitted the 2016 budget realization report. The deadline for submission is set for March 31, 2017.
- The media reported a number of initiatives concerning the management of ex-PNPM assets. In the district government of Central Aceh (Aceh) and Grestik (East Java), they decided to transfer the ownership of ex-PNPM assets to a newly established inter-village enterprise at the sub-district level.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Villages encouraged the village heads to allocate between IDR 200 to 500 million from the village budget to build wet ponds or water reservoirs. The villages could use wet ponds to increase agricultural productivity and to address the problem of inadequate water supply in certain regions.

From East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), the media reported that clean water provision and rehabilitation of poor housings became priorities in some villages. In the East Flores district, the Wailolong village used the 2016 DD to build clean water facilities to address the recurring water crisis. A 5 kilometer water pipeline and over 500 meters of sewer line were built last year. With regard to the rehabilitation of houses belonging to poor families, in 2016 the Kolisia village (Sikka District) rehabilitated 30 houses using the ADD.

Sources:

- [*Menikmati Air Bersih Berkat Dana Desa*](#) – Media Indonesia, February 13, 2017
- [*Flores Timur Rasakan Air Bersih dari Dana Desa*](#) – Metrotvnews.com, February 10, 2017
- [*Kolisia B Prioritas Rumah Tidak Layak Huni*](#) – Kupang Pos, February 15, 2017
- [*Menteri Desa Tekankan Pembuatan Embung*](#) – Suara Merdeka, February 10, 2017
- [*Dana Desa Atasi Krisis Air Bersih*](#) – Indopos.co.id, February 10, 2017

2. THE DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING OF DD

The media reported from a number of districts that in most villages the 2017 DD Phase 1 has not been disbursed. In Aceh, only one out of 68 villages in the Lhokseumawe regency has submitted the 2016 budget realization report. Reports from 67 villages were not approved and returned back for revision. Most of the reports were not adequately supported with the required documents, such as bank account printouts and photos of DD-funded projects.

In the West Bandung district, the district government was still waiting for the 2016 budget realization reports from 165 villages. In this district, an average of IDR 2 billion would be transferred to the village, consisting of DD, ADD, and a shared revenue fund. A similar story was reported from the North Aceh District. The district government set March 31, 2017 as the deadline for submission.

In the Southwest Aceh district, the district government rewarded two villages for their achievements. The Kuta Jeumpa village was rewarded as the first village to receive the 2017 DD, while the Aleu Jeurejak village was named the best village in the category of the village administration category.

Sources:

- [Baru Beberapa Desa Sampaikan Laporan 2016](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, February 9, 2017
- [BPMPKB Nagan Raya Cairkan Dana Desa Rp 29 M](#) – Waspada, February 13, 2017
- [Minggeng Tercepat Menyalurkan Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, February 14, 2017
- [67 Gampong Belum Selesaikan LPJ Dana Desa 2016](#), Serambi Indonesia, February 15, 2017
- [Dana Desa Aceh Utara RP 635,314 M](#) – Waspada, February 14, 2017

3. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The Demak District government decided to postpone the selection process of 416 village officials in 202 villages due to alleged gratification reports. The media reported that to be appointed as a village secretary, a candidate was requested to pay between IDR 45 to IDR 70 million. A selection committee member argued that the payment was legal as stipulated in the local bylaw. In Bylaw No 5 and 6 of 2015, a selection committee is allowed to collect donations from the third party to cover the selection costs. The district government decided to postpone the selection until the bylaw is revised.

Sources:

- [Di Demak, Harga Kursi Sekretaris Desa Rp 70 Juta](#) – Media Indonesia, February 10, 2017
- [Pemkab Tunda Rekrut Pejabat Desa](#) – Media Indonesia, February 11, 2017

4. CORRUPTION

In West Kalimantan and Aceh, the media reported two corruption cases involving the village heads. The Sengkubang village head in the Pontianak district (West Kalimantan) was brought to trial over a corruption of IDR 76 million ADD. He was accused of embezzling the ADD for three consecutive years, 2012-2014.

Separately in the East Aceh district, dozens of villagers of Suka Damai staged a demonstration at the Pante Bidari sub-district government office demanding an investigation of an alleged corruption case of the 2016 DD. The protesters claimed that IDR 80 million of the 2016 DD has been misused.

