

## WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

### HEADLINES

- **The House of Representatives (DPR) passed the government's proposed 2018 State Budget Bill (RAPBN 2018) into law.** The government revenue is set at Rp 1,454 trillion, while regional transfer is set at Rp 766.16 trillion, including Rp 60 trillion for the Village Fund (DD).
  - **As of October 2017, the Village Fund Task Force at the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration received at least 10,000 complaints about village funds misuse,** much higher than 900 reports last year. Only 69 cases of village funds misuse received court verdict this year, or 0.001 percent from the total of 75,951 villages.
  - The Ministry of Finance's Director General of Fiscal Balance, Boediarso Teguh Widodo said, **Rp 8.61 trillion (35.9 percent) of the Village Fund Phase 2 has been disbursed as of October 20, 2017.** The Fund was distributed to 26,349 villages in 150 districts and cities, leaving 48,605 villages in 284 districts/cities that have not received it.
  - **Thousands of members of the Association of Indonesian Village Apparatuses (PPDI) from various provinces staged a protest in Jakarta on Oct. 24 to demand civil servant status.**
  - President Joko Widodo opened the International Conference on Land and Forest Tenure Reform 2017 at the State Palace in Jakarta on Oct. 25. **The government planned to hand over 12.7 million hectares of land to communities through social forestry programs.**
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## 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The House of Representatives (DPR) passed the government's proposed 2018 State Budget Bill (RAPBN 2018) into law to end the lengthy deliberation involving lawmakers and government representatives. The 2018 State Budget includes the fiscal deficit estimate of 2.19 percent of the GDP, down from 2.92 percent set in the revised 2017 State Budget (APBN-P). The government revenue is set at Rp 1,454 trillion, while regional transfer is Rp 766.16 trillion, including Rp 60 trillion for the Village Fund.

Lampung Provincial Government held Village Innovation Festival in Pekalongan Village, East Lampung District. Deputy Governor Bachtiar Basri said the event aimed to encourage village innovation through Saburai Village Gate Program, a provincial government program to reduce the number of underdeveloped villages by providing Rp 240 million grant per village. It started in 100 villages since 2016 and has been expanded to 250 villages this year.

### Sources:

- [Transfer Daerah dan Dana Desa Disepakati Rp 766,16 Triliun](#) – Kompas.com, October 25, 2017
- [Rapat Paripurna DPR Setujui UU APBN 2018](#) – Antaranews.com, October 25, 2017
- [Lampung Gelar Bursa Inovasi Desa](#) – Antarlampung.com, October 27, 2017

## 2. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

As of October 2017, the Village Fund Task Force at the Ministry of Villages received at least 10,000 complaints about Village Fund misuse, soaring from 900 reports last year. Only 69 cases of village fund misuse received court verdict this year, or 0.001 percent from the total of 75,951 villages.

The Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW) criticized the MoU between the Ministry of Villages and the National Police on village funds monitoring by the Police, saying it may incite fear among village governments in spending the funds. ICW recorded 106 cases of village funds corruption from 2015 to September 2017 with the total loss of Rp 39.5 billion. A total of 101 village heads and six village apparatuses have been named as suspects.

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In Aceh, the media reported alleged cases of village funds misuse in various districts. In Aceh Tenggara, the District Head instructed the inspectorate to audit the fund utilization in Lawe Loning Aman Village. In Nagan Raya, the police examined 18 witnesses in the investigation of alleged corruption of the Village Fund 2015 in Bumi Sari Village, with the total loss of Rp 150 million.

In Aceh Barat Daya, 400 residents of Cot Mane Village submitted a petition to the District Representative Council (DPRK), demanding the dismissal of the village head for not involving the Village Consultative Council (BPD or *Tuha Peut*) in drafting the 2017 Work Plan. In Aceh Utara, the BPD of Glok Aron Village urged the District Attorney to investigate the alleged corruption of Village Fund in 2016.

In Karawang District, West Java, the police named Kertajaya Village Head as a suspect in village budget corruption case with the total loss of Rp 300 million. He was accused of marking up the irrigation channel project and embezzling workers' wages.

In Tangerang District, Banten, anticorruption NGOs reported Saga Village Head to Banten Provincial Attorney, on the suspicion of disbursing Village Fund 2017 Phase I of Rp 300 million without the consent of the Village Treasurer.

