

## WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

### HEADLINES

- **The Ministry of Home Affairs will issue a regulation to simplify village fund reporting.** The Minister said the regulation obliging villages to draw up Mid-term Development Plan (RPJMDes) remains in effect.
- Head of the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) said **Rp 20 trillion of fund channeled by various ministries to Papua in 2016 were not evenly distributed**, as about 50 percent of them was given to five districts/cities in coastal areas.
- The Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW) said **corruption cases in villages continue to increase, from 17 cases in 2015 to 41 cases in 2016 and 96 cases in 2017**, inflicting Rp 34 billion in state losses. ICW urged that the use of village funds to be closely monitored in the run-up to local elections and presidential election.
- Minister of Education and Culture Muhadjir Effendy said **the government would hire about 100,000 primary and secondary teachers this year**. This country is facing a shortage of 988,133 public school teachers, not including to 295,779 teachers who retire this year.
- **Both public and private school teachers in 15,000 villages in extremely remote areas will receive special allowance** totaling at Rp 75 billion from the central government. Meanwhile, allowances for teachers in 20,000 villages in remote areas will become the responsibility of local governments.
- **Data from the Ministry of Health shows the main cause of maternal mortality is bleeding (32 percent) and hypertension (26 percent)**, which could be reduced by improving access to health services and personnels.
- Indigenous groups in Papua and West Papua initiated a customary forest mapping program in collaboration with the Initiative Mapping Network. **Papua and West Papua have 27 customary forest of 1.2 million hectare area, none of which has been recognized by the government.**
- In Sarolangun District, Jambi, over 2,000 members of **Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) indigenous tribe living in Bukit Duabelas National Park (TNBD) risk losing access to their livelihood**. About 80 percent of the 5,400 hectares of land allocated by the government for their settlement are already occupied by migrants.

## 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Home Affairs said he would prepare a regulation to simplify village fund reporting fund. The Minister said the regulation obliging villages to draw up Mid-term Development Plan (RPJMDes) remains in effect.

Head of the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) said Rp 20 trillion of fund channeled by various ministries to Papua in 2016 were not evenly distributed, as about 50 percent of them was given to five districts/cities in coastal areas. In addition to the funds, the province also receives Rp60 trillion of special allocation fund.

The Ministry of Social Affairs assigned six villages in Agats District of Asmat Regency, Papua, as Disaster Preparedness Village (*Kampung Siaga Bencana*), as a follow-up policy in handling outbreaks of measles and malnutrition.

The Regional Representative Council (DPD); the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Areas Development and Transmigration; and the Indonesian Journalists Association (PWI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation to monitor village fund and increase information access on the issue.

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- [Distribusi di Papua Tak Merata](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, Feb. 8, 2018
- [Kemensos Bentuk Kampung Siaga Bencana dan Tagana di Asmat](#) – Koran Sindo, Feb. 9, 2018
- [Dana Desa Diawasi DPD](#) – Indopos.co.id, Feb. 10, 2018

## 2. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

The Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW) said corruption cases in villages continue to increase, from 17 cases in 2015 to 41 cases in 2016 and 96 cases in 2017, inflicting Rp 34 billion in state losses. ICW urged that the use of village funds to be closely monitored in the run-up to local elections and presidential election. In Padang Lawas District, North Sumatra, the village head of Tanga Bosi is tried in a corruption case of the 2016 Village Fund worth Rp 287 million. at the Medan District Court. The village head has been detained since December 29, 2017.

In Serang District, Banten, the police named Pulo Panjang Village Chief as a suspect of 2016 village budget misappropriation following an investigation since August last year.

The head of Habi Village in Sikka District, East Nusa Tenggara, was detained over his involvement in charging illegal levies on land certificates. The village head allegedly requested payment of Rp 150,000 per certificate.

In Gorontalo, the District Head temporarily dismissed two village heads who allegedly embezzled Rp 300 million of the village budget. Prior to the dismissal, these village heads have been warned three times by the District Inspectorate.

The Inspectorate of Musi Rawas District, South Sumatra, grilled 20 village heads in Muara Kelingi Subdistrict over illegal levies case related to the 2017 accountability reports (LPJ). The village heads were asked to pay Rp 20 million by a subdistrict government staff.

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In Timor Tengah Utara District, East Nusa Tenggara, the authorities are investigating village fund corruption case of Rp 300 million in Lanaus Village. While in Belu District, Atambua District Attorney grilled village apparatus over alleged village fund corruption in Baudaok Village.

