

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT – WORLD BANK

MEDIA MONITORING REPORT VILLAGE LAW

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HEADLINES

- **The government initiated the recruitment of 13,053 village facilitators.** Recruitment is conducted through an online system. Each province will receive a varied quota, with provinces with highest quota include Central Java (2,423), West Java (1,185), and East Java (1,163). **Currently, the total amount of village facilitators is 40,142 persons, of which 2,000 facilitators (5%) are considered to have poor performance** and the government is considering not to extend their contract.
- **Minister of Villages Eko Putro Sandjojo said that based on an internal survey more than 5,000 disadvantaged villages have increased their status to developing villages.** This amount has exceeded the target of the National Medium Term Development Plan (RPJMN) in 2019.
- In a hearing with the Regional Representative Council (DPD), Head of Criminal Investigation Unit (Kabareskrim) at the National Police (Polri) Komjen Ari Dono Sukmanto said **police have arrested 215 village heads in various regions due to corruption of village funds.** Senator Akhmad Muqowam said corruption cases were alarming and caused public distrust of the village government's ability to manage village funds.
- In the trial of a bribery case at the Village Ministry, the Village Community Empowerment Director Taufik Madjid who was summoned as witness confirmed the finding of BPK on the honorarium of village facilitators. **The BPK audit found Rp 1 trillion payment for village facilitators have not been made, respectively in 2015 (Rp 450 billion) and 2016 (Rp 550 billion).**
- The Ministry of Education and Culture stated that **by 2016, 2.07 per cent of the population (3.4 million people) are illiterate, consisting of women (2.3 million) and men (1,1 million).** Of the 34 provinces, 11 provinces have higher illiteracy rates than the national level. Meanwhile, the other 23 provinces are already below the national figure

1. VILLAGE FACILITATORS

The government initiated the recruitment of 13,053 village facilitators. Recruitment is conducted through an online system in cooperation with universities to ensure transparency. Each province will receive a varied quota (see Table 1). Provinces with highest quota include Central Java (2,423), West Java (1,185), and East Java (1,163). Salary of the village facilitators will be equal to the provincial minimum wage.

Currently, the total village facilitators amounted to 40,142 persons, while the number of villages is 74,910. The ministry's internal evaluation indicates about 2,000 village facilitators (5%) have poor performance and the government is considering not to extend their contract.

In Yogyakarta, village heads complained about the poor performance of village facilitators in the public discussion "Strengthening Democracy and Village Sustainability" organized by the Institute for Research and Empowerment (Yogyakarta). Representatives of the Village Ministries who attended the discussion stated that the Ministry would implement capacity building programs for village facilitators.

Table 1. Village Facilitators Quota in Selected Provinces

Provinces	Quota (person)
Central Java	2,423
West Java	1,185
East Java	1,163
East Nusa Tenggara (NTT)	287
West Nusa Tenggara (NTB)	130
Riau Islands	109
Bali	104
West Sumatra	90
Bangka Belitung	78

Sources:

- [Pemerintah Rekrut 13.053 Pendamping Desa](#) - Koran Sindo, September 4, 2017
- [Lowongan Kerja, Kemendes Rekrut Calon Pendamping Desa](#) - Fajar.co.id, September 4, 2017
- [Flory Sebut NTT Dapat Kuota 287 Orang](#) - Kupang Pos, September 6, 2017
- [Ribuan Pendamping Desa Bakal Diberhentikan](#) - Indopos.co.id, September 4, 2017
- [Program Pendamping Desa Masih Bermasalah](#) - Kompas, September 6, 2017
- [Resolusi Desa Desak Pemerintah Tinjau Aturan Penggunaan Dana Desa](#) - Tempo.co, September 6, 2017

2. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Minister of Villages Eko Putro Sandjojo said that based on an internal survey more than 5,000 disadvantaged villages have increased their status to developing villages. This amount has exceeded the target of the National Medium Term Development Plan (RPJMN) in 2019. However, the Ministry will compare the internal survey with the village potential survey (PODES), which is currently being conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS).

