

## WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

### HEADLINES

- **Social Affairs Minister Idrus Marham said the government planned to relocate 107 households in Asmat District with the total budget of Rp 3,1 billion.** The villagers will get housing and social assistance of Rp 300,000 a month for six months.
- **The Ministry of Health has conducted an outbreak response immunization (ORI) to over 13,000 children in Asmat District.** Acknowledging that the district lacks health workers, the Ministry will send more doctors, who will be rotated every three months.
- **The House of Representative (DPR) supports the government's plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the Special Autonomy Fund (Otsus) for Papua Province.** Since 2001, Papua and West Papua have received special autonomy funds of Rp 60 trillion (US\$4.5 billion).
- Directorate General of Fiscal Balance at the Ministry of Finance said **as of Jan. 29, the government has disbursed the Village Fund Phase 1 of Rp 610 billion (5.08%) to 434 villages in 17 districts/cities.**
- **In Papua, Rp 866 billion of the 2017 Village Fund were left unused.** Of the figure, Rp 626.4 billion is kept in 5,420 village government accounts.
- **In Karawang District, West Java, 19 village heads refused to distribute subsidized rice for poor people (*rastra*) in their villages, as they are afraid inaccurate recipient data might create conflict.**
- Director of Village Economic Development at the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Area Development and Transmigration said that **currently, 29,000 village actively run village-owned enterprises (BUMDes).**
- The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) aims to hand over 134,000 hectares of customary forests to customary (*adat*) communities by 2018. So far, the government has mapped 107,000 hectares, regulated by bylaws (*perda*).

## 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The House of Representative (DPR) supports the government's plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the Special Autonomy Fund (Otsus) for Papua Province. Deputy House Speaker Taufik Kurniawan said the Otsus Fund has not had a significant impact on education and health. Since 2001, Papua and West Papua have been receiving special autonomy funds of Rp 60 trillion (US\$4.5 billion) from the central government. However, many parties have criticized the effectiveness of the fund as locals continue to have poor access to basic services.

The Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Areas Development and Transmigration said 43 districts have implemented the Rural Areas Primary Product Program (*Produk Unggulan Kawasan Perdesaan or Prukades*), which is a cross-village development program within a district.

Meanwhile, Director General of Rural Areas Development at the Villages Ministry, Ahmad Erani Yustika said, the government has built 22 water reservoirs in various locations specifically to support food security program.

Directorate General of Fiscal Balance at the Ministry of Finance said the cash-for-work projects in the village should meet several criteria. First, it should be in line with village government's priorities. Second, 30 percent of the budget must be allocated for wages. Third, the geographical coverage. Fourth, it should be implemented throughout the year, but not to coincide with the harvesting season. Fifth, optimizing the role of village facilitators. The projects are set to recruit unemployed and poor people, beneficiary of the Family Hope Program (PKH), and families with stunted children.

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- [Relocation, Education Solutions to Measles Outbreak](#) –The Jakarta Post, Feb. 2, 2018
- [Kemenkeu Sebut 6 Kriteria Kegiatan yang Bisa Terima Cash for Work](#) – Tempo.co, Jan. 29, 2018
- [43 Kabupaten Jalankan Prukades](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, Feb. 1, 2018
- [Dorong Kesejahteraan Warga, Kemendes Bangun 22 Embung](#) – Koran Sindo, Jan. 29, 2018

## 2. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

Directorate General of Fiscal Balance of the Ministry of Finance on Jan. 29 has disbursed Village Fund Phase 1 of Rp 610 billion (5.08%) to 434 villages in one city, Tidore, and 16 districts -- Cianjur, Batang, Brebes, Pematang, Madiun, Rokan Hulu, Central Lampung, Sambas, Ketapang, Kolaka Timur, Maluku Tengah, Lombok Tengah, Lombok Utara, Lanny Jaya, Gorontalo, and Barito Kuala.

Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture Puan Maharani said the government is set to disburse Village Fund Phase 1 to the district governments' accounts by Feb. 25.