Sources:

- [Sidang Tuntutan Kades Sengkubang Digelar Hari Ini](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, February 13, 2017
- [Puluhan Warga Mengadu ke Camat Lhok Nibong](#) – Waspada, February 14, 2017

5. LOCAL ELECTIONS

The media reported local and village election disputes in NTT, West Sulawesi, and Yogyakarta. In NTT, a newly elected village head of the Mahuitas village (Belu District) was reported to the police over an allegation of faking the school certificate. The Belu District House of Representative (DPRD) stated that the village head would be dismissed from his position if proven guilty.

In West Sulawesi, hundreds of villagers staged a demonstration at the Provincial Election Oversight Body (Bawaslu). They demanded an investigation of the use of 2016 DD in the political campaign by one of the candidates in the Polewali Mandar district head election.

In Yogyakarta, the media reported a discrimination of a woman candidate in the selection of village official in the Murtigading village (Bantul District). A woman candidate who scored the highest in the written test reportedly denied a position as *kepala dusun* (hamlet head). The selection committee argued that, being a woman, the candidate is not fit for the position, which requires irregular working hours to serve the community.

Sources:

- [Bawaslu Diminta Usut Dugaan Politisasi Dana Desa dan Raskin Pilkada Sulbar](#) – Jawapos.com, February 14, 2017
- [Kades Tersangkut Dugaan Ijasah Palsu](#) – Kupang Pos, February 15, 2017
- [Pemilihan Kepala Dusun, Perempuan Masih Didiskriminasi](#) – Tempo.co, February 13, 2017

6. PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY: EDUCATION

The Director of Primary and Secondary Education at the Ministry of Education stated that an affirmative scholarship program has been allocated for 1,047 students from the least developed regions - including members of the indigenous groups - mostly in Papua, West Papua, and the border districts. A scholarship recipient is entitled to IDR 21.3 million to complete a three-year secondary school.

The National Accreditation Agency (BAN) for Early Childhood Learning Centers (PAUD) and Non-Formal Education (PNF) aims to complete an accreditation of 22,500 PAUD in the period of 2016-2017. Last year, accreditation for around 10,500 PAUD has been completed. As for the PNF, which includes a language course and other non-formal education, BAN stated that only 6% of around 24,000 units have been accredited. In order to achieve the target, BAN has been established in all 34 provinces.

The East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) provincial government decided not to allocate the budget for the salary of 48 newly recruited contract teachers working in senior high schools and the Kupang regency. The province only allocated the budget for teachers who have been contracted prior to the 2016 financial year. The Kupang regency was instructed to allocate the budget for their salary. In the regency there were 174 contract teachers employed in senior high schools.

Sources:

- [Beasiswa Bagi Masyarakat Adat](#) – Kompas, February 13, 2017
- [Tolak Bayar Gaji 48 Guru Kontrak](#) – Kupang Pos, February 9, 2017
- [Tahun ini Akreditasi 10 Ribu PAUD](#) – Jawa Pos, February 12, 2017

7. PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY: HEALTH

In West Java, registration of village officials into the national social protection program (BPJS Kesehatan) has been postponed due to unclear budget allocations for the monthly premium. The secretary of All-Indonesia Village Officials Association stated that his party demanded that the premium is covered proportionally by the district and village budget. Separately, the provincial government is considering an allocation from the provincial budget.

Source:

- [Desa Bingung Soal Premi BPJS](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, February 13, 2017

8. BUMDES

The media reported that progress in the establishment of village-owned enterprises (BUMDes) in some provinces is varied. In the Cianjur district (West Java), only 54 out of 354 villages have established BUMDes by December 2016. The district government expected that village facilitators could help the village officials in establishing the BUMDes. In Central Java, the Rembang district government instructed the village governments to allocate IDR 100 million from the 2017 village budget to establish BUMDes.

Separately in the Bali province, the government instructed all BUMDes to use an accounting system approved by the Finance and Development Supervisory Agency (BPKP). The use of the BPKP approved system becomes a requirement for the BUMDes to receive a grant from the province. By 2016, the provincial government provided a financial grant for 217 BUMDes, to be used in an evolving fund program for the poor households.