Source:

- [Ribuan Pendamping Desa Bakal Diberhentikan](#) - Indopos.co.id, September 4, 2017

3. DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING OF DD

In Banten, the Tangerang District Inspectorate will conduct an audit of seven villages that passed the deadline for submission of accountability report (LPJ) last August. In the neighboring Pandeglang district, 46 of 326 villages have not submitted accountability reports.

In West Nusa Tenggara, DD Phase II to the villages North Lombok district has not been transferred because the data input process to the State Treasury Office (KPPN) is not completed.

In Aceh, the Aceh Tamiang district government blocked the ADD disbursement of Rp 628 million for Bandong Jaya Village which has not completed the 2016 accountability report. The village head complained to the district legislative council (DPRK), claiming the blockade had delayed the payment of the 35 village officials. In the neighboring Bieruen district, DD for 609 villages has been disbursed entirely on Friday (1/9), with a value of over Rp 20 billion.

Sources:

- [*Inspektorat Audit Tujuh Kades*](#) - Radar Banten, September 7, 2017
- [*Terkendala Input Data Dana Desa Tahap II Belum Bisa Dicairkan*](#) - Lombokpost.net, September 8, 2017
- [*Dana Desa Diblokir, Datok Mengadu ke Dewan*](#) - Serambi Indonesia, September 5, 2017
- [*46 Desa Belum Melaporkan Penggunaan DD*](#) - Radar Banten, September 5, 2017
- [*Dana Desa Tahap Akhir Cair*](#) - Serambi Indonesia, September 3, 2017

4. CORRUPTION CASES AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

In Jakarta, DPD held a hearing on DD with the Ministry of Village, Bappenas, Ministry of Finance, Attorney General, BPKP, and KPK. Head of Criminal Investigation Unit (Kabareskrim) at the National Police (Polri) Komjen Ari Dono Sukmanto said police have arrested 215 village heads in various regions due to corruption of village funds. Senator Akhmad Muqowam said corruption cases were alarming and caused public distrust of the village government's ability to manage village funds.

In the trial of a bribery case at the Village Ministry, the Village Community Empowerment Director Taufik Madjid who was summoned as witness confirmed the finding of BPK on the honorarium of village facilitators. The BPK Audit found Rp 1 trillion payment for village facilitators have not been made, respectively in 2015 (Rp 450 billion) and 2016 (Rp 550 billion).

Separately, the President's Special Staff for the Papua Working Group Lenis Kogoya revealed that village fund misuse is prevalent in Papua and asked law enforcement officials, particularly the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), to take firm action.

In Serang District (Banten), police are investigating an alleged corruption of ADD in Binangun village. The corruption occurred in 2015 and 2016, allegedly cause a loss of Rp 135 million.

In Bengkulu, the police investigated the alleged corruption of village funds (DD) in Gunung Agung Village (North Bengkulu Regency). Police have named one suspect, whose identity has not been disclosed.

In Bireuen District (Aceh), the Aceh Corruption Watch Foundation (YACW) questioned the results of the DD audit in Pulo Ara Village. Audit inspectorate mentions DD misappropriation amounting to 135 million in 2015 dan 2016. YACW states, their calculations show more than Rp 300 million has been misused.

In Serang District (Banten), residents reported the Pulopanjang village head to the police for allegedly forged the signature of the village treasurer in disbursing the budget for nine village budget (APBDes) funded projects with a total value of Rp 1.3 billion.