The Minister of Home Affairs said the distribution of 2018 Village Fund Phase 1 is hampered by the delayed issuance of bylaw (*perda*) on the regional budget (APBD) both at the district and provincial levels. The Minister of Home Affairs has set a time limit of one week for the regions to issue the bylaw.

In Papua, Rp 866 billion of 2017 village funds are left unused and remain in district and village government accounts. Of the figure, Rp 162.6 billion is deposited in the account of Tolikara District

and Rp 77.1 billion in Nduga District. The remaining Rp 626.4 billion is kept in 5,420 village government accounts.

In Langkat District, North Sumatra, only 30 percent of the 2017 accountability reports are deemed complete. Reports from other villages have been returned for revision.

In Aceh Selatan District, the district head said villages that have yet to submit 2017 Village Fund Phase 1 realization reports cannot receive the Phase 2 fund.

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- [Perda Terkait Dana Desa Harus Terbit Pekan Depan](#) – Media Indonesia, Feb. 2, 2018
- [Dana Desa Rp 866 Miliar Gagal Cair 2017](#) – Kompas, Feb. 2, 2018
- [LPJ Belum Lengkap](#) – Waspada, Feb. 2, 2018
- [Bupati Agara Ancam Desa Tak Siapkan SPJ](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Feb. 4, 2018

### 3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

In Bogor District, West Java, three village heads were named as corruption suspects. Tamansari Village Head allegedly misused Rp 350 million of 2015, 2016 and 2017 Village Funds. Batu Tulis Village Head and a subdistrict government official, meanwhile, were arrested for allegedly stealing the fund for poor houses renovation project. Gunung Putri Village Head was named as suspect of illegal levies.

In Bone District, South Sulawesi, Maddanrengpulu Village Chief was arrested for the alleged involvement in the embezzlement of Rp 463 million of 2016 Village Fund Allocation (ADD). The defendant used the money, among others, to pay for tuition in Makassar.

In Gresik District, East Java, village head of Pasemah Lemah Putih, was arrested in a Village Fund corruption case, even though he has returned Rp 114 million of the stolen money to the authority.

Di Ambon City, Maluku, the head and secretary of Oma Village were sentenced to four-year of jail time for embezzling Rp 140 million of 2015 village budget.

In Central Maluku District, Maluku, the customary council (*saniri*) of Porto Village reported former village head, secretary, and treasurer to the prosecutor's office for alleged misappropriation of 2015 and 2017 Village Fund.

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  - [Tiga Kepala Desa Terjerat Kasus Pidana](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Feb. 2, 2018
  - [Kades di Bogor Terlibat Kasus Penipuan](#) – Liputan6.com, Feb. 2, 2018
  - [Diduga Kuliah S2 Pakai Dana Desa, Kades ini Meringkuk di Tahanan](#) – Detik.com, Jan. 29, 2018
  - [Jaksa Tahan Kepala Desa Tersangka Korupsi](#) – Koran Tempo, Jan. 31, 2018
  - [Sudah Kembalikan Uang, Pak Kades Tetap Ditahan](#) – Jppn.com, Jan. 30, 2018
  - [Kembalikan Uang, Kades Tetap Ditahan](#) – Jawa Pos, Jan. 30, 2018
  - [Raja Oma Dituntut 4 Tahun](#) – Ambon Express, Jan. 29, 2018
  - [Mantan Kades Porto Diduga Selewengkan Dana Desa, Saniri Laporkan Jaksa](#) – Ambon Express, Jan. 31, 2018
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## 4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

In Karawang District, West Java, 19 village heads in Kutawaluya and Tempuran Subdistricts refused to distribute subsidized rice for poor people (*rastra*) in their villages, as they were afraid inaccurate recipient data might trigger conflict. In Kotawaringin Timur District, Central Kalimantan, the District House of Representative (DPRD) urged the government to regulate the use of village funds by villages located in production forests (*hutan produksi*). Village government in these areas have reportedly halted road construction projects due to fear of violating the existing regulations.