In West Sulawesi, District Attorney Majene District is investigating report about alleged misuse of Village Fund Allocation (ADD) in Tallu Banua Village.

Aceh Tenggara Regency Inspectorate in Aceh dispatched two teams to 35 villages to investigate alleged irregularities in 2017 village budget. Each team comprises 10 people and will work for 14 days.

In Buru District, Maluku, residents of Jungku Village reported the village head over alleged corruption in the construction of school buildings worth Rp 100 million.

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- [Korupsi Makin Trendi di Desa](#) – Media Indonesia, Feb 6
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- [Korupsi Dana Desa Tangga Bosi Disidang](#) – Waspada, Feb. 9, 2018
- [Diduga Tilep Dana Desa Rp 1 Miliar, Kades di Serang Jadi Tersangka](#) – Detik.com, Feb. 7, 2018
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- [Diduga Tilap Dana Desa Rp 300 Juta, 2 Kades di Gorontalo Dipecat](#) – Detik.com, Feb. 6, 2018
- [20 Kades Diperiksa Terkait Dugaan Pungli LPJ](#) – Sumeks.co.id, Feb. 7, 2018
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- [Kades Batu Jungku Diadakan Korupsi](#) – Ambon Express, Feb. 9, 2018
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- [Kejari Majene Selidiki Dugaan Penyalahgunaan ADD](#) – Fajar.co.id, Feb. 6, 2018
- [Inspektorat Agara Periksa Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Feb. 5, 2018

### 3. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The Association of Indonesia Municipalities (APEKSI) demanded the government to disburse fund for urban village (*kelurahan*). APEKSI believes municipal governments are entitled to get funding because the problems in urban areas are more complex than those in rural areas. Currently, 98 regional governments hold the status of municipality, far below 411 with district status (411).

In East Nusa Tenggara, Nagekeo District will have 19 new villages this year. Seven villages have been inaugurated, while 12 villages are still in the preparatory stage.

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- [Asosiasi Pemkot Ingin Tiap Kelurahan Dapat Rp 1 Miliar Layaknya Desa](#) – Detik.com, Feb. 6, 2018
  - [Pemkab Nagekeo Resmikan 19 Desa Baru](#) – Kupang Pos, Feb. 6, 2018
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## 4. EDUCATION

Minister of Education and Culture Muhadjir Effendy said the government will hire around 100,000 primary and secondary teachers this year. The country is facing a shortage of 988,133 public school teachers, in addition to 295,779 teachers who retire this year.

The government will provide special allowances for both public and private school teachers in 15,000 extremely remote villages with a total budget of Rp 75 billion. Meanwhile, allowances for teachers in 20,000 remote villages will become the responsibility of local governments.

The government increased the special allocation fund for operational assistance (DAK BOP) for early childhood education centers (PAUD) from Rp 3.58 trillion to Rp 4.1 trillion.

Director General of Early Childhood and Community Education, said around 6.2 million children (34 percent) are not enrolled in PAUD. Currently, only 72 percent of villages have PAUD and 90 percent of them are private entities.

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- [Pemerintah Akan Angkat 100.000 Guru](#) – Kompas, Feb. 5, 2018
- [Guru di Daerah Sangat Terpencil Dapat Tunjangan](#) – Koran Sindo, Feb. 7. 2018
- [Bantuan Operasional PAUD Naik Jadi Rp4,1 T](#) – Koran Sindo, Feb. 8, 2018
- [Akses Layanan PAUD Minim, Pemda Wajib Alokasikan 20 Persen DAK](#) – Indpos.co.id Feb. 7, 2018

## 5. HEALTH

Data from the Ministry of Health shows the highest cause of maternal mortality is bleeding (32 percent) and hypertension (26 percent), which could be reduced by improving access to health personnel. The Ministry of Health recorded 4,834 cases of maternal mortality in 2016.

The President instructed the Minister of Social Affairs to address malnutrition cases in other regions in co-operation with relevant ministries. The media reported such cases are still prevalent in some regions.

In West Java, five districts and cities with high malnutrition prevalence are Garut (43.2%), Bandung (38.7%), Tasikmalaya City (38.2%), Sukabumi (37.6%), and Cianjur (35.7%).

