

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- **President Joko Widodo will issue a decree instructing four ministries** (Ministry of Villages, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Transportation, and Ministry of Agriculture) **to carry out labor intensive program using the village funds (DD) and other resources, to create 14-15 million jobs.** The allocation for each labor-intensive project in a village is set at Rp 200 million maximum, and projects above Rp 200 million are carried out under contracts in accordance with the National Public Procurement Agency (LKPP) requirements.
- **The Ministry of Villages will encourage all villages to allocate 20-30 percent of the Village Fund for labor wages in labor intensive program.** The wages will be set at up to 80 percent of the provincial minimum wage (UMP). Currently, the average daily wage is Rp 60,000-Rp 65,000.
- **Data from the Ministry of Villages shows that short-term employment (up to three months) generated by the projects financed by village funds continues to increase,** from 986,000 in 2015 to 1.84 million in 2016, and 3.9 million workers in 2017. Meanwhile, the number of long-term employees (eight months and beyond) increased from 105,000 (2015) to 199,000 (2016).
- **The Ministry of Public Works is allocating Rp 11.2 trillion** (10.4 percent of the total budget in 2018) **for labor intensive programs** on irrigation, local infrastructure, and community-based drinking water supply projects that would absorb about 260,000 workers.
- Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture Puan Maharani said **the stunting rate dropped from 30 percent in 2016 to 27.5 percent by 2017,** or exceeded 29 percent target.
- **In Banten, dozens of indigenous Baduy children in Pandeglang District are excluded from the Rubella (MR) Measles vaccination program.** Local Health Agency was unable to reach these children, who were helping their parents to work at the fields in the forests.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

President Joko Widodo will issue a decree in January 2018 to instruct four ministries (Ministry of Villages, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Transportation, and Ministry Agriculture) to implement a labor intensive program using the village funds (DD) and other resources, to create 14-15 million jobs. It is expected that each village can generate employment for 200 people.

In addition, four Ministers (Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Villages, Minister of Finance, and Head of the National Planning Agency/Bappenas) are preparing a Joint Ministerial Decree (SKB) on this program. The funding of the labor intensive projects is set at Rp 200 million maximum, while projects above Rp 200 million are carried out under contracts in accordance with the National Public Procurement Agency (LKPP) requirements.

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The Ministry of Public Works is allocating Rp 11.2 trillion (10.4 percent of the total budget in 2018) for labor intensive programs in irrigation, local infrastructure, and community-based drinking water supply projects that would absorb 263,646 workers. Of the funding allocation, Rp 2.4 trillion is for wages, or Rp 100,000-Rp 165,000 per day for each worker.

Sources:

- [Begini Konsep Padat Karya Cash yang Bakal Diluncurkan Jokowi](#) – Detik.com October 31, 2017
 - [Jokowi Minta Dana Desa untuk Program Padat Karya](#) – Tempo.co, October 31, 2017
 - [Dana Desa 2018 Mampu Serap 5,7 Juta Tenaga Kerja](#) – Liputan6.com, November 4, 2017
 - [15 Juta Rakyat Desa Terlibat Proyek Padat Karya](#) – Suara Pembaruan, October 31, 2017
 - [Soal Padat Karya Cash Jokowi, ini Kata Darmin](#) – Detik.com, October 31, 2017
 - [2018, 30% Dana Desa untuk Upah Kegiatan Padat Karya](#) – Suara Pembaruan, November 3, 2017
 - [Menteri Desa: Upah Pembangunan Dana Desa Serap Banyak Tenaga Kerja](#) – Kompas, November 4, 2017
 - [Penjelasan Sri Mulyani Soal Program Padat Karya Cash Jokowi](#) – Detik.com, October 31, 2017
 - [Program Padat Karya Kementerian PUPR Serap 263 Ribu Tenaga Kerja](#) – Liputan6.com, November 4, 2017
 - [Menko PMK Tekankan Regulasi untuk Program Padat Karya](#) –Antarnews.com, November 2, 2017
 - [Pemerintah Godok Regulasi Padat Karya](#) – Koran Sindo, November 3, 2017
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- [Mendes: 30 Persen Dana Desa untuk Upah Pekerja di Desa](#) –Viva.co.id, November 2, 2017
- [Mendes Minta 20 Persen Dana Desa untuk Upah Pekerja](#) –Krijogya.com, November 1, 2017
- [Ingat! 20 Persen Dana Desa Wajib untuk Program Padat Karya](#) –Jppn.com, November 2, 2017

2. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

In East Nusa Tenggara, the head of Daiama Village in Rote Ndao District was tried in a corruption case related to 2013 Village Fund Allocation (ADD). The defendant is accused to have disappeared after withdrawing Rp 258 million from the fund.

In the city of Banda Aceh, Aceh, the District Attorney arrested three village officials in a case of village budget (APBDes) corruption. The three suspects – chairman and members of Village Consultative Body (BPD) and treasurer of Luengbata Village -- are accused of embezzling Rp 110 million from State Electricity Company PLN that rented a village land.

In Sanggau District, West Kalimantan, two village heads and one sub-district head are declared as suspects of village funds embezzlement.

Sources:

- [Dana Desa Dicairkan Tanpa Pertanggungjawaban](#) – Jppn.com, November 3, 2017
- [Jaksa Tahan Tiga tersangka Korupsi Pag Luengbata](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 4, 2017
- [Lalai Kelola Dana Desa, Oknum Kades dan Camat dari Kabupaten ini Tersandung Kasus Hukum](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, October 31, 2017

3. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

In Simalungun District, North Sumatra, none of the 386 villages submitted accountability reports for the Village Fund Phase 1. There is a possibility that the Village Fund Phase 2 cannot be disbursed and must be returned to the central government.

