

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- **President Joko Widodo requested that the Village Fund (DD) utilization in 2018 to focus on job creation, community development, and the strengthening of village institutions.** The job creation can be done through village infrastructures development, he said, and up to 20 percent of the Fund can be allocated to pay for the wages. The President also stressed the importance of simplifying the reporting mechanisms.
- **Minister of Finance Sri Mulyani Indrawati said the government would change the formula for calculating Village Fund next year, by giving more weight to the number of poor people than the population, with 35 percent and 10 percent, respectively.**
- Director General of Village Government at the Ministry of Home Affairs said **the number of villages will increase to 74,958 in 2018 from 74,910 in 2017.**
- The National Police Chief; the Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration; and the Minister of Home Affairs, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the monitoring of Village Fund. Police Chief Gen. Tito Karnavian said **within 2012-2017, there were 214 cases of alleged corruption at village level that inflicted state losses of Rp 46 billion.**
- **Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration, Eko Putra Sandjojo, said in 2017, there were 2,011 cases of administrative errors, 50 cases of illegal levies, 1,024 cases of Village Fund mismanagement, and 3,113 cases of Village Fund misuse.** Separately, Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW) report shows that from 2016 to August 2017, there were 110 cases of Village Fund and Village Fund Allocation (ADD) misuse, with most of the suspects were village heads.
- The Minister of Villages said community role in monitoring Village Fund is critical because the number of facilitators is limited. **The government has recruited 39,484 facilitators, consisting of 2,592 district facilitators; 15,972 sub-district facilitators; and 20,983 village facilitators.**
- The Minister of Villages said **the capacity of village apparatus remains an issue.** Most village heads graduated from senior high school (62 percent) and junior high school (21 percent). Only 17 percent are university graduates, 13 percent of whom have bachelor degree and 3.6 percent own master's degree.
- Since 2015, **the Ministry of Home Affairs has trained 147,325 village officials,** comprising 48,144 village heads; 44,233 village secretaries; 43,214 village treasurers;

and 2,942 other officials. The Ministry has also trained 8,738 subdistrict officials assigned to assist village officials in managing Village Fund.

- In Central Java, **ex-PNPM Rural Program is now managed by 462 Activity Management Units (UPKs) at subdistrict level, with total assets of Rp 2.35 trillion.** The UPKs are managing Rp 910 billion in savings and loan for 101,679 groups, with the total recipients of 867,326 people.
- **The International Conference on Land and Forest Tenure Reform will be held from 25-27 October 2017 in Jakarta,** to discuss, among others, the development of the transfer of customary forest ownership to indigenous people institutions. The Indigenous Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN) claims that 40 million hectare of forest area, or 25 percent of the total forest area, belongs to indigenous people community. To date, only 13,500 hectares of forests have been handed over.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

In a meeting on the optimization of Village Fund in Bogor (Wednesday, October 8) President Joko Widodo instructed that the Village Fund should be utilized to create jobs through the development of village infrastructures. President Joko Widodo requested that the Village Fund (DD) utilization in 2018 to focus on job creation, community development, and the strengthening of village institutions. It is expected that up to 20 percent of the Fund to be allocated to pay for wages. The President also stressed the importance of simplifying the reporting mechanisms.

Minister of Finance Sri Mulyani Indrawati said the government will change the formula of Village Fund calculation next year, by giving more weight to the number of poor people than the population, with 35 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

Director General of Village Government at the Ministry of Home Affairs stated that the number of villages will increase from 74,910 in 2017 to 74,958 in 2018.

Quoting the research conducted by the Center for Rural and Regional Studies (PSPK) of Gadjah Mada University (UGM) Yogyakarta in 4,345 villages in 2016, the Minister of Villages said Village Fund has significantly improved village status. The study shows the number of self-sufficient villages (*desa mandiri*), developed villages (*desa maju*), and developing villages (*desa berkembang*) have increased due to the distribution of Village Fund. From 2015 to 2016, the number of *desa mandiri* increased from three to 72, while *desa maju* from 212 to 687, and *desa berkembang* from 1,675 villages to 2,029.

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- [Dana Desa Harus Buka Pekerjaan](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, October 19, 2017
- [Desa Harus Buka Lapangan Kerja](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 19, 2017
- [Jokowi Minta Dana Desa Dipakai untuk Buka Lapangan Pekerjaan](#) – Kompas, October 18, 2017
- [Prioritas Dana Desa untuk Kurangi Penganggur](#) – Koran Tempo, October 19, 2017
- [Masyarakat Miskin Jadi Variabel Utama](#) – Kompas, October 19, 2017
- [Menggenjot Pembangunan Desa](#) – Koran Sindo, October 19, 2017
- [Pemekaran Desa Tak Otomatis Tambah Dana Desa](#) – Koran Sindo, October 17, 2017

2. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

The National Police Chief, the Minister of Villages, and the Minister of Home Affairs signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the monitoring of Village Fund. The MoU is valid for two years. *Babinkamtibmas*, or police officers assigned to villages as advisors on security and public order, are assigned to oversee Village Fund in coordination with police chiefs in subdistricts (Kapolsek) and districts (Kapolres). During the same occasion, Police Chief Gen. Tito Karnavian said, within 2012-2017, there were 214 cases of alleged corruption at the village level that inflicted state losses of Rp 46 billion.

