

## WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

### HEADLINES

- **Four cabinet ministers signed a Joint Ministerial Decree (SKB) on the Harmonization and Strengthening of the Implementation Acceleration of Law No. 6/2014 on Villages on Dec. 18.**
- **Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture Puan Maharani said the joint decree serves as the basis for the implementation of labor intensive program using the village fund in 1,000 villages.** With a total budget of Rp 18 trillion, the program focuses on alleviating poverty, reducing stunting, and creating job.
- **Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said the labor intensive program is expected to help reduce the poverty rate from 10.6 percent in 2016 to 9 percent next year.**
- **The Finance Minister also said that a new formula will be applied in Village Fund transfer in 2018.** Eighty per cent of the fund will be divided equally among villages while the remaining 20 percent will be distributed based on population density, topography, and poverty rate.
- **As of Dec. 19, 3,248 villages in Aceh have not received Village Fund Phase 2 of Rp 982 billion** because of the failure in submitting accountability reports.

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### 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Four cabinet ministers signed a joint ministerial decree (SKB) on the Harmonization and Strengthening of the Implementation Acceleration of Law No. 6/2014 on Villages. The signing was held at the Office of the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture in Jakarta on Dec. 18. The four Ministers are the

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Minister of Finance; the Minister Home Affairs; the Minister of Villages; and the Minister of National Development Planning/Head of the National Development Planning Board (Bappenas).

Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture Puan Maharani said, the decree aims to ensure the effectiveness of the implementation of Law No. 6/2014. Implemented in 1,000 villages in 100 districts with a total budget of Rp 18 trillion, the program will focus on alleviating poverty, reducing stunting, and creating job.

Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said the government will apply a new formula for village fund transfer in 2018, where 80 percent of the fund will be divided equally among villages, while the remaining 20 percent will be distributed based on population density, topography, and poverty rate. The amount of the fund will range between Rp 800 million to Rp3.5 billion per village. The program is expected to help reduce the poverty rate from 10.6 percent in 2016 to 9 percent next year.

Separately, Director of the Indonesia Development and Islamic Studies (IDEAS) Yusuf Wibisono, in a discussion about Indonesia Poverty Outlook 2018, said poor education and health infrastructure are among the factors that slow the progress of poverty reduction efforts.

#### Sources:

- [SKB 4 Menteri Efektifkan Pemanfaatan Dana Desa](#) – Suara Pembaruan, Dec. 19, 2017.
- [4 Menteri Ini “Pelototi” Penggunaan Dana Desa Tahun Depan](#) – Viva.co.id, Dec. 18, 2017.
- [Menteri Eko: Program Padat Karya Cash Mempercepat Pengentasan Kemiskinan](#) –Tempo.co, Dec. 18, 2017.
- [Begini Mekanisme Pemberian Dana Padat Karya](#) – Detik.com, Dec. 18, 2017.
- [Dimulai Januari 2018, Padat Karya Cash Jokowi Fokus ke 100 Desa](#) – Detik.com, Dec. 18, 2017.
- [Pemerintah Tekan di Bawah 10%](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, Dec. 18, 2017.
- [Kemiskinan Itu Ada di Kota](#) – Jawa Pos, Dec. 22, 2017.

## 2. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

As of Dec. 19, 3,248 villages in Aceh have not received Village Fund Phase 2 of Rp 982 billion because of the failure in submitting accountability reports.

Aceh Tenggara District Inspectorate is investigating a case where 178 villages received Village Fund Phase 1 in 2017 without submitting realization reports of the 2016 funds.

In Nagan Raya District, the government postponed the disbursement of Rp 800 million of village fund for Pulo Village pending the decision of Aceh Provincial Government on the location of village administration

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office. The villagers wanted the village office to be restored to the original place, after being moved to Lueng Manee Hamlet following the post-tsunami rehabilitation effort.

In East Nusa Tenggara, 1,798 villages out of 2,996 villages have not received Village Fund Phase 2 of Rp 300 billion.

In Tangerang District, Banten, five out of 246 villages have not received Village Fund Phase 2.

**Sources:**

- [178 Desa Aqara Tak Buat LPJ 2016](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Dec. 24, 2017
- [Dana Tahap II Belum Cair, Pembangunan Terhambat](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Dec. 22, 2017
- [3.248 Desa Belum Cairkan Bandes](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Dec. 23, 2017
- [Pemkab Tunda Rp 800 Juta Dana Desa Pulo](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Dec. 18, 2017.
- [1.798 Desa di NTT Belum Mencairkan](#) – Kompas, Dec. 18, 2017.
- [Lima Kades Resah Dana Desa Tak Cair](#) – Radar Banten, Dec. 19, 2017.

### 3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

Former head of Pamekasan District in East Java was sentenced to 2-year and 8-month in prison by Surabaya Corruption Court for bribing District Prosecutor Office Head in the case of village-fund misappropriation in Dasook Village.

