

## LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO POVERTY – WORLD BANK

### MEDIA MONITORING REPORT VILLAGE LAW

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#### HEADLINES

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- **The Minister of Home Affairs said over 300 local government officials were involved in corruption cases, 77 of whom have been arrested by the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK).** The MOHA is working with KPK to supervise the implementation of e-planning and e-budgeting. **Currently, only 42 percent of districts/cities are implementing e-planning and e-budgeting mechanism.**
- **The police in Papua are investigating eight corruption cases related to Village Fund Allocation (ADD) and Village Fund (DD) in several districts with the total value of Rp 379.3 billion.** Six of the cases related to Rp 193 billion of ADD and the rest is DD corruption amounting to Rp 186.3 billion. Investigators have named 15 suspects.
- **About 700 parents in Wonogiri District, Central Java, refused to have their children vaccinated against Measles and Rubella (MR) for religious reasons.** The local health agency has been conducting MR vaccination since Aug. 1 through Sept. 30, 2017 targeting around 182,500 children. To date, the program has reached 174,519 children (95.60 percent).
- **Minister-Counselor for Governance and Human Development Program at the Australian Embassy, Fleur Davies, visited Bireuen District in Aceh** to monitor the progress of the Australian Government-funded Community Collaboration and Services for Welfare (KOMPAK) program.

## 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

- President Joko Widodo visited Balai Ekonomi Desa (Balkondes, village economic hall) in Tuksongo Village, Magelang District in Central Java. Several state-owned enterprises (BUMN) collaborated in building 20 Balkondes in the villages around Borobudur Temple. Sixteen halls have been completed and four are still under construction. Each Balkondes can be used for meetings and as tourist facilities, like accommodation and outdoor theaters.

### Sources:

- [Presiden Jokowi Apresiasi BUMN Bangun Balkondes](#) – Antaranews.com, September 18, 2017
- [Menteri BUMN: Operasional Balkondes Butuh Kesiapan Masyarakat](#) – Antaranews.com, September 18, 2017
- [Balai Ekonomi Desa Targetkan 200 Kamar](#) – Kompas, September 19, 2017

## 2. CORRUPTION AND MISUSE OF VILLAGE BUDGET

The Minister of Home Affairs said over 300 local government officials were involved in corruption cases, 77 of whom have been arrested by the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK). The MOHA is working with KPK on three programs. First, the supervision on the implementation of e-planning and e-budgeting. Currently, only 42 percent of districts/cities are implementing e-planning and e-budgeting. Second, strengthening the role of the Government Internal Supervisory Apparatus (APIP) in District Inspectorate. Third, supervision program for elected governors or regents in the upcoming election.

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In Minahasa District, North Sulawesi, staff of the Village Community Empowerment Agency (DPMD) allegedly embezzled the Village Fund of Rp 5 million per village. Police stated the Rp 5 million payment was recorded in a village accountability report. Several village heads claimed that the accountability reports were prepared by DPMD staff for a fee of Rp 5 million. In 2016, the district received Rp 108 billion Fund for 227 villages.

In Minahasa Selatan District, North Sulawesi, the prosecutor office received 167 reports of alleged misappropriation of village funds from the community. The district prosecutor will only investigate a report if the alleged financial loss for the state is higher than Rp 50 million.

In Belu District, East Nusa Tenggara, villagers reported a mark-up in a cattle grant program funded by the 2017 Village Fund in Tohe Village. The village government allocated Rp 330 million for the procurement of 60 cows. At Rp 5.5 million for each

cow, it is higher than the market value of around Rp 2 million-3 million, according to villagers.

Aceh Tenggara District Inspectorate Office will send a team to Lawe Loning Aman Village to audit the Village Fund use in 2016. The Village Consultative Body (BPD) has filed a report to the inspectorate, complaining that several DD-funded projects have not been implemented in accordance with the original design.

**Sources:**

- [300-an Pejabat Daerah Bermasalah](#) – Suara Merdeka, September 19, 2017
- [Kerugian Korupsi Rp 379,3 Miliar](#) – Kompas, September 22, 2017
- [Dana Desa Dipotong Rp 5 Juta di Minahasa](#) – Kompas, September 20, 2017
- [Penjabat Kades Sudah Wanti-wanti TPK](#) – Kupang Pos, September 20, 2017
- [Tim Auditor Akan Periksa Lawe Loning](#) – Serambi Indonesia, September 19, 2017

### **3. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING**

In Malaka District, East Nusa Tenggara, only 30 out of 127 villages have submitted the accountability report for the 2017 Village Fund Phase 1. Malaka government has sent two warning letters to the villages. In 2016, the district was reprimanded by the Ministry of Finance for the delay in submitting the Village Fund Phase 1 consolidation report.