**Sources:**

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  - [\*Kementrian Desa Terima 10.000 Laporan\*](#) – Kompas, October 28, 2017
  - [\*ICW Justru Khawatir Tak Tercapai Tujuan\*](#) –Serambi Indonesia, October 23, 2017
  - [\*Penyelewengan Dana Desa Bisa Ditekan\*](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 26, 2017
  - [\*Selewengkan Dana Desa, Oknum Kades di Karawang Jadi Tersangka\*](#) – Detik.com, October 25, 2017
  - [\*Bupati Dukung Proses Desa Bermasalah\*](#) –Serambi Indonesia, October 26, 2017
  - [\*Warga Laporkan Penyimpangan Dana Desa\*](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 25, 2017
  - [\*Keuchik Cot Mane Dimosi Tak Percaya Warga\*](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 24, 2017
  - [\*Soal Dana Desa, Kades Dilaporkan ke Kejati\*](#) – Radar Banten, October 26, 2017
  - [\*Warga Datangi Kejari Aceh Utara\*](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, October 24, 2017
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- [Dana Desa Terindikasi Dikorup](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 24, 2017
- [Dana Desa Terindikasi Dikorup](#) – Aceh.tribunnew.com, October 24, 2017

### 3. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

The Ministry of Finance's Director General of Fiscal Balance, Boediarso Teguh Widodo said, Rp 8.61 trillion (35.9 percent) of the Village Fund Phase 2 has been disbursed as of October 20, 2017. The Fund was disbursed to 26,349 villages in 150 districts and cities, leaving 48,605 villages in 284 districts/cities that have not received it.

In East Nusa Tenggara, Malaka District Government assigned a special team to 20 villages to help village officials prepare the Village Fund Phase 1 accountability reports.

In Ambon City, 13 out of 30 villages have not received the Village Fund Phase 1 because they have not submitted the 2017 Village Budget Plan (APBdes).

In West Java, 58 villages in Ciamis District and all villages in Bandung District have not received the Village Fund Phase 2.

In South Sumatra, the Village Fund disbursement in all districts is delayed, except for Ogan Ilir District.

In Aceh, Rp 2.811 trillion (95.77 percent) of Village Fund Phase 1 has been distributed to 6,219 villages. However, the utilization of Rp 1.7 trillion of Village Fund Phase 1 has not been reported. In Aceh Barat Daya District, 152 villages have not received the Village Fund Phase 2.

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- [Penyaluran Tunggu Syarat](#) – Kompas, October 23, 2017
  - [Desa Kesandung Laporan Pajak](#) – Sumeks.co.id, October 24, 2017
  - [13 Desa di Kota Ambon Belum Terima Dana Desa](#) – Koran Sindo, October 24, 2017
  - [58 Desa di Ciamis Belum Selesaikan Laporan](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, October 24, 2017
  - [Dana Desa Tahap Kedua Rp 60,9 Miliar Cair](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, October 26, 2017
  - [Dana Desa Rp 841 Terancam Hangus](#) – Sumeks.co.id, October 23, 2017
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- [Badan Keuangan Beri Surat Pemberitahuan](#) – Kupang Pos, October 25, 2017
- [Dana Desa Mengendap yang Cair Pun Tak Jelas](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 27, 2017
- [Pusat Belum Transfer Rp 43 M Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 25, 2017

#### 4. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In East Nusa Tenggara, Flores District government regretted the decision of the electoral committee in Kiwangona Village to disqualify the nomination of the incumbent, due to the failure in submitting village bi-annual realization report to the district government. The district government said the delay is not a valid reason to disqualify a candidate.

In Lebak District, Banten, the Association of Indonesian Village Governments (Apdesi) urged the District Attorney to suspend the detention of Umbuljaya Village Head, who was arrested for allegedly handing fake diploma in the village head election last year.

In the village head election in Gresik District, East Java, four villages are considered to be vulnerable to conflict. Menganti Village is prone to conflict due to the large number of voters, reaching over 6,000 people. The rest of the villages -- Sekapuk, Ketapang Lor, and Karangrejo -- is considered vulnerable due to ethnic composition in the community.

In Demak District, Central Java, 50 Kebonbatur Villagers reported an electoral dispute to the Indonesian Center for Young Advocates (HAMI) of Central Java, after their report to the Village Electoral Supervisory Committee (Panwasdes) was not responded.

In Simalungun District, North Sumatra, village head elections in 76 villages elected 50 new village heads and re-elected 26 incumbents.

In Sukabumi District, West Java, 286 candidates competed in simultaneous village head elections in 71 villages.

#### Sources:

- [Kiwangona Jadi Preseden Buruk Pilkades](#) – Kupang Pos, October 24, 2017
  - [Minta Advokasi, Warga Demak Datangi HAMI](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 23, 2017
  - [Brimob Polda Jaga Desa Rawan](#) – Jawa Pos, October 25, 2017
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- [Apdesi Upayakan Penangguhan Penahanan Kades Umbuljaya](#) – Radar Banten, October 26, 2017
- [50 Kades Petahana Tumbang dalam Pemilihan Serentak](#) – Koran Sindo, October 26, 2017
- [Berita Foto – Pilkadaes Serentak](#) – Media Indonesia, October 24, 2017

## 5. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

Thousands of members of the Association of Indonesian Village Apparatuses (PPDI) from various provinces staged a protes in Jakarta on Oct. 24 to demand civil servant status. The protesters came from East Java, Central Java, West Java, West Nusa Tenggara, Bali, North Sulawesi, North Sumatra, and Lampung.

