

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT – WORLD BANK

MEDIA MONITORING REPORT VILLAGE LAW

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HEADLINES

- **The Ministry of Tourism proposed 10 percent allocation of village funds (Dana Desa – DD) for the promotion of local tourist destinations.** This formula would apply to around 1,900 villages that had been identified by the ministry as villages having potentials in local tourism. It is estimated that up to IDR 100 million could be allocated in each village
- **The Minister of Village stated that village governments should prepare BUMDes to become the source of income.** Many BUMDes had been able to contribute to village income, but more BUMDes were still struggling due to lack of qualified human resources. The minister suggested the village to provide training for BUMDes staff, as part of community empowerment program.
- **The Health Minister stated that maternal mortality rate (AKI) had decreased in the last three years, from 359 (2012) to 305 (2015).** The overall decrease in the last ten years, however, remains slow and Indonesia's maternal mortality rate remains as one of the highest in the Southeast Asia. Nearly 70 percent of maternal deaths occurred on Java and Sumatera. The government set a target of 70 maternal deaths in every 100,000 births by 2030. The government would focus on improving health referral system. A pilot project by the ministry concluded that improved referral system would decrease fatality rate by 2.5%.
- **The Directorate General of Early Childhood Learning Center and Community Education (PAUD and Dikmas) at the Ministry of Education would propose an allocation of IDR 8 trillion in the 2018 State Budget** for provision of early education for around 19.2 million children.
- **This year, the Parliament would be discussing bill on Recognition and Protection of the Rights of Indigenous People.** The Presidential Staff Office (KSP) would set up Indigenous People Task Force to harmonize the content of the proposed bill and to prepare necessary measures to reform relevant bureaucratic structure.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Tourism proposed 10 percent allocation of DD for the promotion of local tourist destinations. This formula would apply to around 1,900 villages that had been identified by the ministry as villages with potentials in local tourism. It was estimated that up to IDR 100 million could be allocated in each village. The Ministry of Tourism had been discussing the proposal with the Ministry of Villages and a joint ministerial decree on “Pedoman Pengembangan Desa Wisata” (Guidance to the Development of Village Tourism) is likely to be issued this year.

Separately, the Minister of Village requested village governments to use the village funds to address poverty. The Minister encouraged a more careful identification of the poor and their needs. This would allow a better targeting and intervention in 2017.

Sources:

- [*10% Dana Desa Bisa untuk Pengembangan Pariwisata*](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, March 20, 2017
- [*Mendes Minta Dana Desa Fokus Tekan Kemiskinan*](#) – Koran Sindo, March 21, 2017

2. CORRUPTION AND MISUSE

Residents of the Watowara village in the East Flores district (NTT) staged a protest demanding a clarification about the utilization of the 2016 Village Budget. The protesters claimed that the budget was not properly disbursed and reported the village head to the district attorney office.

Similarly, in North Sumatera, The villagers of Pantai Tapak Kuda in Langkat District protested to demand a clarification on the 2016 budget realization reports. They accused that the money had been misused because the villagers saw no significant infrastructure projects last year.

The Batubara District House of Representative (DPRD) in North Sumatera demanded a thorough investigation of corruption cases that had been reported to the DPRD. The DPRD had received reports on alleged corruption cases, including on DD and ADD in the Sumber Tani village.

Sources:

- [*Warga Adukan Pengelolaan Dana Desa Watowara*](#) – Kupang Pos, March 16, 2017
- [*Tuntaskan Kasus Korupsi dan ADD Batubara*](#) – Waspada, March 16, 2017
- [*Warga Tapak Kuda Pertanyakan Dana Desa*](#) – Waspada, March 16, 2017
- [*Warga Pertanyakan Dana Desa ke Pemkab Langkat*](#) – Waspada, March 18, 2017

3. THE DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING OF DD

The Grobogan District Head in Central Java stated that last year, almost 90 percent of the Village Budget was spent on infrastructure. In 2017, the district government encouraged the villages to allocate more money to empowerment and entrepreneurship program. The district would receive IDR 229 million of DD in 2017, which would be disbursed in 273 villages.

In the Singkil District in Aceh, only 10 percent of 116 villages had submitted their 2016 budget realization reports. The district government also decided to postpone implementation of Siskeudes (village financial system application) to 2018. They considered that more training was needed before their staff were ready to implement the system.