**Sources:**

- [Astaga! Di Malaka, Baru 30 Desa yang Masukan LPJ Dana Desa](#) – Kupangtribunnews.com, September 24, 2017

### **4. ELECTIONS**

Hulu Sungai Utara District (HSU) held simultaneous elections to name 1,000 members of the Village Consultative Board (BPD) in 214 villages. One of the four BPD members in each village should be allocated for women. Some villages will have seven to nine BPD members because of their population size.

In Demak District, Central Java, 145 candidates running in village head elections in 54 villages signed a peaceful declaration. The election will be held in October and more than 200,000 voters have been registered.

In Gresik District, East Java, the registration period for village head election candidates is extended for two days to nine days. Most villages already has at least two candidates. The district government allocated Rp 1.6 billion for the elections in 19 villages.

In Indramayu District, West Java, the election committee proposed the extension of the registration period for election candidates. The committee was inaugurated only

on 13 September 2017 and the registration was open for one week. They requested the extension until 6 October. A total of 138 villages will hold simultaneous elections in December 2017.

**Sources:**

- [Bakal Ada Pemilihan BPD Serentak di HSU, Begini Persiapannya](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, September 22, 2017
- [145 Calon Deklarasikan Pilkades Damai](#) – Suara Merdeka, September 23, 2017
- [Besok Tutup Pendaftaran Calon Kepala Desa](#) – Jawa Pos, September 22, 2017
- [Panitia Minta Jadwal Pemilihan Kuwu Digeser](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, September 18, 2017

## 5. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

In Mempawah District, West Kalimantan, only seven of the 60 villages have established village-owned enterprises or BUMDes. The biggest obstacle in creating BUMDes is the lack of adequate understanding among most village officials about the enterprises.

In East Nusa Tenggara, 19 villages in Timur Tengah Utara (TTU) District that have established village-owned enterprise (BUMDes) received cars from the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Region and Transmigration. The grants were made available through the 2017 Affirmative Special Allocation fund.

**Sources:**

- [Pemdes Targetkan Seluruh Desa di Mempawah Bentuk Bumdes](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, September 19, 2017
- [19 Desa di TTU Dapat Mobil Hilux](#) – Kupang Pos, September 22, 2017

## 6. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The media reported progress in the implementation of village financial system (SisKeuDes). In Musi Banyuasin District, South Sumatera, SisKeuDes has been implemented in 227 villages since last year. In Bandung Barat District, West Java, 152 of the 165 villages have used Siskeudes application.

In Aceh Tamiang District, Aceh, the Peacebuilding Community Forum (FMPP) protested the village head because the implementation of the DD-funded road project was undertaken by the contractor. The protesters argued that the project should be done by local residents.

A group of villagers sealed Pungkie Village Office in Aceh Barat District, Aceh, for one week, following a dispute between Tuha Peuet (Village Consultative Body) with the village head. Tuah Peuet reported village apparatus for allegedly forging signatures and stamps in the issuance of annual village budget document (APBG) of 2017.

In East Nusa Tenggara, a dispute occurred in Tohe Village, Belu District, between acting village head and his subordinates. The acting village head fired the head of hamlet (kadus), head of government affairs, and head of neighborhood unit (Rukun Tetangga or RT) after the village deliberation forum to discuss DD-funded projects reached deadlock.

**Sources:**

- [Kepala Desa Pecat Kepala Dusun](#) – Kupang Pos, September 19, 2017
- [Proyek Desa Dikerjakan Kontraktor, Warga Protes](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, September 23, 2017
- [Kontraktor Kerjakan Proyek Desa, Warga Protes](#) – Serambi Indonesia, September 23, 2017
- [Minimalisir Penyelewengan DD Rp 181 Miliar](#) – Sumeks.co.id, September 22, 2017
- [165 Desa di Bandung Barat Ditargetkan Punya Website](#) – Pikiran-rakyat.com, September 22, 2017
- [Penyegehan Kantor Keuchik Berakhir](#) – Serambi Indonesia, September 23, 2017
- [Pelayanan Kantor Keuchik Pungkie Lumpuh](#) – Serambi Indonesia, September 19, 2017
- [Tuha Peuet: Penyegehan Dipicu Dokumen Palsu](#) – Aceh.Tribunnews.com, September 20, 2017

## **7. VILLAGE FACILITATORS**

In East Kalimantan, the district governments of Kutai Barat and Mahakam Ulu have recruited 39 and five village facilitators, respectively. The facilitators will be trained for eight days prior to their assignment.

