

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

- **President Joko Widodo promised he would set aside a percentage of Village Fund for the establishment of village library.** Minister of Education and Culture said his office would communicate with Minister of Villages to implement the plan. The National Library data shows that only 23,281 villages out of the total of 77,095 villages (about 30 percent) that have libraries.
- The Ministry of Finance said as of **end of August, Rp36.5 trillion of Village Fund, or 60.9 percent of the budget, have been disbursed.**
- **The media reported corruption cases in several provinces,** such as Central Sulawesi, West Java, Riau, Aceh, and Papua. **A number of village heads and officials have been named as suspects.**
- **The Ministry of Manpower and Bank Indonesia launched Productive Migrants Village (Desmigratif),** an integrated program on migrant workers management, from their departure and placement to their return. The program will be implemented in 400 villages, involving 11 ministries/institutions, banking sector, and private sector.
- **Eight rice-producing districts in West Java piloted a partnership program between PT Mitra BUMDes Nusantara and farmer cooperatives.** PT Mitra will work with farmers in the provision of seeds, fertilizer, capital, and in post-harvest activities. PT BULOG will purchase rice from PT Mitra BUMDes.
- **The Ministry of Education and Culture proposed an additional budget of Rp 2 trillion in the 2018 State Budget Plan (RAPBN).** In the recently announced RAPBN, the Ministry receives budget allocation of Rp 40.1 trillion, or up 9.1 percent compared to 2017

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

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Village library is stipulated in several regulations. Law No. 43/2007 on the Library states that every level of government, from village to center government, should develop public libraries. Villages Ministerial Decree No. 22/2016 on the Priority of Village Fund Usage in 2017 (Article 5) sets the construction of village libraries as one of the priorities.

Separately in Jakarta, the Ministry of Manpower and Bank Indonesia launched the Productive Migrants Village (Desmigratif), an integrated program on migrant workers management, from their departure and placement, to their return. The program will be implemented in 400 villages, involving 11 ministries/institutions, banking sector, and private sector. This year, the program is implemented in 120 villages. Bank Indonesia will provide support in regards to the remittance system. An entrepreneurship training will also be provided for returning migrant workers.

Sources:

- [Jokowi Janji Dana Desa Dipakai untuk Perpustakaan](#) – Kompas.com, Sept 14, 2017
- [Jokowi Minta Dana Desa Digunakan untuk Bangun Perpustakaan](#) –Tempo.co, Sept 14, 2017
- [Jokowi Pertimbangkan Alokasi Dana Desa untuk Perpustakaan](#) – Liputan6.com, Sept 14, 2017
- [Jokowi Minta Ada Alokasi Dana Desa untuk Perpustakaan](#) – Detik.com, Sept 14, 2017
- [Literasi Dan Dana Desa](#) – Kompas, Sept 13, 2017
- [120 Kepala Desa Pastikan Migrasi Aman Bagi Pekerja Migran](#) –Merdeka.com, Sept 12, 2017
- [BI dan Kemnaker Bikin Desa Khusus TKI, Buat Apa?](#) – Liputan6.com, Sept 13, 2017
- [Pemerintah Resmi Luncurkan Program Desa Migran Produktif](#) –Tribunnews.com, Sept 12, 2017

2. VILLAGE FACILITATORS

The media reported a high number of people applying for the position as village facilitators. The selection process includes administrative process, written test and interview. In West Java, 4,582 applicants have passed the administrative process. In Aceh, only 1,992 out of 9,000 applicants passed the administrative selection and took the written test to compete for 332 positions. In East Nusa Tenggara, 1,028 applicants took written test, competing for 287 places. In East Kalimantan, 500 applicants were invited to take written test to fill 337 positions. In this province, village facilitators will start working on October 3, where one facilitator (PLD) will cover 3-4 villages.

