

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

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- In East Java, Supreme Audit Agency (BPK) member, Achsanul Qosasi said, **from 2015 to 2017 there were allegations of village funds misuse in 452 villages and fictitious projects** in 214 villages in the provinces of West Kalimantan and East Java.
- **In Sidoarjo District, East Java, several villages complained about the exorbitant price of e-voting equipment that reaches Rp 50 million per unit.** The district requires 91 devices for the e-voting to be held in 14 villages next year.
- In Aceh Barat Daya District, Aceh, **the process to input Village Fund Phase I accountability reports into the OM SPAN online application is hampered by poor power supply and internet connection.** Only 80 percent of the data from 152 villages have been recorded so far.

Minister of Education and Culture Muhadjir Effendy said, Indonesia is committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in the education sector. **Currently, the primary school enrollment rate is over 100 percent (according to media reports) and the dropout rate has dropped to 0.26 percent.** In addition, 72.3 percent of children are enrolled in early childhood education (PAUD) program.

1. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND ADAT COMMUNITY

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The Ministry of Home Affairs will register cultural beliefs system as a distinct category in the population administration information system (SIAK). The Ministry will coordinate with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Education and Culture to determine the number of belief systems in the country.

Various indigenous communities welcome the decision, including Talang Mamak community in Inderagiri Hulu District, Riau, who follows the Islam Langkah Lama faith, as well as Baduy community in Lebak District, Banten, and Cireundeu community in Bandung District, West Java, who follow the Sunda Wiwitan faith. They hope the decision would end all discriminations and improve access to education, employment opportunities and legal status.

Sources:

- [Pemerintah Jamin Penghayat Kepercayaan](#) – Media Indonesia, November 8, 2017
- [Dulu Didiskriminasi, Kini Warga Baduy Bisa Tulis Kepercayaan di KTP](#) – Detik.com, November 7, 2017
- [Warga Adat Tunggu Tindak Lanjut Putusan MK](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, November 9, 2017
- [Suku Talang Mamak Apresiasi Keputusan MK Soal Penghayat Kepercayaan](#) – Detik.com, November 09, 2017

2. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

In East Java, Supreme Audit Agency (BPK) member, Achsanul Qosasi said, from 2015 to 2017, there were allegations of village funds misuse in 452 villages and fictitious projects in 214 villages in the provinces of West Kalimantan and East Java.

In the court hearing of a village-fund corruption case in Pamekasan District, the defendant, a former District Attorney's Office Head, was charged with accepting Rp 250 million bribe from District Inspectorate Head to stop investigating village funds misuse allegation in Dasok Village.

In Riau, the head of Kepenguluan Village in Rokan Hilir District was tried in a 2015 village fund corruption case for allegedly embezzling Rp 400 million, which should have been used for project development budget and tax.

In Bengkulu, North Bengkulu District Attorney is investigating village funds corruption case in Lubuk Tanjung. The prosecutor has not named any suspects but said the case has inflicted state losses of Rp 200 million.

In South Sumatra, five village heads in Musi Banyuasin District were prosecuted for misappropriating village funds from 2015 to 2017.

Aceh Higher Court sentenced the head of Keude Village in East Aceh District to five years imprisonment in a village fund corruption case. In the lower court, the defendant was sentenced to four years.

In East Nusa Tenggara, Lembata District Attorney has grilled over 20 witnesses in the investigation of village fund corruption case in Atu Walupang Village.

In Central Kalimantan, the head of Tumbang Pasangon Village in Gunung Mas District was detained at Palangkaraya Detention Center for allegedly misusing village budget.

In Aceh Barat District, villagers and member of the Village Consultative Body (*Tuha Peut*) of Pungkie Village came to the District Legislative Council (DPRK) Office to report an allegation of village funds misuse. The report followed their action two months ago when they sealed the village chief's office for one week.

In Bali, residents of Asah Duren Village in Jembrana District reported the village head to the District Attorney over alleged misuse of village funds for road construction project. The village head denied the allegations, but he admitted that the quality of the project was poor because it was constructed by residents (*swakelola*).