The media reported the data on Village Fund corruption collected by the Ministry of Villages and the Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW). The Ministry data showed that in 2017, there were 2,011 cases of administrative errors; 50 cases of illegal levies; 1,024 cases of Village Fund mismanagement; and 3,113 cases of the Fund misuse. ICW report shows that from 2016 to August 2017, there were 110 cases of Village Fund and Village Fund Allocation misuse, with most of the suspects were village heads.

The Ministry of Villages signed an MoU in Jakarta with Christian Evangelical Church in Timor (GMIT) on the monitoring of Village Fund in East Nusa Tenggara. This is the first cooperation between the Ministry with religious institutions.

In Central Java, the Supreme Audit Agency (BPK) found many forms of village budget management irregularities in 120 villages in four districts -- Temanggung, Jepara, Grobogan, and Brebes.

In South Kalimantan, acting chief of North Kurau Village in Tanah Laut District was named as suspect of Village Fund corruption by the District Attorney, and was detained in Rutan Pelaihari.

In West Java, Sukabumi District Police arrested Pangumbahan Village Chief for alleged embezzlement of 2016 Village Fund Allocation. Meanwhile in Majalengka, District Inspectorate is verifying the 2016 annual accountability reports of 124 villages to clarify potential state losses of Rp 4 billion in the BPK audit.

In Probolinggo District, East Java, two suspects of a Village Fund corruption case have returned to work at subdistrict government office, after their detention was suspended.

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 - [Temuan 214 Kasus, Aparat Desa Dipantau Polisi](#) – Indopos.co.id, October 21, 2017
 - [Mendes PDDT, Mendagri dan Kapolri Tanda Tangan Nota Kesepahaman Pengawasan Dana Desa](#) – Tempo.co, October 20, 2017
 - [Bhabinkamtibmas Dikerahkan untuk Kawal Dana Desa](#) – Kompas.com, October 20, 2017
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 - [Awasi Dana Desa, Polri, Mendagri dan Mendes Tandatangani MoU](#) – Metrotvnews.com, October 20, 2017
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- [Kementerian Desa Gandeng GMTI untuk Ikut Kawal Pengelolaan Dana Desa di NTT](#) – Kupangtribunnews.com, October 21, 2017
- [Kapabilitas Aparat Desa Perlu Ditingkatkan](#) – Koran Sindo, October 16, 2017
- [Kemenko PMK: Warga Harus Ikut Awasi Dana Desa](#) – Liputan6.com, October 20, 2017
- [BPK Siapkan Hotline Aduan Penyimpangan Dana Desa](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 20, 2017
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- [Polisi Tangguhkan Penahanan Tersangka Korupsi Dana Desa](#) – Detik.com, October 20, 2017

3. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

The media reported delays in the disbursement of Village Fund and Village Fund Allocation Phase 2 in various districts. In Minahasa Utara, North Sulawesi, 55 of 125 villages have not submitted accountability reports. In Aceh Barat Daya District, Aceh, the delays were reported in 14 out of 152 villages. In Tangerang District, only 23 of 150 villages that have submitted the reports. Late disbursement was also reported in Tanahbumbu District, South Kalimantan, leaving village infrastructure projects abandoned.

In some other districts, the disbursement of Village Fund Phase 2 is right on schedule. All villages in Purwakarta District, West Java, and Kayong Utara, West Kalimantan, have received Village Fund Phase 2. In Kutai Kartanegara, East Kalimantan, 92 of the 193 villages have received Village Fund Phase II. In Kendal District, Central Java, 95 percent of Village Fund Phase I has been disbursed.

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 - [14 Desa Belum Serahkan Laporan Dana Tahap I](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 20, 2017
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4. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In Gresik District, East Java, five villages will use electronic systems (e-voting) in Oct. 29 elections. A trial conducted last week showed that e-voting speed up the registration and voting process. The district government allocated Rp 1.6 billion for elections in all villages. Each village will be guarded by 15-21 security personnels. To avoid conflict between supporters, Mriyunan Village in Sedayu District only allows campaigns through posters and billboards.

In Sidoarjo District, East Java, three out of 17 villages withdrew from the e-voting system as they were unable to allocate Rp 48 million to purchase the equipment.

In Banyuwangi District, East Java, 61 candidates from nine villages are required to take written tests because the number of candidates exceeds the maximum quota of 5 candidates as stipulated in District Bylaw No. 9/2015. These villages have six to 11 registered candidates.