A local NGO KIBAR (People's Coalition) urged the Kolaka district government to conduct an evaluation on the 2016 village budget allocation for BUMDes, the NGO suspected that in many villages budget for the BUMDes have been misused. On average, IDR 20-70 million of the village budget was allocated for BUMDes last year.

Sources:

- [Pendamping Desa Dituntut Lebih Proaktif](#) – Pikiranrakyat.com, February 13, 2017
- [Pemprov Bali Mantapkan Pengelolaan Keuangan dari Gerbangsadu](#) – Metrotvnews.com, February 12, 2017
- [Pemkab Dorong Tiap Desa Miliki BUMDes](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, February 12, 2017

- [KIBAR Desak BPMD Evaluasi BUMDes](#) – Fajar.co.id, February 9, 2017

9. EX-PNPM ASSETS

The media reported a number of initiatives concerning the management of ex-PNPM assets. In the Central Aceh district, the government decided to transfer the ownership of ex-PNPM assets to a newly established enterprise called *Kantor Badan Usaha Milik Antar Kampung* (BUMAK, inter-village business enterprise). The first BUMAK was launched in the Ketol sub-district on Monday, Feb 12. Ex-PNPM assets with the total value of IDR 2.3 billion were handed over to the BUMAK and former PNPM program recipients automatically became the recipient of the BUMAK program.

The Gresik district government (Central Java) began to register ex-PNPM assets in 13 sub-districts. The district government plans to transfer the assets to an inter-village enterprise that would be established at the sub-district level. By 2015, the total ex-PNPM assets in 13 sub-districts have reached IDR 58 billion. The assets in the remaining five districts have not been registered.

Sources:

- [Dana Eks-PNPM-MP di Gresik Masih Tersisa Rp 58,1 Miliar](#) – Kompas.com, February 10, 2017
- [Pertama di Aceh Tengah, Ketol Miliki Kantor Badan Usaha Antar Kampung](#) – Aceh.tribunews.com, Feb 13

10. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

In NTT and South Kalimantan the media reported disputes between a firm and the indigenous people. Police in the Tanah Bambu sub-district (South Kalimantan) arrested two informal leaders of the Meratus Mountains indigenous group for conducting illegal activities in a disputed land. The arrest was made following a report filed by a private firm PT Kodeco Timber, who has accused them of illegally cutting trees in the concession areas. The Director of Environment NGO WALHI stated that the concession area is located on a land traditionally owned by the indigenous people.

Dozens of residents of the West Satar Punda village staged a symbolic protest by occupying a disputed customary (*ulayat*) land for several hours on Feb 13. The protest was a response against the local government instruction that prohibits any activities in the disputed land.

Sources:

- [Warga Kampung “Duduki” Tanah Sengketa](#) – Kupang Pos, February 15, 2017
- [Kapolda Bantah Kriminalisasi Tokoh Adat](#) – Waspada, February 14, 2017

11. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- WEST JAVA: Four villages in the West Bandung district have launched a village website. Of these, the website of the Tanimulya village was named the best village website in the province ([Tangkal Hoax, Situs Web Desa Dibuat](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, February 15, 2017).
- WEST JAVA: the Bandung district government allocated IDR 338 billion of grant for the sub-district governments. The grant is allocated to fund 14 priority areas and is designed not to overlap with DD funded projects. The priority areas include health and education services, as well as manpower training ([Dana Rp 338 Miliar Siap Disalurkan ke Kecamatan](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, February 10, 2017).
- NTT: The East Penfui village (Kupang District) conducted a three-day public service program (8-10 Feb), in which residents enjoyed a one-stop service to obtain civic documents such as a family card, marriage certificate, birth certificate, and e-identity card. Hundreds of residents participated ([Warga Penfui Timur Serbu Kantor Desa](#) – Kupang Pos, February 9, 2017).
- CENTRAL JAVA: the All-Indonesia Village Officials Association (PAPDESI) of Central Java demanded a regulation that allows the use of the village budget to cover costs for the implementation of the national land certification program (PRONA). PAPDESI stated that some components of the program were not free of charge, such as an honorarium for witnesses in land measurements ([Kepala Desa Keberatan Mengurus PRONA](#) – Suara Merdeka, February 9, 2017).