Source:

- [4.582 Calon Pendamping Desa Ikuti Seleksi](#) – Antaranews.com, Sept 11, 2017
- [1.992 Lulusan S1 dan S2 Bertarung](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Sept 11, 2017

- [Fredri Berharap Seleksi Pendamping Desa Transparan](#) – Kupang Pos, Sept 11, 2017
- [Kaltim Siap Gelar Pr Rutgers Pendamping Desa](#) – Kaltim.antaranews.com, Sept 14, 2017

3. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

The Ministry of Finance said as of end of August, Rp36.5 trillion Village Fund, or 60.9 percent of the budget, have been disbursed.

In West Kutai District, East Kalimantan, only eight villages out of 190 villages that have not received Village Fund, which amounts to an average of Rp 400 million to Rp 550 million this year.

Sources:

- [Penyaluran TKDD Capai 65,6%](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, Sept 15, 2017
- [Pencairan Dana Desa Kutai Barat Tinggal Delapan Kampung](#) –Kaltim.antaranews.com, Sept 13, 2017

4. CORRUPTION AND MISUSE OF VILLAGE BUDGET

In this reporting period, the media reported corruption cases in several provinces. In Central Sulawesi, the Prosecutor Office is handling eight cases of Village Fund (DD) corruption that inflicts state losses of Rp 640 million-Rp 960 million. The modes of corruption range from mark-ups to unfinished implementation of DD-funded projects. The defendants include village head of Enu in Donggala District; village head, secretary, and treasurer of Lero Village, also in Donggala; and former head of Bampatun Village in Tolitoli District.

Corruption cases have also been reported from Riau and West Java. In Riau, village head of Kepayang in Rokan Hulu district is named suspect in a corruption case that causes Rp 556.6 million in the state losses. In West Java, the village head of Sukaresik in Pengandaraan District was detained in 2016 village budget corruption case.

In Aceh, anti-corruption NGOs urged the Provincial Inspectorate to send a team to Aceh Tenggara District to investigate village funds utilization from 2015 to 2016. These NGOs stated there are strong indications that corruption is widespread, evident from demonstrations that appeared at the community level in Leuser and Babui Makmur Subdistricts and the drilling of a Leuser subdistrict officer by the District Attorney.

In Aceh Tenggara District, four out of five village heads who allegedly embezzled village funds have reportedly returned the money, about Rp 100 million per village, to the authority. The five villages

are Peace and Lawe Malum (Babul Rahmah subdistrict), Kompas (Leuser subdistrict), Lawe Kihing (Bambel sub-district), and Salang Muara (Deleng Pokhisen subdistrict)

In Papua, Yakukimo District head received reports from villagers and village facilitators on alleged misuse of 2017 Village Funds in 70 villages. A number of village heads reportedly traveled to Jayapura or Jakarta for personal gain after withdrawing the fund. Some village heads reportedly used the fund to pay for traditional adat ceremonies. The Regent ordered the District Inspectorate to audit these villages.

Previously, Papua police named former head of the Village and Community Empowerment Agency (PMPD) in Tolikara District as suspect in the alleged misuse of 2016 Village Fund.

In Banten, Lebak District police arrested an NGO staff who tried to extort 14 village heads. The suspect pretended to monitor the use of Village Funds and asked for Rp 2.8 million from each village head.

Sources:

- [70 Kepala Desa Menyalahgunakan](#) – Kompas, Sept 16, 2017
- [Dana di Delapan Desa Diduga Diselewengkan](#) – Kompas, Sept 14, 2017
- [Inspektorat Aceh Tolak ke Kutacane](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Sept 12, 2017
- [Kades Tersangkut Korupsi Apdesi Mengaku Terpukul](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Sept 14, 2017
- [Lima Desa Agara Menyimpang](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Sept 14, 2017
- [Peras Kades, Oknum LSM Dicidaduk Polisi](#) – Indopos.co.id, Sept 15, 2017

5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In East Java, Sidoarjo District government will apply electronic voting (e-voting) system in the village head election in 17 villages (17 subdistricts) in March 2018. One village in each subdistrict is chosen as pilot location of the e-voting.

In Sabang Mayorality, Aceh, village head elections in two villages (Ujung and Jaboi) were postponed because the committee was not prepared. The elections in 12 villages, meanwhile, reelected five incumbent candidates.