In Mimika District, Papua, the requirement to have graduated from junior high school will be strictly applicable in the village head elections next year. Currently, only 20 village heads graduated from junior high school, some are not even graduated from elementary school or have any formal education, and are illiterate.

In Mempawah District, West Kalimantan, supporters of a candidate in Antibar Village election protested the decision of the election committee to hold a revote.

In Simalungun District, North Sumatra, 600 security personnels guarded simultaneous village head elections in 76 villages on Saturday (Oct. 21).

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- [Satu Pemilih Hanya Enam Detik](#) – Jawa Pos, October 20, 2017
- [Lima Desa Berani E-Pilkades](#) – Jawa Pos, October 18, 2017
- [Dijaga 1.400 Personel Gabungan](#) – Jawa Pos, October 16, 2017
- [Tanpa Kampanye Terbuka, Tidak Perlu Tim Sukses](#) – Jawa Pos, October 18, 2017
- [Seratusan kepala Kampung di Mimika Buta Aksara](#) – Metrotvnews.com, October 18, 2017
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- [61 Bacakades Ikuti Seleksi Tertulis](#) – Jawa Pos, October 18, 2017
- [Sejumlah Massa Gelar Aksi Protes Pilkades Ulang, Ini Tuntutannya](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, October 16, 2017
- [Amankan Pilpanaq 600 Aparat Dikerahkan](#) – Koran Sindo, October 21, 2017

5. VILLAGE FACILITATORS

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The Ministry of Villages held pre-departure training for 499 district level facilitators from all provinces. The training was also held in East Kalimantan for 141 facilitators at subdistrict level.

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6. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

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In Jambi, all villages in Batanghari and Muaro Jambi Districts have implemented Village Financial System (Siskeudes) application. In Aceh, the system has been adopted by all villages in the City of Lhokseumawe.

In Bener Meriah District, Aceh, the Tax Service Office (KPP) trained 232 village treasurers on e-billing tax payments using the Siskeudes application.

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- [Lhokseumawe Terapkan Aplikasi Siskeudes](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 16, 2017
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7. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND ADAT COMMUNITY

The International Conference on Land and Forest Tenure Reform will be held on 25-27 October 2017 in Jakarta, to discuss, among others, the development of the transfer of customary forest ownership to indigenous people groups. Following the Constitutional Court's ruling in 2012, the government has issued more than 90 regulations at the levels of central and local governments.

However, the handover process has been slow, with only 13,500 hectares of forests have been handed over to date. The Indigenous Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN) claims that 40 million hectares of forest area (25 percent of the total forest area) belongs to indigenous people community.

Sources:

- [Pengakuan Hak Masyarakat Adat](#) – Kompas, October 18, 2017

8. EX-PNPM RPOGRAM

Ex-PNPM Rural Program in Central Java is now managed by 462 Activity Management Units (UPKs) at subdistrict level with total assets of Rp 2.35 trillion. The UPK spreads across 29 districts, managing Rp 910 billion in savings and loan for 101,679 groups, with the total recipients of 867,326 people. Fifteen percent of the fund, or Rp 186 billion, has been set aside for poverty alleviation programs.

In Kendal District, Central Java, the UPK in Patean Subdistrict distributed Rp 90 million in social funds to 180 poor households in 14 villages for poverty reduction programs.

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9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **ACEH:** Aceh Tamiang District Head inaugurated 39 village heads elected in the recent simultaneous village head elections ([Bupati Tamiang Lantik 39 Datok](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 18, 2017).
 - **ACEH:** In Aceh Singkil District, all 117 villages have established early childhood education centers (PAUD). Local Education Agency asked the District Head to issue a regulation on the
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allocation of Village Fund for the PAUD ([MPD Dorong PAUD Dibiayai Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 18, 2017).

- **BANTEN:** The grant from the governor worth Rp 30 million per village for BUMDes capital could not be disbursed due to the short implementation period. Only a few villages submitted a proposal to get the grant ([Pemerintah Desa Urang Serap Bangub](#) – Radar Banten, October 17, 2017).
- **BANTEN:** As many as 1,238 villages received Village Fund Allocation, consisting of 158 disadvantaged villages and 1,022 developing villages ([1.238 Desa di Banten Terima Alokasi Dana Desa](#) – Radarbanten.co.id, October 16, 2017).
- **WEST JAVA:** Subang Agricultural Agency said 80 percent of farmers in rural areas are indebted to middlemen and forced to sell their products at low prices. The Agency hopes the BUMDes provides savings and loan to improve farmers' access to capital ([80% Petani di Pelosok Terjerat Tengkulak](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, October 17, 2017).
- **CENTRAL JAVA:** Rp 313 million of Village Fund in Madegondo Village (Sukoharjo District) was stolen when the village treasurer parked a car on the way home from the bank ([Dana Desa Rp313 Juta Digasak Pencuri](#) – Koran Sindo, October 21, 2017).

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