

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

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- **The Ministry of Finance announced that the absorption rate of the 2017 Village Fund (DD) stood at 67.51 percent (Rp 40.5 trillion) as of Oct. 5, down from 80.47 percent during the same period last year.** The overall disbursement rate by the central government is 74.13 percent (Rp568.1 trillion), up from 69.5 percent last year.
- **In Central Java, the High Prosecutor's Office is investigating DD-related corruption cases in 25 villages.** Most of the them (14 cases) occurred in Purworejo District, while the rest is scattered in various districts.
- **The Peatland Restoration Agency provided training program for 36 village-owned enterprises (BUMDes) in South Kalimantan, Central Kalimantan and West Kalimantan.** About 1,205 villages in the country sat on peatland, most of which are disadvantaged villages.
- **The Institute for Policy Studies Public (LSKP) Central Java said bribery was rampant in village head elections in Demak District, Central Java.** Candidates reportedly handed out up to Rp 500,000 "political donation" per voter.
- **The Ministry of Health launched pneumococcal vaccine (PCV) immunization program against pneumonia with a total budget of Rp 34.5 billion (US\$2.5 million).** It is supported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and New York-based

Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI). The program's first phase covered Lombok Barat and Lombok Timur Districts in West Nusa Tenggara, targeting 25,894 and 14,792 infants, respectively.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

President Joko Widodo inaugurated 326 water reservoirs built with Village Fund in Muruy Village, Pandeglang District in Banten Province on Wednesday (10/4). In Muruy Village, a 30-meter to 30-meter pond with a depth of 2.5 meters can irrigate up to 60 hectares of rice fields. The President urged villages to optimize Village Fund utilization by focusing on four priority programs.

Source:

- [*Empat Program Prioritas Desa Dorong Pertumbuhan Ekonomi Pandeglang*](#) – Koran Sindo, October 5, 2017

2. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

In Central Java, the High Prosecutor's Office is investigating Village Fund-related corruption cases in 25 villages. Most of them (14 cases) occurred in Purworejo district, while the rest is scattered in various districts, including the corruption cases of the 2015 and 2016 Village Funds in Summersari and Kaliputih Villages, Kendal District. Central Java is among the biggest recipients of Village Fund, with Rp 6.3 trillion for 7,809 villages this year, or an average of Rp 800 million per village.

In Banten, former head of Tamiang Village in Serang District, also a suspect of the 2015 Village Fund corruption case, has been held in Serang Prison since Thursday (5/10). He allegedly embezzled Rp 220 million of Village Fund to buy a private car. Another suspect, former village treasurer, has been put under city arrest.

Still in Banten, hundreds of people in Cipendeuy Village staged a protest to demand the resignation of the village head, due to his decision to reduce the budget for village-owned enterprise (BUMDes) from 50 million to Rp 5 million without deliberation.

In West Java, Head of Panjalu Village in Ciamis District was arrested on suspicion of embezzling Rp 60 million from Village Fund.

In Aceh, West Aceh District police are investigating cases of Village Fund misuse in Cot Lada Village. In Southwest Aceh District, the Deputy District Head instructed the District Inspectorate to audit the use of Village Fund in Geulanggang Gajah Village. Separately, Aceh NGO Forum demanded the Inspectorate to audit budget allocation for BUMDes.

Sources:

- [25 Desa Disinyalir Selewengkan Dana Desa](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 4, 2017
- [Dua Tersangka Korupsi Dana Desa Ditahan](#) – Radar Banten, October 6, 2017
- [Kades Cipendeuy Dinilai Tak Transparan Kelola DD](#) – Radar Banten, October 4, 2017
- [11 Kasus Penyimpangan Dana Desa Terjadi di Jawa Tengah](#) – Viva.co.id, October 3, 2017
- [11 Kasus Penyalahgunaan Dana Desa di Jateng Diproses Hukum](#) – Detik.com, October 3, 2017
- [Pemerintah Jawa Tengah Tekan Potensi Penyimpangan Dana Desa](#) –Kompas.com, October 3, 2017
- [Jaksa Periksa Anggota DPRD](#) – Media Indonesia, October 4, 2017
- [Polisi Selidiki Aparat Desa Bagi-bagi Uang Rp 750 Ribu](#) – Serambi Indonesia October 3, 2017
- [Wabup: Audit Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 4, 2017
- [LSM Minta Dana Desa Diaudit](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 6, 2017

3. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

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In South Sumatra, only three out of 17 districts/cities requested the disbursement of the 2017 Village Fund Phase 2. Of the three districts, only Ogin Komering Ilir is eligible. Most of the district governments have yet to meet the requirements to disburse 80 percent of DD Phase 2 to villages. West Kalimantan received Rp 1.6 trillion of 2017 Village Fund for 2,031 villages, up from Rp 357 billion in 2015 and Rp 1.2 trillion in 2016.

Sources:

- [Serapan Transfer Daerah dan Dana Desa Capai Rp568 Triliun](#) – Metrotvnews.com, October 6, 2017
- [Dana Desa Kalbar 2017 Sebesar 1,7 Triliun, Ini Pesan Sekda Kepada Bupati Sintang](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, October 4, 2017
- [Pemda di Sumsel Lambat Ajukan Tahap II](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, October 5, 2017

4. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

The Peatland Restoration Agency provided a training program for 36 village-owned enterprises (BUMDes) in South Kalimantan, Central Kalimantan and West Kalimantan. Previously, the program had been held in 39 villages in Sumatra and Papua. About 1,205 villages in the country sat on peatland, most of which are disadvantaged villages.

In South Kalimantan, 81 out of 144 villages in Tanahbumbu District have BUMDes. The government aims for all villages to establish BUMDes by end of 2018.

In Kendal District, Central Java, 90 out of 266 villages have established BUMDes.

Sources:

- [Badan Restorasi Gambut Libatkan 36 BUMDes](#) – Koran Tempo, October 3, 2017
 - [Restorasi Gambut, Pemerintah Gandeng 36 BUMDes](#) – Tempo.co, October 3, 2017
 - [Sebanyak 63 Desa di TanahBumbu Belum Miliki BUMDes, Dinas Pemberdayaan Masyarakat Lakukan ini](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, October 6, 2017
 - [Membangun Desa, Mengembangkan Pesisir](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 3, 2017
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5. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

In Aceh, West Aceh District Head appointed acting village heads for Ujong Simpang, Panggong and Keudee Aron Villages, after the previous village heads were dismissed for allegedly misusing Village Fund.

In Bireuen District, 150 elected village heads have not been inaugurated as the District Head has not issue a decree. Daily governance at those villages are currently handled by village secretary or acting village heads. In Pidie Jaya District, 11 village heads elected in the July election were inaugurated last week.

In West Nusa Tenggara, a dispute occurred over the location of village office in the newly established Perako Village in Lombok Tengah District. Villagers rejected the recommendation from the District's Village and Community Empowerment Agency (PMD) to build the office in Sayang Hamlet, saying it should be built in Perako Hamlet instead.

Sources:

- [Bupati Pecat Tiga Keuchik](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 3, 2017
- [SK Pengangkatan 150 Keuchik Masih Diproses](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 3, 2017
- [Wabup Pijay Lantik 11 Keuchik](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 4, 2017
- [Lokasi Kantor Desa Perako Disoal](#) – Lombokpost.net, October 4, 2017

6. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

The Institute for Policy Studies Public (LSKP) Central Java noted that bribery was rampant during village head elections in Demak District, Central Java. Candidates reportedly handed out "political donation" of Rp 50,000 to Rp 500,000 per voter. A total of 145 candidates competed in the elections in 54 villages on Oct. 1.

Also in Demak, a protest from one of the candidates' supporters in Kebonbatur Village forced the electoral committee to move 22 ballot boxes to the District Government Office. In Kendalasesem

Village, the election resulted in a tie between two candidates, with each won 321 votes. The Minister of Home Affairs Regulation (Permandagri) No. 112/2014 stipulated that candidate with the most votes in the polling station with the highest number of voters, in this case TPS I with 591 voters, is the winner.