Source:

- [212 Kepala Desa Jadi Tersangka Kasus Dana Desa](#) – Media Indonesia, November 7, 2017
- [Kajari Pamekasan Didakwa Terima Rp 250 Juta untuk Hentikan Kasus](#) – Detik.com, November 7, 2017
- [Kades Diseret ke Meja Hijau Karena Kasus Korupsi Rp 400 Juta](#) – Detik.com, November 7, 2017
- [Kejari Bengkulu Utara Segera Tetapkan Tersangka Korupsi Dana Desa](#) – Beritasatu.com, November 11, 2017
- [Tersangkut Hukum, Lima Kades Selewengkan DD](#) – Sumeks.co.id, November 7, 2017
- [Hakim Perberat Hukuman Keuchik](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 8, 2017
- [Kejari Minta Jika Ada Indikasi Penyalahgunaan Anggaran Desa Segera Laporkan](#) – Kalteng.prokal.com, November 9, 2017
- [Kejari Lembata Mulai Langkah Represif](#) – Media Indonesia, November 8, 2017
- [Laporkan Dana Desa, Warga Ngadu ke Dewan](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 7, 2017
- [Kecewa Pengelolaan Dana Desa, Perbekel Dilaporkan ke Kejari](#) – Bali Pos, November 10, 2017

3. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

In Aceh Barat Daya District, Aceh, the process to input Village Fund Phase I accountability reports into the OM SPAN online application is hampered by poor power supply and internet connection. Only 80 percent of the data from 152 villages have been recorded so far.

In the city of Lhokseumawe, Aceh, 68 villages have not received Village Fund Phase 2 because nine villages have not submitted the realization reports.

In Aceh Selatan District, Aceh, Village Fund Phase 2 of Rp 78.818 billion has been disbursed to 260 villages on Nov.8.

The District Legislative Council (DPRD) in Sambas, West Kalimantan, held a hearing to discuss the delay in the disbursement of Village Fund Phase 2. The district government was urged to establish reward and punishment mechanisms to motivate village governments.

In South Kalimantan Province, Village Fund Phase 2 of Rp 446 billion (79 percent of the total allocation) has been transferred to eight out of 11 districts.

This year, Central Kalimantan Province receives more than Rp 1 trillion of Village Fund for 1,433 villages or Rp 720 million on average for each village.

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- [Temukan Rp 83 Miliar Dana Desa Belum Cair, DPRD Sambas Gelar Hearing](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, November 7, 2017
- [Dana Desa di Sambas Tak Cair, Ini Solusi yang Ditawarkan](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, November 6, 2017
- [68 Gampong Terancam Gagal Terima Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 7, 2017
- [Input Serapan Dana Desa Terkendala Internet](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 10, 2017
- [Terungkap! Dari 855,7 Miliar Dana Desa Sudah Terserap 78 Persen](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, November 7, 2017
- [KPPN Tapaktuan Salurkan Dana Desa Rp 78,8 M](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 9, 2017
- [Ternyata Kalteng Kebaikan Rp1 Triliun Lebih untuk Dana Desa, Ini Jumlah Desanya](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, November 6, 2017

4. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

The media reported the development of village head elections in several districts in East Java. In Sidoarjo, several villages complained about the exorbitant price of e-voting equipment that reached Rp 50 million per unit. The district requires 91 devices to hold e-voting in 14 villages next year. Kepuhkiriman Village in Waru Subdistrict, for example, will need 20 units of e-voting equipment for its 15,000 population.

In Magetan and Banyuwangi, the simultaneous village head elections will not use e-voting system for the absence of district head decree. In Gresik, the government granted the equipment and the application on legal identity services to five villages that have successfully implemented e-voting.

Sources:

- [Butuh 90 Set Alat E-voting](#) – Jawa Pos, November 10, 2017
- [Pelaksana E-Pilkades Peroleh Penghargaan](#) – Jawa Pos, November 10, 2017
- [Konvensional, Belum Terapkan E-voting](#) – Jawa Pos, November 9, 2017
- [Banyuwangi Gelar Pilkades Serentak, Brimob Disiaqakan](#) – Detik.com, November 7, 2017

5. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

Villages in Central Kalimantan will use an application developed by the province's Development Finance Comptroller (BPKP) for village fund reporting. The application has planning modules on budgeting, planning, and implementation, as well as reporting and monitoring.

