

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

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- **The Ministry of Villages, in cooperation with the Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT) launched SIMRAL Program** or Information System for Planning, Budgeting and Integrated Regional Fiscal Management. The Ministry will combine SISKEUDES and SIMRAL to improve village transparency.
- In Aceh Province, **Governor Irwandi Yusuf urged subdistrict heads and mayors to accelerate the disbursement of Village Fund Phase 2.** Only Rp 188 billion out of Rp 1.96 trillion of Village Fund Phase 2 has been disbursed. Of 20 districts/mayoralities in the province, only three have received the fund -- Langsa City, Aceh Tengah District, and Aceh Selatan District.
- **As of October 2017, the Village Fund Task Force at the Ministry of Villages received 10,922 public reports on alleged misuse of village fund.** Task Force head Bibit Samad Riyanto said his office are investigating 30 percent of them, or 3,276 reports.
- **The Minister of Villages said the role of 39,000 village facilitators will be crucial in the implementation of labor-intensive program next year.** The Minister added, the World Bank and the Ministry of Villages will implement capacity building programs for village facilitators.
The Minister of Education and Culture said next year's budget for early aged education learning centers (PAUD) will reach Rp 4 trillion, up from Rp 3.5 trillion the previous year.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Villages said two regulations need to be revised to allow for effective implementation of labor-intensive program at the village level next year. First, Regulation of the Head of National Procurement Policy Agency (LKPP) No. 13/2013 stipulating that projects above Rp 200 million must be implemented by vendors. Second, Regulation of the Minister of Finance No. 112/2017 requiring activity completion rate of 90 percent at the district level as the condition for the disbursement of Village Fund Phase 2 disbursement. The Ministry of Villages in cooperation with the Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT) launched the SIMRAL Program (Information System for Planning, Budgeting and Integrated Regional Fiscal Management). The Ministry will combine SISKEUDES and SIMRAL to improve transparency in the village.

The Minister of Communications and Informatics said 60 percent of villages in the country has adopted Village Information System (SID), an online management system of administrative, population, and village potential data for development planning and monitoring. SID was first introduced in 2015 and is set to be implemented in all villages by 2019.

Sources:

- [Terkendala, Pengelolaan Dana Desa Secara Padat Karya](#) – Suara Pembaruan, November 22, 2017
- [Cegah Korupsi Dana Desa dengan SIMRAL](#) – Media Indonesia, November 22, 2017
- [60 Persen Desa Sudah Terapkan Sistem Informasi](#) – Kompas.com, November 20, 2017

2. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

In Aceh Province, Governor Irwandi Yusuf urged subdistrict heads and mayors to accelerate the disbursement of Village Fund Phase 2. Only Rp 188 billion out of Rp 1.96 trillion of Village Fund Phase 2 has been disbursed. Of 20 district/mayoralities in the province, only three have received the fund - Langsa City, Aceh Tengah District, and Aceh Selatan District.

In Aceh Barat District, 80 percent of villages have submitted the realization reports and will soon receive the fund. The media reported that the disbursement in many other districts is delayed due to incomplete realization reports from the villages.

In Banten, Rp 104 billion of Village Fund Phase 2 in Pandeglang District is unlikely to be absorbed, as 20 out of 326 villages have not submitted realization reports on Village Fund Phase 1.

In Central Java, villages in Temanggung District were forced to postpone their payment to vendors due to a delay in the disbursement of Village Fund Phase 2. Kalimantan Village Chief said the village still owed a supplier Rp 300 million for the materials used in road and drainage development project.

In West Sumatra, 885 villages in 14 districts/mayoralities have not received Village Fund Phase 2 of Rp 101 billion.

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- [Rp 1,7 T Dana Desa Terancam Mati](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 20, 2017
- [Gubernur: Dana Desa Harus Diselamatkan](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, November 21, 2017
- [Pelaporan Dana Bandes Cukup Sulit](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 21, 2017
- [80 Persen Desa Laporkan Dana](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 22, 2017
- [Rp 627 Miliar Dana Gampong Belum Cair](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 23, 2017
- [Rp 627 Miliar Dana Gampong Belum Cair](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, November 23, 2017
- [Rp 104 Miliar Dana Desa Jadi Silpa](#) – Radar Banten, November 21, 2017
- [DD Tahap II Terancam Tak Terserap](#) – Radar Banten, November 20, 2017
- [Dana Berutang Tunggu Pencairan Dana Desa](#) – Media Indonesia, November 23, 2017
- [Tahap II Belum Cair, Desa Berutang](#) – Kompas, November 23, 2017

3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

As of end of October 2017, the Village Fund Task Force at the Ministry of Villages received 10,922 reports on alleged misuse of village fund. Task Force head Bibit Samad Riyanto said his office are investigating 30 percent of them, or 3,276 reports. The Task Force is coordinating with relevant ministries, police, and the Office of the Presidential Staff (KSP) to follow up on the reports.

The Illegal Levy Eradication Task Force (SABER PUNGLI) in East Java has arrested 146 suspects in 97 sting operations (OTT) with cash evidence of around Rp 3 billion. Illegal levies mostly occurred in land certification and village fund program.

In East Java, Bojonegoro District Attorney arrested Jari village chief for allegedly embezzling Rp 114 million of 2017 Village Fund by forging receipts and seals for the accountability report. In Gresik District, the police arrested the head of Tanjungori Village in Tambak Subdistrict and the head of Pasemah Lemah Putih Village in Wringinanom Subdistrict over corruption allegation.

