

## WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

### HEADLINES

- Director General of Fiscal Balance at the Ministry of Finance, Budiarmo Teguh Widodo said, as of February 19, **the central government has transferred Rp2.92 trillion (24.4 percent) of the 2018 Village Fund Phase 1 to 98 districts.** However, the district governments have so far only sent Rp35.62 billion to 216 villages in six districts/cities.
  - **The Ministry of Social Affairs recruited an additional of 48 Family Hope Program (PKH) facilitators in Asmat District, Papua,** as a long-term measure following the outbreak of measles and malnutrition.
  - **The Ministry of Transportation allocated Rp15.12 trillion for cash-for-work program this year, with the target of creating 70,858 jobs in 831 villages** from February to October 2018.
  - **The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) has handled corruption cases involving 65 district heads/mayors and 12 governors from 2004 to 2017.** This year, the KPK focuses on prevention programs in 10 provinces through e-planning and e-budgeting, integrated service development, and internal control.
  - Secretary General of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Didik Suhardi said, **only 26 districts/mayoralities allocated 20 percent of the Regional Budget (APBD) for education,** excluding the budget from the central government.
  - **The National Family Planning Coordinating Board (BKKBN) will support the childhood stunting eradication program in 1,000 villages in 100 districts/cities** by mobilizing village-level cadres for campaign and awareness building program.
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## 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Social Affairs recruited an additional of 48 Family Hope Program (PKH) facilitators in Asmat District, Papua, as a long-term measure following the outbreak of measles and malnutrition. The Ministry also initiated other programs in the district, such as Disaster Preparedness Village (KSB), and Indigenous Community Empowerment (KAT).

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Transportation allocated Rp15.12 trillion for cash-for-work program this year, with the target of creating 70,858 jobs in 831 villages from February to October 2018.

### Sources:

- [Anggaran Padat Karya Kemenhub Rp15 12 Triliun](#), Koran Sindo, Feb. 20, 2018
- [Kemensos Luncurkan Program Libatkan Partisipasi Masyarakat Asmat](#) - Antaranews.com, Feb. 22, 2018

## 2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

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Director of the Fiscal Policy Agency (BKF) at the Ministry of Finance, Suahasil Nazara said that 40 district/city governments had not disseminated the regulation on the changes in village fund disbursement in 2018.

The evaluation of 2017 Village Fund implementation in Purbalingga District, Central Java, showed that the absorption rate only reached 86.41 percent of the total fund of Rp191.22 billion.

### Sources:

- [Pemerintah Salurkan Rp 2,92 Triliun](#) - Bisnis Indonesia, Feb. 21, 2018
- [Kemenkeu Persoalkan Informasi Penyaluran Dana Desa](#) - Tempo.co, Feb. 21, 2018
- [13% Dana Desa di Purbalingga tidak Terserap](#) - Media Indonesia, Feb. 21, 2018

## 3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

From the period of 2004 to 2017, the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) has handled corruption cases involving 65 district heads/mayors and 12 governors. This year, the KPK focuses on prevention programs in 10 provinces through e-planning and e-budgeting, integrated service development, and internal control. The provinces are Bangka Belitung, North Sulawesi, Yogyakarta, East Java, West Kalimantan, Southeast Sulawesi, South Sumatra, North Kalimantan, West Sulawesi, and Lampung.

The National Police claimed a shortage of around 20,000 *Babinkamtibmas* (police officers assigned to villages as advisors on security and public order) to oversee the village funds, in accordance with the MoU with the Ministry of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration. Currently, the police only have 50,000 officers, which deemed insufficient to cover all villages.

Judges at Ambon Corruption Court (*Tipikor*) sentenced a village chief in Central Maluku District to three years of imprisonment for misappropriating Rp143.3 million of 2015 village fund allocation.

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Two village chiefs in Riau Islands Provinces were charged with three years of imprisonment for alleged misappropriation of village budgets that inflicted state losses of Rp511 million and Rp364 million respectively.

**Source:**

- [KPK Gencarkan Pencegahan Korupsi di 10 Provinsi](#) - Suara Pembaruan, Feb. 19, 2018
- [KPK Perluas Upaya Pencegahan Korupsi di Daerah](#) - Metrotvnews.com, Feb. 19, 2018
- [Polri Kekurangan 20 Ribu Personel Awasi Dana Desa Se-Indonesia](#) - Detik.com, Feb. 20, 2018
- [Korupsi Rp 143 Juta, Kades di Ambon Dihukum 3 Tahun Penjara](#) - Detik.com, Feb. 21, 2018
- [Dua Kades Tersandung Dugaan Korupsi Dana Desa](#) - Koran Sindo, Feb. 20, 2018

#### 4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The Association of Village Heads in Kendal District, Central Java, demanded the revision of District Head Regulation No. 51/2017 on the Procedures of Village Official Recruitment and Dismissal, to grant village governments an authority in the selection process.