Separately in East Java, eight villages in the Bondowoso District had not completed the 2016 budget realization report. The deadline of submission for these villages had been extended to March 31. In South Kalimantan, the DD in 2017 would reach IDR 2.4 trillion and would be disbursed to 1,866 villages. Villages in this province would be encouraged to invest more on local infrastructure projects. A significant increase in the 2017 village income was also expected in the Bangka Belitung Province, where each village would have an annual income between IDR 1.6 billion to IDR 2 billion.

Sources:

- [*Pembangunan Menantikan Dana Desa*](#) – Media Indonesia, March 18, 2017
- [*Delapan Desa di Bondowoso Belum Selesaikan SPJ ADD/DD 2016*](#) –Antaraneews.com, March 17, 2017
- [*Bupati Belum Teken Perbub APBDES*](#) – Serambi Indonesia, March 16, 2017
- [*99 Persen Dana Desa untuk Infrastruktur*](#) – Suara Merdeka, March 22, 2017
- [*2017, Desa-Desa di Kabupaten Bangka Dapat Kucuran Rp 1,6 Miliar Hingga Rp 2 Miliar*](#) – Bangka Tribunews, March 19, 2017

4. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In the Pangandaran District in West Java, 27 village head candidates would compete in the elections in nine villages on April 2. A total of 500 security forces, including 100 mobile brigade personnel from the West Java Provincial Police, would be deployed. The police particularly considered vandalism, intimidation, and group brawl as potential sources of conflict.

Source:

- [Pilkades Serentak 9 Desa dilaksanakan 2 April 2017](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, March 17, 2017

5. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

The Minister of Village stated that the village governments should prepare BUMDes to become the source of income. Many BUMDes had been able to contribute income to the village, but more BUMDes were still struggling due to lack of qualified human resources. The Minister suggested them to provide training for BUMDes staff, as part of the community empowerment program.

The media reported progress of the establishment of BUMDes in various regions. In the Lebak District, Banten, 123 BUMDes had been formed. In the Lamongan District, East Java, 262 BUMDes had been established, but only 195 of them were active. In the Situbondo District, BUMDes had been formed in 22 of 132 villages.

Sources:

- [DPMD: 22 Desa di Situbondo Sudah Bentuk](#) – Antaranews, March 17, 2017
- [Gus Ipul Minta Kades Pahami Aturan Dana Desa](#) – Antaranews.com, March 16, 2017
- [DD di Lebak Capai Rp406 Miliar](#) – Radar Banten, March 22, 2017
- [Dana Desa hanya Stimulus Pembangunan Desa](#) – Metrotvnews.com, March 16, 2017

6. BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY: HEALTH

The Health Minister stated that maternal mortality rate (AKI) had decreased in the last three years, from 359 (2012) to 305 (2015). However, the overall decrease in the last ten years remains slow and Indonesia's maternal mortality rate remains as one of the highest in Southeast Asia. Nearly 70 percent of maternal deaths occurred in Java and Sumatera. The government set a target of 70 maternal deaths in every 100,000 births by 2030 and would focus on improving health referral system. A pilot by the ministry concluded that improved referral system would decrease fatality rate by 2.5 percent.

The National Association of Nurses (PPNI) in the Tapin District, South Kalimantan offered a health program called "perawat masuk desa" (nurses going to village) to address the shortage of nurses and other health workers in villages. The association proposed that the program would be funded by DD and to recruit voluntary health workers (Tenaga Kerja Sukarela or TKS), who have worked on a voluntary basis in community health centers.

Sources:

- [*PPNI Tapin Usulkan Dana Desa Sebagian untuk Rekrut Perawat*](#) – Banjarmasintribunews, March 22, 2017
- [*Penurunan Angka Kematian Ibu dan Bayi Belum Signifikan*](#) – Suara Pembaruan, March 16, 2017

7. BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY: EDUCATION

The Directorate General of Early Childhood Learning Center and Community Education (PAUD and Dikmas) at the Ministry of Education would propose an allocation of IDR 8 trillion in the 2018 State Budget to provide early education for around 19.2 million children. Last year, the allocation was IDR 2.6 trillion.

The media reported delays in salary payment for high school honorary teachers in the Sampang District, East Java. These teachers, hired based on the district head's decree, had not received their salary for three months. The District Education Agency stated that the delay was caused by an ongoing transfer of authority in the management of honorary teachers from district government to the province.