In Karimun District, Riau Islands, 42 village heads have not been paid since January 2018 due to pending approval for the 2018 annual village budget (APBDes). The APBDes have not been approved because none of the villages have submitted the 2017 realization reports into the Village Finance System (*Siskeudes*).

The Association of Village Officials of the Republic of Indonesia (PPDRI) demanded the salary for village apparatus to be equivalent with that of civil servants Group IIA. The PPDRI said many village apparatus are paid below the minimum wage.

In Central Java, Demak District Government handed over 744 assets to 186 villages, most of which are the result of projects implemented in 2017.

Village apparatus selection process in Demak District will resume after halted for 10 months, following the approval from the District Council (DPRD) on the proposed revision of local bylaw (*Perda*).

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- [Sejumlah Kepala Desa Tolak Penyaluran Rastra Karena Berpotensi Salah Sasaran](#) – Kompas.com, Jan 29
- [Kades Tolak Salurkan Rastra](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Jan. 30, 2018
- [Beberapa Desa Galau Gunakan ADD, Ini Penyebabnya](#) – Kalteng.prokal.co, Jan. 29, 2018
- [42 Kades di Karimun Belum Terima Gaji](#) – Batampos.co.id, Jan. 29, 2018
- [Gaji Perangkat Desa Diusulkan Setara ASN IIA](#) – Suara Merdeka, Jan. 29, 2018
- [Pekab Serahkan 744 Aset ke Desa](#) – Suara Merdeka, Feb. 2, 2018
- [Proses Seleksi Pemilihan Perangkat Desa Dilanjut](#) – Suara Merdeka, Jan. 30, 2018

## 5. HEALTH

Social Affairs Minister Idrus Marham said the government planned to relocate 107 households in Asmat that live outside of the designated housing complex of their respective villages. With the total budget of Rp 3,1 billion, the relocation would grant access to healthcare services, children education and clean water. The villagers will get housing and social assistance of Rp 300,000 a month for six months.

However, Minister for Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Yohana Yembise, said the relocation should be reviewed as it is prone to conflict. The government will expand the coverage of PKH Program in Asmat District. Starting from February, 391 households will become the recipient, higher than 175 households last year.

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In regards to measles outbreak and malnutrition cases in Asmat District, Papua, 26 patients were still hospitalized as of Jan. 30, while most of the malnourished patients have been discharged. The Indonesian Military Commander Hadi Tjahjanto said the Health Task Force of the Papua Military Command has treated 47 children with measles and 220 children with poor nutrition. The Ministry of Health has conducted an outbreak response immunization (ORI) program to over 13,000 children. Admitting that the district lacked health workers, the Minister of Health will send more doctors, rotated in every three months.

The Ministry of Public Works and Public Housing (PURR) will build 150 houses and renovate 1,000 houses with a budget of Rp 60 billion in Asmat District.

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- [Menteri Yohana Tak Sepakat Relokasi Terbatas untuk Atasi Persoalan di Asmat](#) –Kompas, Feb. 1, 2018
- [KLB Campak dan Gizi Buruk di Papua Usai](#) – Jawa Pos, Feb. 2, 2018
- [Menkes Akui Dokter Tak Bisa Menetap Lama di Asmat](#) – Kompas.com, Feb. 1, 2018
- [Menkes: 177 Perawat dan Bidan Dikerahkan Atasi KLB di Asmat](#) – Detik.com, Feb. 1, 2018
- [Jangkauan PKH di Asmat Diperluas](#) – Media Indonesia, Feb. 2, 2018
- [Ingin Relokasi Terbatas Warga Asmat, Pemerintah Akan Bangun Rumah dan Fasilitas Lain](#) – Kompas.com, Feb. 2, 2018
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- [13 Ribu Anak Asmat Divaksinasi Campak](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Feb. 1, 2018
- [Menkes Minta Imunisasi Wajib Anak-Anak di Papua Diulang](#) – Tempo.co, Feb. 2, 2018
- [Puluhan Pasien Gizi Buruk di Asmat Masih Dirawat](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Feb. 2, 2018
- [Penyediaan Air Bersih dan Sanitasi Diprioritaskan](#) – Kompas, Feb. 2. 2018

## 6. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISE (BUMDes)

Director of Village Economic Development at the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Area Development and Transmigration Setijo Nagoro said that currently, 29,000 village-owned enterprises (BUMDes) are actively running their businesses.