Sources:

- [Staf Khusus Presiden : Banyak Penyimpangan Dana Desa di Papua](#) - Kompas, September 4, 2017
- [215 Kepala Desa Terjerat Kasus Dana Desa](#) - Suara Merdeka, 7 September
- [Saksi Benarkan Ada Temuan BPK soal Honor Pendamping Desa](#) - Detik.com, September 6, 2017
- [Penyidikan ADD Desa Binangun Tersendat](#) - Radar Banten, September 5, 2017
- [Dugaan Korupsi Dana Desa di Bengkulu Utara Dilimpahkan ke Kejari](#) - Suara Pembaruan, September 5, 2017
- [LSM Pertanyakan Audit Dana Desa Pulo Ara](#) - Serambi Indonesia, September 2, 2017
- [Kades Pulopanjang Dilaporkan ke Polisi](#) - Radar Banten, September 8, 2017

5. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

In Gresik district (East Java), 460 village apparatus, including 147 village secretaries, have been transferred to the district government office. Recruitment process to replace these officials is pending district head regulation (perbub) on recruitment mechanism has not been issued.

In Serang District (Banten), public service in Talaga Village is hampered because the village office renovation has been suspended. DD for this village has not been disbursed due to DD 2016 corruption cases involving the village head. The village also has not submitted the accountability report of the 2016 APBDes.

Sources:

- [Isi Ratusan Perangkat Kosong](#) - Jawa Pos, September 2, 2017
- [Pelayanan di Desa Talaga Mandek](#) - Radar Banten, September 7, 2017

6. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

The Aceh Singkil (Aceh) District Government postponed the village head elections in 48 villages from September 10 to September 16. The district government only allocates a budget of Rp 10 million per village from the district budget (APBD) so that villages that have more than 1,000 voters were facing budget constraints.

In East Java, 1,700 *residents* have not been registered as voters in the simultaneous village head elections in 18 villages in Gresik Regency. *Menganti* village has the highest number of unregistered voters (532 *villagers*).

In West Java, a total of 138 villages in Indramayu District will hold simultaneous village head elections (*pilkades*) in December 2017. Starting this year, the budget of *pilkades* is borne entirely by the district budget (APBD). If needed, additional funds may be allocated from the village budget (APBDes).

In Central Java, Kebumen district government allocated Rp 1 billion for the implementation of *pilkades* in 49 villages. A total of 157 candidates are running.

Sources:

- [Pemilik Keuchik Serentak Diundur](#) - *Serambi Indonesia*, September 6, 2017
- [Banyak Yang Tak Terdata](#) - *Jawa Pos*, September 5, 2017
- [138 Desa Gelar Pilwu Serentak](#) - *Pikiran Rakyat*, September 6, 2017
- [49 Desa di Kebumen Gelar Pilkada Serentak](#) - *Kompas*, September 7, 2017

7. EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education and Culture stated that by 2016, 2.07 per cent of the population (3.4 million people) are still illiterate, consisting of women (2,258,990) and men (1,157,703 people). The government is focusing on literacy programs and empowerment targeting mothers in rural and urban poverty pockets. Of the 34 provinces, 11 provinces have higher illiteracy rates than the national level. Meanwhile, the other 23 provinces are already below the national figure (see Table 2).

Table 2. Illiteracy Rates in 11 Provinces

Provinces	Illiteracy Rate (%)
Papua	28.75
West Nusa Tenggara	7.91
East Nusa Tenggara	5.15
West Sulawesi	4.58
West Kalimantan	4.50
South Sulawesi	4.49
Bali	3.57
East Java	3.47
North Kalimantan	2.90
Southeast Sulawesi	2.74
Central Java	2.20

Sources:

- [3,4 Juta Penduduk Indonesia Masih Buta Huruf](#) - Metrotvnews.com, September 6, 2017
- [Buta Aksara Tinggal 2,07%](#) - Media Indonesia, September 7, 2017

8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **CENTRAL JAVA:** A total of 25 villages in Sragen Regency have not paid the village fund (DD) DD in 2016. The district government would ask for clarification from the village heads ([25 Desa Tunggak Pajak Dana Desa](#) - Krjogya.com, September 5, 2017).

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