In East Java, 1,300 security personnels were deployed in 46 villages in Pasuruan District. At least five villages are declared as vulnerable to conflicts: four villages in Grati Subdistrict and one village in Kraton Subdistrict.

In North Sumatra, Simalungun District will hold village head elections in 72 villages on Oct. 21.

Sources:

- [Besaran Politik Uang Pilkades di Demak Rp 50.000-500.000 per Pemilih](#) –Kompas.com, October 3, 2017
- [Sedekah Politik dalam Pilkades Sulit Dihindari](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 3, 2017
- [Dua Calon Kepala Desa Peroleh Suara Sama](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 3, 2017
- [1.300 Polisi Disiapkan Antisipasi Konflik Pilkades Serentak](#) – Detik.com, October 4, 2017
- [Pilkades Kebonbatur Diprotes Warga](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 4, 2017
- [253 Calon Berebut 76 Jabatan Kades di Simalungun](#) – Koran Sindo, October 5, 2017

7. HEALTH

The Ministry of Health launched pneumococcal vaccine (PCV) immunization program against pneumonia with a total budget of Rp 34.5 billion (US\$2.5 million). The program is supported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the New York-based Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI). The program's first phase covered Lombok Barat and Lombok Timur Districts in West Nusa Tenggara, targeting 25,894 and 14,792 infants, respectively. Indonesia is among the top ten countries with the highest infant mortality rate caused by the disease. The number of infants dying from pneumonia has increased by around 15 percent annually in recent years.

Data from the Health Ministry shows the prevalence of obesity in Indonesia has increased to 26.6 percent in 2017 from 18.8 percent in 2007. While the prevalence of undernutrition in young children has decreased over the past 14 years, more children in the country are becoming overweight.

The Measle-Rubella (MR) immunization program in Jakarta covered 91.61 percent of 2.2 million children. The Thousand Islands District successfully vaccinated 7,193 children (94.96 percent).

Sources:

- [Government Moves to Curb Pneumonia in Infant](#) – The Jakarta Post, October 3, 2017
- [Childhood Obesity Rate Skyrockets](#) – The Jakarta Post, October 3, 2017
- [Belum Penuhi Target](#) – Jawa Pos, October 5, 2017

8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **EAST NUSA TENGGARA:** The Perennial Institute, a research center focusing on Village Fund, was inaugurated in Manggarai District (10/5). Dr. Marselus Payong serves as executive director ([Perennial Institute Lahir di Manggarai](#) –Kupang Pos, October 7, 2017).
 - **NORTH SUMATERA:** The Ministry of Home Affairs honored Governor Tengku Governor Erry Nuradi with Upakarya Wanua Nugraha award for his role in supervising village governments ([Erry Raih Penghargaan Pembina Desa](#) –Koran Sindo, October 4, 2017).
 - **CENTRAL JAVA:** Demak District will renovate 357 houses of poor people per year. Village governments are required to allocate Rp 10 million per house from Village Fund. The 2015 data showed almost 90,000 homes are uninhabitable ([357 Rumah Warga Miskin Akan Diperbaiki](#) – Suara Merdeka, Oct. 6, 2017).
 - **CENTRAL JAVA:** Fourteen out of 57 slum villages in Kendal District are selected as beneficiaries of Kota Tanpa Kumuh (City Slum Upgrading) program ([57 Desa di Kendal Kumuh](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 6, 2017).
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- **SOUTH KALIMANTAN:** Head of Hulu Sungai Tengah District said Village Fund could be used to improve places of worship and build security posts ([Dana Desa Boleh Untuk Perbaiki Tempat Ibadah dan Bangun Poskamling](#) –Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, October 5, 2017).
- **EAST JAVA:** Government of Randuboto Village in Gresik District established a savings and loans cooperative with Rp 40 million capital to erase loansharking ([Desa Siapkan Rp 40 Juta](#) – Jawa Pos, October 2), 2017.
- **SOUTH KALIMANTAN:** Ten villages in Banjarm Subdistrict used village budget to buy hearses and speedboats for health services. ([Bijak Menggunakan Dana Desa, 10 Desa ini Memberi Mobil Ambulans untuk Membantu Warga](#) –Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, October 3, 2017).

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