

## WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

### HEADLINES

- The Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions Development, and Transmigration, urged **39,000 village facilitators to actively disseminate information on cash-for-work program to village heads** to increase their awareness.
- The Minister of Home Affairs said **subdistrict governments should proactively assist villages in the preparation of Village Mid-term Development Plan (RPJMDes), Annual Work Plan (RKPDDes) and Budget (APBDDes).**
- The Minister of Home Affairs added that **a simplified village fund reporting only requires village governments to submit a maximum of 10 pages of realization reports** and Village Government Annual Work Plan (RKPDDes).
- Director General of Village Development at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Nata Irawan, said **officials from nearly 60,000 villages in Indonesia (80 percent of the total 74,053 villages) have been trained on village governance, management, and planning.**
- **In East Nusa Tenggara, the maternal mortality rate reached 215 deaths per 100,000 births, much higher than the national rate of 102 per 100,000 births.** Timor Tengah Selatan District has the most alarming rate with 327 deaths per 100,000 births in 2015.
- The Ministry of Health said **data of 183 malnourished children in Asmat District, Papua, had been informed to Provincial Health Office since October 2017, but the local governments were not responsive.**

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### 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions Development, and Transmigration, urged 39,000 village facilitators to actively disseminate information on cash-for-work program to village heads. According to the Minister, many village heads are not yet aware of how the program should be implemented.

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The Minister of Home Affairs said that subdistrict officials should proactively assist villages. Subdistrict governments are obliged to assist villages in the preparation of Village Mid-term Development Plan (RPJMDes), Annual Work Plan (RKPDDes), and Budget (APBDDes).

According to a village facilitator in Ciamis District, West Java, subdistrict governments perform their supervisory role poorly. Proposals from village governments usually submitted directly to the District without proper verification at the subdistrict level.

**Sources:**

- [Pendampingan oleh Kecamatan](#) – Kompas, Feb. 17, 2018
- [Program Padat Karya Tunai, Kerahkan 39 Ribu Pendamping Desa](#) – Jppn.com, Feb. 15, 2018

## 2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

The Minister of Home Affairs said after the village fund reporting was simplified by the Minister of Finance Regulation, village governments is required to submit a maximum of 10 pages of realization report. Villages are also required to attach Annual Work Plan document (RKPDDes), instead of the five-yearly plan (RPJMDes), and relevant village regulations.

**Sources:**

- [LPJ Dana Desa Kini Maksimal 10 Lembar](#) – Koran Sindo, Feb. 15, 2018
- [Tak Perlu RPJMDes, Pencairan Dana Desa Cukup Lampirkan RKPDDes](#) – Kompas.com, Feb. 12, 2018
- [RPJM Desa Tak Dihapus, Birokrasi Pencairan Dana Desa Dipangkas](#) – Kompas.com, Feb. 12, 2018

## 3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

The District Attorney of Belu District, East Nusa Tenggara, summoned the Baudaok village chief for his alleged involvement in village fund irregularities for three consecutive years since 2015.

**Source:**

- [Tiga Tahun Kades di Belu Lakukan Penyimpangan Dana Desa](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, Feb. 14, 2018

## 4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

Director General of Village Development at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Nata Irawan, said that officials from nearly 60,000 villages in Indonesia (80 percent of the total of 74,053 villages) have participated in the training on village government management, village regulation arrangement, village fiscal management, and development planning.

**Source:**

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- [80 Persen Aparat Desa Telah Menerima Pelatihan](#) – Jppn.com, Feb. 13, 2018

## 5. EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education and Culture has proposed the operational assistance budget (BOP) to support the operation of more than 11,000 community learning centers for non-formal education (PKBM). Nearly 570,000 holders of Indonesia Smart Card (KIP) are currently enrolled in these centers.

### Sources:

- [568.171 Siswa Terancam Drop-Out](#) – Koran Sindo, Feb. 14, 2018
- [Penerima KIP Nonformal Terancam Putus Sekolah](#) – Media Indonesia, Feb. 14, 2018

## 6. HEALTH

In East Nusa Tenggara, the maternal mortality rate has reached 215 deaths per 100,000 births, higher than the national rate of 102 deaths per 100,000 births. Timor Tengah Selatan District has the highest number, with 327 deaths per 100,000 births in 2015.

The Ministry of Health said data of 183 malnourished children in Asmat District, Papua, had been provided to the Provincial Health Office since October 2017, but the local governments were not responsive.

In Kubu Raya District, West Kalimantan, three subdistricts with the highest rates of stunting are Kubu (55 percent), Sungai Kakap (43 percent), and Terentang (30 percent).

### Sources:

- [Pemerintah Daerah Harus Ikut Bertanggung Jawab](#) – Majalah Tempo, Feb. 12, 2018
- [Cegah Stunting, PPSW Borneo dan IMA World Health Gelar Kampanye Gizi di Desa Batu Ampar](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Feb. 12, 2018
- [Mengurai Kematian Ibu dan Anak di NTT](#) – Kupang Pos, Feb. 13, 2018

## 7. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In Sidoarjo District, East Java, ten villages in seven subdistricts are categorized as conflict-prone villages in the upcoming village head elections in March 2018, including several villages who will implement e-voting.

### Source:

- [Petakan Wilayah Rawan Konflik](#) – Jawa Pos, Feb. 16, 2018
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## 8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **EAST JAVA:** As many as 220 out of 462 villages in Lamongan District have not issued the 2018 Annual Budget (APBDEs) ([DD dan ADD 220 Desa terancam Tak Cair](#) – Jawa Pos, Feb. 13, 2018).
- **SOUTH SULAWESI:** Gowa District was chosen as a model in the implementation of fiscal management system using the *Siskeudes* application. ([Pengelolaan Keuangan Desa di Gowa Jadi Percontohan di Sulsel](#) – Koran Sindo, Feb. 14, 2018).
- **WEST KALIMANTAN:** Several village heads walked out of the Annual Development Planning Meeting (*Musrenbang*) in Kayong Utara, protesting the district government's refusal to accommodate their proposals ([Ini Komentar Sekda Hilaria Yusnani Terkait Kades yang Walk Out Saat Musrenbang](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Feb. 15, 2018).
- **CENTRAL JAVA:** Kendal District Government began to implement District Head Regulation No. 57 of 2017 on non-cash transaction system, stipulating that all transactions using the District Budget (APBD) must go through bank transfer ([Pemkab Kendal Terapkan Sistem Transaksi NonTunai](#) – Suara Merdeka Feb. 18, 2018).
- **CENTRAL JAVA:** Temanggung District assigned 10 villages as tourist destination and granted Rp 2 billion for five villages ([Dana Rp 2 M untuk Pengembangan Desa Wisata](#) – Krjogya.com, Feb. 13, 2018).
- **EAST NUSA TENGGARA:** Manggarai District issued bylaws on village libraries, Village Consultative Bodies (BPD), village officials recruitments and dismissals, and village head elections ([Lima Ranperda Sudah Asistensi](#) – Kupang Pos, Feb. 12).

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