In Brebes District, Central Java, the number of stunting is the highest in the province (32.7 percent).

In Polewali Mandar District, West Sulawesi, three children were reported to be hospitalized for malnutrition, one of whom died.

In Pesisir Selatan District, West Sumatra, the government formed a partnership with the Saleema Foundation to address malnutrition. The government recorded 60 children suffered from malnutrition and around 300 children have poor nutritional status.

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- [Penanganan Stunting di Jawa Barat Harus Lintas Sektor](#) – Suara Pembaruan, Feb. 7, 2018
- [Problem Balita Stunting di Brebes Masuk 10 Besar](#) – Detik.com, Feb. 7, 2018
- [Jumlah Penderita Gizi Buruk Tertinggi di Jawa Tengah Ada di Brebes](#) – Detik.com, Feb. 5, 2018
- [Sebulan, 3 Anak di Polewari Mandar Alami Gizi Buruk dan 1 Meninggal Dunia](#) – Kompas.com, Feb. 9, 2018
- [Penanganan Gizi Buruk Libatkan Yayasan Amerika](#) – Media Indonesia, Feb. 8, 2018

## 6. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISE (BUMDes)

The Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions Development, and Transmigration will provide financial assistance of Rp 50 million to Village-owned Enterprises (BUMDes) running water reservoir as tourist attraction.

In Purworejo District, Central Java, only 197 of 469 villages have established BUMDes, including 17 established earlier this year.

### Sources:

- [Kelola Embung, Kemendes Siapkan Rp50 Juta untuk BUMDes](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Feb. 8, 2018
- [BUMDes Penggerak Ekonomi Kerakyatan](#) – Krjogya.com, Feb. 5, 2018

## 7. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In Deli Serdang District, North Sumatra, three losing candidates in in Patumbak Village election filed a lawsuit to Medan State Administrative Court (PTUN) challenging the election results. They urged the district head to delay the village head inauguration until the court rules on that case.

In Sidoarjo District, East Java, 14 villages will use e-voting system in the coming simultaneous village head elections in March 2018. Eleven villages have successfully conducted e-voting simulation.

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- [Sengketa Pilkada Lanjut ke PTUN](#) – Waspada, Feb. 8, 2018
- [Tiga Desa Belum Simulasi E-Voting](#) – Jawa Pos, Feb. 6, 2018

## 8. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND CUSTOMARY FORESTS

Indigenous groups in Papua and West Papua initiated a customary forest mapping program in collaboration with the Initiative Mapping Network. The Special Autonomy of Papua since 2001 recognizes the existence of indigenous people, but the government has yet to recognize any customary forest in Papua. Only Sorong District issued a bylaw on Moi tribe. Data of the Customary Area Registration Agency (BRWA) shows Papua and West Papua have 27 customary forest of 1.2 million hectare area.

At least 2,021 members of Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) tribe living in Bukit Duabelas National Park (TNBD), Sarolangun District, Jambi, risk losing access to their livelihood. About 80 percent of the

5,400 hectares of land allocated by the government for their settlement are already occupied by migrants.

The conflict between Long Isun and Naha Aruq indigenous groups and a concession-holder private firm in Mahakam Ulu District, East Kalimantan, was successfully mediated by the district government and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry. About 13,000 hectare of concession land are claimed as status quo and will be transformed into customary forests.

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## 9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **JAKARTA:** Activists launched [www.matapapua.org](http://www.matapapua.org) website to advocate for Papua indigenous rights and the sustainability of the natural environment ([Hutan Adat Dipetakan](#) – Kompas, Feb. 6, 2018).
- **EAST JAVA:** All 353 villages in Sidoarjo District have not issued the 2018 village budget (APBDes) and thus failed to get Village Fund Phase 1 as scheduled ([Anggaran Belum Cair, Operasional Terancam](#) – Kompas, Feb. 6, 2018).
- **EAST JAVA:** In Bangkalan District, only 22 out of 804 preschools (PAUD) and kindergartens are accredited ([Hanya 22 dari 804 PAUD Terakreditasi](#) – Jawapos.com, Feb. 6, 2018).
- **DKI JAKARTA:** BAPPENAS and the Indonesian American Society of Academics (IASA) signed a memorandum of understanding to build a boarding school for telemedicine in Jayapura, Merauke and Nabire districts ([Distribusi di Papua Tak Merata](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, Feb. 8, 2018).

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