In Ogan Komering Ulu (OKU) District, South Sumatra, dozens of people in Penantian Village staged a protest to demand the dismissal of the village head due to his unsatisfactory performance. Meanwhile, in Grobogan District, Central Java, people in Jetaksari Village demanded transparency over the planning of 2018 Village Budget (APBDes).

**Sources:**

- [Kades Desak Perbup Nomor 51 Tahun 2017 Direvisi](#) - Suara Merdeka, Feb. 21, 2018
- [Warga Penantian Tuntut Kades Diganti](#) - Sumeks.co.id, Feb. 20, 2018
- [Kades Jetaksari Didesak Segera Susun APBDes 2018](#) - Suara Merdeka, Feb. 23, 2018

#### 5. EDUCATION

Secretary General of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Didik Suhardi said that only 26 districts/mayoralities allocated 20 percent of the Regional Budget (APBD) for education, excluding the budget that comes from the central government.

In Aceh, Bireuen District Government encouraged the villages to build Early Childhood Education Center (PAUD) as there are only 351 PAUDs in 17 subdistricts at the moment.

**Sources:**

- [Baru 26 Daerah yang Alokasikan 20% APBD Pendidikan](#) - Suara Pembaruan, Feb. 22, 2018
- [Desa Didorong Dirikan PAUD](#) - Serambi Indonesia, Feb. 20, 2018

#### 6. HEALTH

The National Family Planning Coordinating Board (BKKBN) will support the childhood stunting eradication program in 1,000 villages in 100 districts by mobilizing village-level cadres to conduct campaign and education programs.

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The Indonesian Fortification Coalition (KFI) mentioned that eight million children in Indonesia suffer from hidden hunger due to the lack of vitamin A, zinc, and iron. The figure is equivalent to 2 percent of the 2 billion people suffering from the hunger hidden globally.

Bangka Belitung Health Agency recorded that 27.3 percent of the 122,807 children under five are stunted, mostly in Bangka District.

In Aceh Timur District, Aceh, about 57 percent of 59,152 households do not have toilet.

#### Sources:

- [8 Juta Anak Indonesia Menderita Kelaparan Tak Kentara](#) - Suara Pembaruan, Feb. 19, 2018
- [BKKBN Dilibatkan Atasi Gizi Buruk](#) - Suara Merdeka, Feb. 21, 2018
- [Stunting, 27% Anak Balita Bangka Belitung](#) - Media Indonesia, Feb. 23, 2018
- [33.860 RT Belum Miliki Jamban](#) - Waspada.com, Feb. 22, 2018

## 7. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

The Police Chief of Sidoarjo District, East Java, said that the village head elections in the province are more conflict-prone than the gubernatorial election. The gubernatorial election will be guarded by 1,050 personnel, while 1,670 personnels will be deployed to guard simultaneous village head elections in March.

In West Bandung District, West Java, Citapen Village residents demanded a snap election to elect a new village head to replace the one who passed away in February 2017. The district head regulation stipulates that the election should be conducted within a six-month period.

Meanwhile, in Bireuen District, Aceh, Alue Keupala Village just held by-election to replace the village head who resigned some time ago.

#### Sources:

- [Kapolresta Nilai Pilkades Lebih Rawan](#) - Jawa Pos, Feb. 19, 2018,
- [PAW Kades Citapen Masih Belum Jelas](#) - Pikiran Rakyat, Feb. 23, 2018
- [Tiga Keuchik Dilantik](#) - Serambi Indonesia, Feb. 22, 2018

## 8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **SOUTH SUMATRA:** The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration, inaugurated the water pond in Marga Baru Village, Musi Rawas District, which cost Rp300 million. ([Tak Hanya Bangun Embung, Kemendes Juga Berikan Bibit Ikan Gratis](#) - Liputan6.com, Feb. 21, 2018).
  - **WEST JAVA:** Bandung District Government launched the Sabililungan Community Empowerment Program (PSPM), which adopted the concept of the PNPM Mandiri. With a total budget of Rp13.5 billion, each village will receive Rp50 million grant ([Setiap Desa Mendapat Dana Rp 50 Juta](#) - Pikiran Rakyat, Feb. 21, 2018).
  - **JAMBI:** As many as 191 villages out of 1,395 villages in Jambi are still categorized as underdeveloped ([191 Desa di Jambi masih Tertinggal](#) - Media Indonesia, Feb. 23, 2018).
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