In Nagan Raya District, Aceh, village officials in Beutong Ateuh Banggalang Subdistrict cannot use the online gampong (Sikumgam) financial system due to the absence of internet network. The district is a 3-hour drive away from the district capital.

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- [Ribuan Perangkat Desa Demonstrasi Tagih Janji 3 Tahun Jokowi](#) – Viva.co.id, October 23, 2017
- [Ribuan Perangkat Desa Se-Indonesia Tagih Janji Jokowi](#) – Tempo.co, October 24, 2017
- [Ratusan Perangkat Desa di Banjarnegara ke Jakarta Tagih Jokowi](#) – detik.com, October 23, 2017
- [Kuechik Sulit laporkan Dana Desa Via Online](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 25, 2017

## 6. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

The Minister of Villages launched a "villageopolitan" area in Klaten District, Central Java, on Oct. 28. Three villages in the District - Rawa Jombor, Kratikon and Jimbung -- will jointly manage a local tourist destination through a consortium of Village-Owned Enterprises (BUMDes).

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In Central Java, Sragen District Head planned that all 196 villages to have BUMDes in 2018. The District Head asked the villages to allocate a portion of Village Fund Phase 2 for the establishment of BUMDes.

**Sources:**

- [Menteri Desa akan Canangkan “Desapolitan”](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 26, 2017
- [2018, Semua Desa Punya BUMDes](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 26, 2017

## 7. HEALTH

The stunting rate in Pontianak City, West Kalimantan, reaches 17 percent, urging the Mayor to issue a regulation to suppress the high number of stunting.

**Source:**

- [Miris! Bayi Stunting Pontianak Capai 17 Persen, Kepala Daerah Harus Fokus Tangani Ini](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, October 27, 2017

## 8. EDUCATION

In Gresik District, East Java, the district head issued a decree requiring each village to have a library by 2018. The village government is allowed to use Village Fund to develop the library. Currently, only 96 out of 330 villages already have libraries.

In Tabalong District, South Kalimantan, the District Head issued a similar regulation. Currently, 71 out of 121 villages have established village libraries.

In Lebak District, Banten, 24 out of 345 villages do not have early childhood learning centers (PAUD). The Education Agency set a target for all villages to have PAUD by 2018.

**Sources:**

- [Perpustakaan Didirikan di Setiap Desa](#) – Jawa Pos, October 27, 2017
  - [Koleksi Minimal 1.603 Buku](#) – Jawa Pos, October 28, 2017
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- [Wow! Tabalong Miliki 71 Perpustakaan Hingga ke Desa-desa](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, Oct 23
- [Puluhan Desa di Lebak Belum Miliki Lembaga PAUD](#) – Radar Banten, October 26, 2017

## 9. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND ADAT COMMUNITY

Reform 2017 at the State Palace, Jakarta, on Oct. 25. The President stated that the government recognized the rights of indigenous peoples through the handover of 80,228 hectares of custom forest. The government planned to hand over 12.7 million hectares of land to communities through social forestry programs.

### Source:

- [Presiden Memberikan Pengakuan Hutan Adat](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, October 26, 2017

## 10. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **JAKARTA:** President Joko Widodo praised Tulungagung District in East Java for setting an example in good village fund management. The district has built a total of 679 kilometer of roads and 1,975 meters of bridges ([Presiden Apresiasi Tulungagung Terbaik Manfaatkan Dana Desa](#) – Antaranews.com, October 24, 2107).
  - **CENTRAL JAVA:** The Provincial Legislative Council (DPRD) is drafting a regulation (Raperda) on the empowerment of villagers in poverty reduction program ([Komisi A Uji Coba Publik Raperda Pemberdayaan Masyarakat Desa](#) – Suara Merdeka, October 24, 2017).
  - **ACEH:** Village heads in South Aceh District questioned the procurement of village information boards by a third party for Rp 3.9 billion (*Forak Sorot Pengadaan Papan Monografi Desa* – [Aceh.tribunnews.com, October 29](#) and [Serambi Indonesia, October 29, 2017](#)).
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- **SOUTH KALIMANTAN:** Tanahbumbu District Head inaugurated 50 village heads following the recent simultaneous elections ([Mardani Iantik 50 Kepala Desa Se-Tanahbumbu](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, October 23, 2017).
- **EAST JAVA:** Malang District Government and Police signed an MoU on Village Fund supervision, and conducted training for 361 Bhabinkamtibmas officers (police officer assigned to a village as an advisor on security and public order), 30 subdistrict police chiefs, 30 subdistrict heads, and 361 village heads ([MoU Dengan Pemkab, Polres Malang Siap Kawal Penggunaan Dana Desa](#) – Detik.com, October 26, 2017).

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