The Head of Sragen District in Central Java said that BUMDes should be utilized to distribute the Non-Cash Food Assistance (BPNT). Villages were instructed to establish BUMDes before the BNPT begins to be distributed in March.

In Tabalong District, South Kalimantan, BUMDes in 121 villages open a mini market called BUMDes Mart.

In Labuan Batu Selatan District, North Sumatra, residents protested against the purchase of used trucks by BUMDes in Pekan Tolan Village, arguing that transportation is not the core business of the enterprise.

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- [BUMDes Mart akan Ada di 121 Desa di Tabalong, Ini Pesan Bupati Agat Tidak Mematikan Toko Kecil](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, Feb. 3, 2018
- [Warga Pekan Tolan Kritik BUMDes](#) – Waspada, Jan. 31, 2018

## 7. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND CUSTOMARY FORESTS

The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) is set to hand over 134,000 hectares of customary forests to the customary (*adat*) communities by 2018. Director General of Social Forestry and Environmental Partnership, Bambang Supriyanto, said the priority would be given to an area of 107,000 hectares, which have been mapped and regulated by local bylaws (*perda*).

Data from the Customary Land Registration Board (*Badan Registrasi Wilayah Adat*) shows that 6.2 million hectare out of 9.3 million hectares of customary land in the country are located within forests.

The Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Nusantara (AMAN) held a participatory mapping training for representatives of 30 indigenous communities in four districts on the island of Sumba, East Nusa Tenggara. According to AMAN, 7,807 square kilometer of the total of 11,153 square kilometer of lands on Sumba Island is indigenous land.

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- [Tanah Adat di Sumba Dipetakan](#) – Kompas, Jan. 29, 2018

## 8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **ACEH:** Aceh Independent Election Committee (KIP) forbids village facilitators to become member of Subdistrict Elections Committee (PPK) in the upcoming local elections, as stipulated by the instructions of the Villages Ministry ([Pendamping Desa Dilarang Daftar PPK Pilkada Serentak](#) – Kompas.com, Jan. 29, 2018).
  - **DKI JAKARTA:** As many as 34 cases of child malnutrition were reported in North Jakarta in January 2018, much lower than 194 cases last year ([Sudin Kesehatan Jakut: Ada 34 Anak di Jakut Alami Gizi Buruk](#) – Detik.com, Feb. 2, 2018).
  - **WEST JAVA:** The prevalence of stunting in children under five in Cianjur District is alarming, reaching about 35.7 percent in 2017 ([Stunting Prevalence in Cianjur Raises Alarm](#) – The Jakarta Post, Feb. 3, 2018).
  - **WEST JAVA:** Cianjur District only has 17 nutritionists working in 45 subdistrict health centers (Puskesmas). Ideally, one Puskesmas has one nutritionist ([Tenaga Bidang Gizi Kurang – Pikiran Rakyat](#), Feb. 2, 2018).
  - **MALUKU:** A defendant of a PNPM Mandiri fund corruption case in Central Maluku District was charged with 10 years of imprisonment ([Koruptor Dana PNPM Menangis Dituntut 10 Tahun](#) – Antaranews.com, Jan. 29, 2018).
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- **GORONTALO:** Lamahu Village in Bone Bolango District installed 32 CCTVs at crime-prone locations ([Aktivitas Warga Terpantau Hingga Teras Rumah](#) – Media Indonesia, Feb. 1, 2018)
- **NORTH SUMATRA:** Tapanuli Selatan was selected as the best district in the management of the Special Allocation Fund (DAK) and Village Fund (DD) in 2017 ([Tapsel Terbaik Kelola DAK dan DD 2017](#) – Waspada, Jan. 31, 2018).

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