**Source:**

- [Pendamping Desa Kutai Barat dan Mahakam Ulu Ikuti Pratuqas](#) – Antaranews.com, September 24, 2017

## **8. EX-PNPM PROGRAM**

Data from the 2016 National Socioeconomic Survey (Susenas) showed that 52 percent of farmers rely on their own capital, or loan from cooperatives, relatives, and non-bank financial institutions. About 33 percent of farmers rely on the credit from PNPM.

**Source:**

- [LIPI: Mayoritas Petani Masih Andalkan Kredit NonBank](#) – Metrotvnews.com, September 23, 2017

## 9. EDUCATION

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### Sources:

- [Presiden Minta Daerah Alokasikan Anggaran untuk Gaji Guru PAUD](#) – Antaranews.com, September 20, 2017
- [Jokowi Ingin Guru PAUD Digaji](#) – Metrotvnews.com, September 20, 2017
- [Sebut Alokasi Dana Guru PAUD, Jokowi Dapat Tepuk Tangan Meriah](#) – Kompas.com, September 20, 2017

## 10. HEALTH

About 700 parents in Wonogiri District, Central Java, refused to have their children vaccinated against Measles and Rubella (MR), for religious reasons. The local health agency has been conducting MR vaccination since Aug. 1 through Sept, targeting around 182,500 children. To date, the program has reached 174,519 children (95.60 percent).

Infant and maternal mortality rate in Nagekeo District, East Nusa Tenggara, is still high. Data from local health agency shows that 34 babies and four mothers died during childbirth in 2016. The infant mortality rate in the province is 34 per 1,000 births, while the national rate is 32 per 1,000 births.

In Purbalingga District, Central Java, 59,286 households (24.6 percent) do not own toilets. The district government has allocated Rp 3 billion budget on average per year in 2016 and 2017 to address this issue and has managed to build 4,000 standardized toilets per year.

In Sumba Barat District, East Nusa Tenggara, villagers in Pahomba demanded the district government to build supporting community health center (puskesmas pembantu). Due to the absence of health center in the village, villagers rely on puskesmas in a neighboring village some tens of kilometers away, with limited transportation access.

### Sources:

- [Angka Kematian Bayi Masih Tinggi](#) – Kupang Pos, September 22, 2017
- [59.286 Rumah Tangga Belum Memiliki Jamban](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, September 18, 2017
- [Ratusan KK Tolak Imunisasi MR](#) – Krjogya.com, September 19, 2017

- [Warga Pahomba Minta Pustu](#) – Kupang Pos, September 20, 2017

## 11. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **ACEH:** Minister Counselor for Governance and Human Development Program at the Australian Embassy, Fleur Davies, visited Bireuen District (Aceh) on Sept. 18 to monitor the progress of the Australian Government-funded Community Collaboration and Services for Welfare (KOMPAK) program. KOMPAK is supporting village governments in the district on village fund management and budget planning ([Pejabat Kedubes Australia Tinjau Program di Bireun](#) – Serambi Indonesia, September 19, 2017).
- **EAST JAVA:** In Surabaya, around 20 percent of the total of 2,711 PAUDs (early childhood learning centers) has not been accredited ([PAUD Tanpa Akreditasi Capai 20 Persen](#) – Jawa Pos, September 23, 2017).
- **SOUTH SUMATRA:** Batanghari District government recruited village cadres to campaign against domestic violence. They are appointed by the village chief's decree and their payments are taken from the Village Funds. In the first quarter of 2017, the government recorded 27 cases of domestic violence – 9 cases against children and 18 cases against wives ([Batanghari Galakan Kader Anti-KDRT](#) – Antaranews.com, September 22, 2017).
- **WEST JAVA:** In Sumedang District, West Java, 33 villages are stated as prone to drought this year. The Public Works Agency will build deep wells to cope with the drought. The fund to build pipelines for the settlements will come from District Budget and Village Fund Allocation ([Sumur Dalam Perlu Dibangun](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, September 18, 2017).
- **ACEH:** Bener Meriah District government signed an integrity pact in the management of village funds (DD) and special allocation funds (DAK). The pact was signed by the district head and representative of Aceh State Treasury Office (KPN) of Aceh ([Bener Meriah Perketat Pengawasan Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, September 19, 2017).