Sources:

- [Siap Sukseskan E-Voting Perdana](#) – Jawa Pos, Sept 13, 2017
- [Lima Pertahana Menangkan Pilchik](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Sept 11, 2017

6. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

Eight rice-producing districts in West Java piloted a partnership program between PT Mitra BUMDes Nusantara and local cooperatives. PT Mitra will work with farmers to provide seeds, fertilizer and capital, and during post harvest activities. PT BULOG will purchase rice from PT Mitra BUMDes. The eight pilot districts are Karawang, Purwakarta, Cianjur, Garut, Ciamis, Sumedang, Majalengka, and Tasikmalaya.

In Yogyakarta, a researcher from the Center for Economics Studies of Gadjah Mada University (PSEK UGM) said the program to improve people's livelihood through BUMDes is hampered by poor human resources. In Yogyakarta, BUMDes is already established in almost every village, but it remains unable to play an intermediary role with the market.

Sources:

- [8 Kabupaten di Jabar Jadi Percontohan](#) – *Bisnis Indonesia*, Sept 14, 2017
- [Peneliti UGM: Desa Belum Siap Kelola BUMDes](#) – *Gatra.com*, Sept 13, 2017

7. EDUCATION

In the hearing with House legislators on Sept. 13, the Ministry of Education and Culture proposed a budget increase of Rp 2.012 trillion for several posts (see Table 1). The allocation for the Ministry in the 2018 National Budget Plan (RAPBN), is Rp 40.1 trillion, up 9.1 percent compared to the 2017 budget.

Table 1. Proposed allocation of additional budget in RAPBN 2018

Allocation	Amount (Rp)
Ministry's General Secretary	7.8 billion
Early Childhood and Community Education	1.077 trillion
Research and Development	172 billion
Language Center	101.9 billion
Culture	86.846 billion
Directorate General of Teachers and Education Workers	565.3 billion
Total	2.012 trillion

Sources:

- [Kemdikbud Usulkan Kenaikan Anggaran di RAPBN 2018](#) – *Antaranews.com*, Sept 13, 2017

8. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND ADAT COMMUNITY

Sarolangun District administration in Jambi is intensifying its literacy program for the nomadic Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) people by means of a direct approach to the tribe members. Over the past few years, the agency has run a program to eradicate illiteracy in Tinting village by setting up a study group that can accommodate up to 50 people aged 15 to 59 years old. The illiteracy rate in the district stands at 2,000 people, comprising mostly members of the indigenous SAD people.

Source:

- [Literacy Program for Indigenous Tribe](#) – The Jakarta Post, Sept 14, 2017

9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **YOGYAKARTA:** Widodomartani Village Library (Sleman District) was named the best village library of 2016 by the National Library. The village library received a budget of Rp 30 million-Rp 50 million per year from the village budget (APBDes), has mobile library unit and an outreach program for children and the elderly ([Literasi Dan Dana Desa](#) – Kompas, Sept 13, 2017).
- **EAST NUSA TENGGARA:** Five villages in East Sumba District declared themselves as child-friendly villages where they provide health and education services, and legal identity document, including birth certificates. ([Lima Desa Deklarasikan Desa Layak Anak](#) –Kupang Pos, Sept 15, 2017).
- **ACEH:** In Bireuen district, villagers of Leubu Masjid protested the poor quality of village roads, which were funded by village funds. The subdistrict government will send a team to verify the report ([Warga Pertanyakan Kualitas Jalan Rabat Beton](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Sept 11, 2017).
- **SOUTH SUMATRA:** The provincial government requested the regent and mayor to enrol village apparatus in Workers Social Security Program (BPJS Ketenagakerjaan) using district or village budgets. The province has over 4,000 village officials ([BPJS-TK Dekati Perangkat Desa](#) – Media Indonesia, Sept 13, 2017).
- **EAST NUSA TENGGARA:** Suma Timur Representatives Council approved the proposal to establish two new villages, Palinggi Tana Bara and Tanggedu, in Kanatang subdistrict ([Palinggi dan Tanggedu Layak Jadi Desa](#) – Kupang Pos, Sept 12, 2017).

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