In West Java, former chief of Cipasung Village in Majalengka District has been detained since Nov. 21 for allegedly embezzling Rp 114 million of 2014 village budget.

In East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), Sikka District Attorney arrested former village head of Runut in Nov. 20 in the case of village fund embezzlement of Rp 450 million.

Also in NTT, police named the owner of a contractor company in Timor Tengah Selatan District as suspect in the Rp 250 million village fund corruption case. The contractor was assigned to work on four projects worth Rp 520 million in Unleu Village but failed to complete them.

In Ende District, the head of Ranggalaka Village in Kota Baru Subdistrict is named as suspect in a village fund corruption case that inflicts financial losses of Rp 170 million on the state.

In Bengkulu, Lebong District Police named three suspects in village fund corruption cases in Bio Putiak Village and Ketenong Village with state losses of Rp 419 million.

Public Policy Research Institute (LSKP) in Central Java questioned the handling of a case of corruption perpetrated in 2014 in Tlogorejo Village. The prosecutor has appointed two suspects in the case that causes Rp 450 million in state losses, but both have not been arrested.

Sources:

- [Sejak Dibentuk, Satgas Terima 10.000 Laporan Penyalahgunaan Dana Desa](#) – Kompas.com, November 20, 2017
- [Tiga Bulan Dibentuk, Satgas Dana Desa Terima 10.000 Aduan](#) – Tempo.co, November 21, 2017
- [Dana Desa Dikorupsi](#) – Kompas, November 25, 2017
- [Satgas Dapat 10 Ribu Laporan Penyalahgunaan Dana Desa](#) – Detik.com, November 20, 2017
- [Tim Saber Pungli Sudah Lakukan 97 OTT Terkait Dana Desa](#) – Jppn.com, November 21, 2017
- [Tim Saber Pungli POLDA Jatim Tangkap 146 Tersangka Selama Setahun](#) – Antaranews.com, November 20, 2017
- [Pemerintah Optimistis Dana Desa Terserap Penuh](#) – Koran Tempo, November 20, 2017
- [Mantan Kades di Majalengka Dijebloskan ke Rutan Kebonwaru](#) – Pikiran-rakyat.com, November 21, 2017
- [Siap Tangkap Koruptor Dana Desa](#) – Jawa Pos, November 23, 2017
- [Jaksa Tahan Petrus Kanisius](#) – Kupang Pos, November 23, 2017
- [Polres Lebong Tetapkan 3 Tersangka Korupsi Dana Desa](#) – Suara Pembaruan November 22, 2017
- [LSKP Pertanyakan Kinerja Kejari](#) – Suara Merdeka, November 24, 2017

4. VILLAGE FACILITATORS

The Minister of Villages stated that the role of 39,000 village facilitators will be crucial in the labor-intensive program next year. The Minister added, the World Bank and the Ministry will implement programs to increase the capacity of village facilitators.

Source:

- [Pemerintah Optimistis Dana Desa Terserap Penuh](#) – Koran Tempo, November 20, 2017

5. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

In Aceh, the chairman, secretary, and three members of the Village Consultative Board (BPD) in Kreung Kalee Village in Aceh Besar District resigned to protest the village head, who was accused of not being transparent in managing the village fund.

In Kendal District, Central Java, over 4,000 people signed up for the process to select 449 village apparatuses in 249 villages. In the neighboring district of Banjarnegara, the Village Officials Communication Forum (FKPD) asked the district head to issue a policy to ensure the welfare of village apparatuses, as the Village Fund Allocation has decreased from Rp 101 billion to Rp 99 billion this year.

Sources:

- [Tuha Peut Kreung Kalee Mundur](#) – Serambi Indonesia, November 22, 2017
- [Dana Desa Menurun, Perangkat Desa Banjarnegara Curhat Penghasilan](#) – Detik.com, November 21, 2017
- [449 Kursi Perangkat Desa Diperebutkan](#) – Suara Merdeka, November 23, 2017

6. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In West Java, Subang District Government allocated Rp 1.48 billion for simultaneous village head elections in 23 villages. Each village will receive basic assistance of Rp 25 million and additional assistance of Rp 8,000 per voter.

Source:

- [Rp 1,48 Miliar untuk Pilkadaes Subang](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, November 25, 2017

7. EDUCATION

Minister of Education and Culture Muhadjir Effendy said, the budget for early aged education learning center (PAUD) program would increase from Rp 3.5 trillion to Rp 4 trillion next year.

Source:

- [Anggaran Operasional PAUD Naik Jadi Rp 4 Triliun](#) – Suara Merdeka, November 21, 2017

8. HEALTH

In East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), Flores Timur District Head named Bantala Village as the location for Community-Based Total Sanitation Village (STBM) campaign to improve public sanitation, hand washing behavior, and drinking water condition. Ninety villages in the district have been designated for the STBM program.

Source:

- [Bupati Deklarasikan Bantala Desa STBM](#) – Kupang Pos, November 24, 2017
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9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **PAPUA:** Sentani Timur Subdistrict in Jayapura launched the District Information and Administration System (SAID), which is supported by the Australian Government through KOMPAK and BaKTI programs. SAID contains basic data on education, health, facilities and infrastructure, and village potentials for planning and monitoring purposes ([Data Vital Daerah Diperbaiki](#) – Kompas, November 23, 2017).
- **WEST JAVA:** In Purwakarta District, Rp 137.9 million of Village Fund for Cibodas Village was stolen shortly after it was withdrawn from the bank ([Dana Desa Cibodas Raib Digondol Maling](#) – Pikiran-rakyat.com, November 21, 2017).

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