In Aceh, the Village Fund Phase 2 worth Rp 22.2 billion for 68 villages in Lhokseumawe City has not been disbursed because 20 villages have not completed realization reports on the Village Fund Phase 1.

Sources:

- [368 Kades Belum Serahkan LPJ ADD Tahap Pertama](#) – Koran Sindo, November 2, 2017
 - [Rp 22,2 M Dana Desa Belum Cair](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 2, 2017
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4. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In Gresik District, East Java, village head elections in 19 villages went smoothly despite a delay in the disbursement of Rp 1.3 billion fund from the district budget (APBD) due to red tape. Election committees in some villages were forced to borrow money from the village budget (APBDEs) and personal funds. In Tanggulrejo Village, for example, the committee borrowed up to Rp 20 million.

The Ministry of Home Affairs nominated Musi Rawas District in South Sumatra for the 2017 Innovative Government Award (IGA). The district has held e-voting in 115 village head elections since 2013. In December 2017, 16 villages in the district will hold e-voting.

Simultaneous village head elections will be held in Aceh Jaya District (Aceh) in November, while Subang District (West Java) and Magetan District (East Java) will hold it in December. In Magetan, 100 personnels of Mobile Brigade (Brimob) Unit from Madiun District will be deployed to guard the elections.

Sources:

- [Di Bawean, Terpaksa Pinjam dan Urunan](#) – Jawa Pos, October 31, 2017
- [Panitia Tanggung Utang](#) – Jawa Pos, October 31, 2017
- [Sebagian Besar Petahana Menang](#) – Jawa Pos, October 31, 2017
- [E-Pilkades Bawean Lancar](#) – Jawa Pos, October 30, 2017
- [155 Kades di Kabupaten Musi Rawas Dipilih Dengan Sistem E-Voting](#) – Kompas.com, October 30, 2017
- [Tiga Desa Gelar Pemilihan Keuchik Serentak](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 31, 2017
- [120 Calon Kades Diingatkan Bersaing Sehat](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, November 2, 2017
- [Datangkan Seratus Personel Brimob dari Madiun](#) – Jawa Pos, November 4, 2017

5. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

In Musi Rawas District, South Sumatra, 19 villages in Tugumulyo sub-district issued village regulations on smoking restrictions inside the house.

In West Bandung District, West Java, the Communication and Information Agency is carrying out a pilot project on village website development in five villages.

Sources:

- [18 Desa di Musirawas Deklarasi Rumah Bebas Asap Rokok](#) –Kompas, November 2, 2017
- [Desa Diminta Kembangkan Situs Web](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, October 31, 2017

6. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

In Aceh, Aceh Barat District Head asked Village-Owned Enterprises (BUMDes) to verify eligible beneficiaries of the revolving fund program for business capital assistance set at Rp 15 million per person in each village using village funds. Eligible beneficiaries must obtain certificates issued by relevant agencies.

In Sumba District, East Nusa Tenggara, 40 percent of 140 villages already issued village bylaw (Perdes) on BUMDes establishment. Other villages have established the BUMDes without the Perdes.

Sources:

- [Bupati: Penerima Modal Usaha Harus Bersertifikat](#) – Serambi Indonesia, October 31, 2017
- [Pembentukan BUMDes di Sumba Timur Mencapai 40 Persen](#) –Kupang Pos, November 4, 2017

7. HEALTH

Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture, Puan Maharani said, the program to address stunting in pilot districts has been successful. The stunting rate has dropped from 30 percent in 2016 to 27.5 percent in 2017, or exceeded the 29 percent target. In 2018, the government will expand the program in 100 districts.

Source:

- [Program Intervensi Penanganan Stunting Menggembirakan](#) – Indopos.co.id, November 1, 2017

8. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND ADAT COMMUNITY

In Lebak District, Banten), dozens of indigenous Baduy children are excluded from the Rubella (MR) Measles vaccination program as the program coincided with the growing season, where children help their parents to work in the fields in the forests. Local health agency, having difficulties in reaching out to these children, has decided to postpone the vaccination program until the children have returned to the village.

Source:

- [Puluhan Anak Badui Belum Dapat Vaksin Measles Rubella](#) –Liputan6.com, November 1, 2017
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9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **JAKARTA:** The Minister of Villages said 12 countries in Asia Pacific have proposed to the United Nations that Indonesia's village fund program to be replicated to other developing countries ([Menteri Eko: 12 Negara Akan Tiru Program Dana Desa Indonesia](#) – Kompas.com, October 31, 2017).
- **NORTH SUMATRA:** Residents of Sigodung Village in Tapanuli Tengah District protested a 2-kilometer trench maintenance project that costs Rp 363 million, which is taken from the village fund. The trench was built in 2014 with a total cost of Rp 110 million ([Dana Desa Habis Rp. 363 Juta Hanya untuk Bersihkan Parit](#) – Fajar.co.id, November 2, 2017).
- **WEST KALIMANTAN:** Kubu Raya District is carrying out grant program for neighbourhood road development. The district government is providing materials, while villages are responsible for the construction ([Bupati Kubu Raya Minta Desa Bantu Program Imbal Swadaya](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, October 31, 2017).

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