In Pandeglang District, Banten, and Bener Meriah District in Aceh will train 103 and 63 newly-elected village heads, respectively, before they are inaugurated.

Sources:

- [Catat! Pelaporan Penggunaan Dana Desa Pakai Aplikasi Khusus dari BPKP](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, November 6, 2017
- [63 Reje Baru Dilatih](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 8, 2017
- [31 Desember, 108 Kader Terpilih Dilantik](#) – Radar Banten, November 8, 2017

6. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

In Kotawaringin Timur District, Central Kalimantan, only 92 of the 168 villages have BUMDes. The District Head acknowledged that many villages had difficulty in finding professionals to manage BUMDes.

In Kapuas Hulu District (West Kalimantan), 12 villages have formed BUMDes with the total assets of Rp 36 billion.

Sources:

- [Pembentukan BUMDes Terkendala Kurangnya SDM](#) – Kalteng.prokal.com, November 7, 2017
- [Penyerapan Dana Desa Kapuas Hulu Capai 87 Persen](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, November 9, 2017

7. EDUCATION

Minister of Education and Culture Muhadjir Effendy said Indonesia is committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Currently the primary school enrollment rate is over 100 percent (according to

media reports) and the dropout rate dropped to 0.26 percent. In addition, 72.3 percent of children are enrolled in early childhood education (PAUD).

Director General of Early Childhood Education and Community Education at the Ministry of Education and Culture, Harris Iskandar said, the government has launched the Literacy Village Program in pilot villages in 54 districts. The government encourages local governments to implement the program in more villages to improve reading habit.

PAUD and kindergarten teachers in East Java will receive Rp 200,000 monthly allowance starting next year. The provincial government allocates Rp 19 billion in the 2018 Regional Budget (APBD) for over 10,000 teachers.

Sources:

- [100% Melek Huruf](#) – Suara Pembaruan, November 6, 2017
- [Dirjen Dorong Daerah Kembangkan Kampung Literasi](#) – Antaranews.com, November 6, 2017
- [Guru PAUD Bakal Dapat Tunjangan](#) – Jawa Pos, November 10, 2017

8. HEALTH

The community health center (*puskesmas*) in Lamba Leda Subdistrict, East Manggarai District in East Nusa Tenggara, do not have general practitioners and dentists, so patients are only served by nurses and midwives.

Source:

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

9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **CENTRAL JAVA:** In Rembang District, Commander of the District Military Command reportedly assaulted the Jambangan Village Head in a coordination meeting on village fund monitoring. The dispute was settled by mediation ([Merasa Disepelekan, Dandim Rembang Tempeleng Kades Saat Rakor](#) – Detik.com, November 10, 2017).
 - **RIAU:** Next year, Karimun District will increase the ADD from Rp 16.4 billion to Rp 49 billion to be disbursed in 42 villages ([Alokasi Dana Desa 2018 Rp 49 Miliar](#) – Batampos.co.id, November 10, 2017).
 - **JAKARTA:** Community Empowerment Institute (LPM) claimed that only 10 per cent of the villages has sufficient capacity in village funds management. The Institute will implement advocacy and training on village fund management ([LPM Latih Kades Kelola Dana Desa](#) – Krjogja.com, November 6, 2017).
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- **WEST JAVA:** In 2018, West Bandung District will allocate Rp 12.3 billion for Rukun Warga (RW) and Rukun Tetangga (RT) – two neighbourhood units under the village ([Meningkat, Bantuan Keuangan Ketua RT/RW](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, November 6, 2017).
- **EAST NUSA TENGGARA:** The Belu District Government through the Generasi Sehat dan Cerdas (GSC) held community media training for community representatives from each village in the West Atambua Subdistrict. The government encourages the establishment of community media as a means of information and public oversight ([Warga Atambua Dilatih Menulis Berita](#) – Kupang Pos, November 8, 2017).

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