In Probolinggo District, East Java, a government employee in Paiton Subdistrict was named as suspect in a Village Fund corruption case, for allegedly stealing Rp 9.2 million from every village or a total of Rp 137 million during the fund disbursement.

In Belu District, East Nusa Tenggara, community leaders in Barudaok Village reported the misappropriation of village funds since 2015 to the district police.

Dozens of villagers in Leubok Village and representatives of anti-corruption NGO GeRAK staged a demonstration in front of Aceh Barat District Office, demanding an investigation into the alleged misuse of Village Fund in the Village Internet program.

**Sources:**

- [Bupati Pamekasan Non Aktif Divonis 2 Tahun 8 Bulan Penjara](#) – Detik.com, Dec. 18, 2017.
  - [Divonis 2 Tahun Lebih, Bupati Pamekasan Nonaktif Seret 3 Terdakwa Lain](#) – Jawapos.com, Dec. 18, 2017.
  - [Bupati Nonaktif Diqanjar 2 Tahun 8 Bulan Penjara](#) – Koran Sindo, Dec. 19, 2017.
  - [Penyidikan Korupsi DD Paiton Tuntas, Tersangka Tak Ditahan](#) – Jawapos.com, Dec. 23, 2017
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- [Diduga Ada Penyelewengan Dana Desa Baudaok-Belu Sejak Tahun 2015](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, Dec. 21, 2017.
- [Penyegelan Kantor Keuchik Berlanjut](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Dec. 21, 2017.

#### 4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The Association of Village Officials of the Republic of Indonesia (PPDRI) proposed that village apparatus should receive equal remuneration as civil servants rank IIA.

The Districts of Ende and Sidrap held a village innovation festival to exchange knowledge on innovations and best practices in village fund management. Village heads, members of Village Consultative Board (BPD), as well as community leaders, women's organizations and village facilitators participated in the event.

##### Sources:

- [Perangkat Desa Inqinkan Penghasilan Setara PNS Golongan IIA](#) – JPPN.com, Dec. 22, 2017
- [Dinas PMD Kabupaten Ende Gelar Bursa Inovasi Desa](#) – Kupang.tribunnews, Dec. 21, 2017
- [Wujudkan Desa Mandiri Lewat Bursa Inovasi Desa](#) – Fajar.co.id, Dec. 21, 2017

#### 5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In Sidoarjo District, East Java, 14 villages will hold village head elections using e-voting system early next year. The district government has procured 78 e-voting machines and is set to hold a simulation.

The Association of Indonesian Village Administration (Apdesi) in Pandeglang urged the district government to inaugurate the recently elected village heads according to the initial schedule on Dec. 21.

##### Sources:

- [Buka Pendaftaran Calon Kades](#) – Jawa Pos, Dec. 23, 2017
- [Calon Kades Minta Pelantikan Sesuai Tahapan](#) – Radar Banten, Dec. 18, 2017

#### 6. HEALTH

In Central Java, a number of districts have earned Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, including Wonogiri, Sukoharjo, Karanganyar, Boyolali. In 2018, the districts of Rembang, Solo, and Semarang are set to achieve the ODF status. In Rembang District, the program would target coastal villages.

In East Java, 133 out of 356 villages in Gresik District have not granted the status.

**Sources:**

- [Menuju Desa Bebas ODF, Masih Temukan Warga Menumpang Jamban](#) – Jawapos.com, Dec. 19, 2017
- [Optimalkan Dana Desa, Hapuskan BAB Sembarangan](#) – Jawa Pos, Dec. 24, 2017

## 7. EX-PNPM PROGRAM

A former PNPM treasurer in East Lio Subdistrict in Ende District, East Nusa Tenggara, was sentenced to three years in prison by Kupang Corruption Court. The convict must also pay Rp 50 million fine and return Rp 227 million of the embezzled money.

**Source:**

- [Wea Divonis Tiga Tahun Penjara](#) – Kupang Pos, Dec. 19, 2017

## 8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **WEST JAVA:** Tasikmalaya Regency established six integrated broadband villages in Jatiwaras and Sukahening subdistricts in cooperation with the Ministry of Communications and Informatics ([Kabupaten Tasikmalaya Miliki Enam Desa Broadband](#) – Media Indonesia, Dec. 19, 2017).
- **CENTRAL JAVA:** Wonosobo District Government is urged to issue bylaw on village libraries by utilizing village budget. Currently, only 10 percent of villages have libraries ([Perlu Regulasi Pembentukan Perpustakaan Desa](#) – Suaramerdeka.com. Dec. 22, 2017).
- **BENGKULU:** Bengkulu Provincial Government asked villages to use village fund to build public facilities such as toilets, clean water and electricity at a market built by the Ministry of Villages ([Dana Desa Mukomkuko Diarahkan untuk Bangun Infrastruktur Pasar](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Dec. 24, 2017).

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