Sources:

- [*Guru Honorer Sampang Tak Digaji Tiga Bulan*](#) – Antaranews.com, March 16, 2017
- [*Anggaran PAUD Dinsulkan Rp 7 Triliun*](#) – Suara Merdeka, March 20, 2017

8. EX-PNPM ASSETS

In West Java, the Kuningan District Head Acep Purnama encouraged the village government to allocate a grant from the Village Budget to assist the Activity Implementation Unit (UPK), to allow a continuation of an evolving fund program formerly belonged to the PNPM. The district head stated that the presence of UPK was still needed, and the villages could help providing grant to cover UPK's operational costs. In the Kuningan District, the UPK was formed under the Kecamatan Development Program (1998-2006) and continued under the PNPM (April 2007-December 2014).

Source:

- [*Bupati Minta Desa Sisihkan Dana untuk UPK*](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, March 21, 2017

9. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The Parliament would discuss the bill on Recognition and Protection of the Rights of Indigenous People this year. The Presidential Staff Office (KSP) would set up Indigenous

People Task Force to harmonize the content of the proposed bill and to prepare necessary measures to reform relevant bureaucratic structure.

Indonesian Palm Oil Association (GAPKI) raised a concern about the uncertainty caused by conflicting interests in the process of forestry status acknowledgment. The GAPKI stated that investors needed certainty on the legal status of the land, on which GHU (and cultivation rights) granted. The Alliance for the Indigenous Peoples of the Archipelago (AMAN) had previously mapped 7.37 million hectares of customary forest land, of which 1.6 million hectares were in concession areas.

Separately, Indonesian Forestry Association (PERSAKI) proposed that the government should prepare a roadmap to guide the process of acknowledging customary forests status to the indigenous people. The roadmap should accommodate two points; assurance on predictability as well as certainty of investment climate and clarification on legal status of the indigenous groups pursuing customary forest status.

Meanwhile in North Sumatera, Rukka Sombolinggi was appointed General Secretary of the Alliance for the Indigenous People of the Archipelago (AMAN) for the period 2017-2022. The AMAN 5th Congress also selected member of the executive body, representing indigenous groups across the archipelago.

Chairperson of the Adat Youth of the Archipelago, Jhontoni Tarihoran, proposed that the government should establish *adat* school in every *adat* community. There have been examples of adat schools, initiated by the adat community, such as the school run by the *adat* community in Bukit Samabue, West Kalimantan. The school has 120 students and teaches various subjects on local customs and culture. The school is designed as a complementary activity for school-aged children.

Sources:

- [*Rukka Sombolinggi Pimpin Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara*](#) – Tempo.co, March 20, 2017
- [*Peta Jalan Dibutuhkan*](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, March 16, 2017
- [*Masyarakat Adat Perlu Diberi Uang*](#) – Kompas, March 16, 2017
- [*Wilayah Adat Butuh Sekolah Adat*](#) – Koran Tempo, March 17, 2017
- [*GAPKI Kritik Pemerintah*](#) –Bisnis Indonesia, March 20, 2017

10. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- NORTH SUMATERA: the media reported that some villages in the Karo District were unable to finish the development of DD-funded projects. The delay was caused

by the late DD disbursement in 2016, as well as the weak role of TPK (*Tim Pendamping Kegiatan*, Activity Supervisory Team) in supervising projects (sources: [Gapura Belum Selesai](#) – Waspada, March 18, 2018 and [Proyek ADD Kuta Mbaru Puntii Belum Rampung](#) – Waspada, March 18, 2017).

- EAST JAVA: 25 village heads in the Kraton Sub-district in Pasuruan District decided to temporarily halt provision of certain services, including land certification, to avoid risks of being implicated in illegal levies. The village heads expected guidance from the Pasuruan District Head that would clarify criteria of eligible and ineligible fees incurred in these services (source: [Menuju Desa Bebas Pungli](#) – Media Indonesia, March 21, 2017).
- WEST KALIMANTAN: An evaluation conducted by the Sintang District Inspectorate Office in 391 villages concluded that mismanagement of village budget remained an issue. It was common that RKA (project and budget plan document) was not properly prepared and implemented (source: [Inspektorat Sintang Akui Pengelolaan Anggaran Belum Maksimal](#) – Pontianak Tribunnews.com, March 22, 2017).