

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- **The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration (MoV) stated that self-management (*swakelola*) of village funds would create a significant economic effect and increase purchasing power up to Rp 100 trillion.** This year, 30 percent of village funds (18 trillion) are allocated for labor-intensive programs to create 5 million-6.6 million workers
- **Deputy Speaker of the House of Representative (DPR) Taufik Kurniawan requested the government to immediately disburse the Village Fund Phase 1 for Tangerang District, Banten and Banyumas Districts, Central Java** to ensure smooth implementation of cash for work program.
- **Media reports indicated that in some provinces, the Village Fund Phase 1 had only been disbursed in a few districts.** In West Sumatra and South Sumatra, only five of the 14 districts/cities have received the fund. Meanwhile in Aceh, only six districts have received it.
- **Nineteen village heads in East Java were imprisoned last year over their involvement in village fund misappropriation.** Meanwhile in Central Java, 25 village heads and village officials 12 districts were probed for allegedly misusing of the fund.
- **The MoV needs approximately 40,000 additional village facilitators.** Currently, the government employed around 34,000 facilitators, which is not sufficient to cover all 74,910 villages.
- The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration Eko Putro Sandjojo, through a press statement, reaffirmed that **village owned-enterprises (BUMDes) already acquired the legal status needed to form business units and cooperate with other parties**, such as cooperatives and private companies.
- **The government increased non-physical special allocation fund (DAK *non-fisik*) for early childhood education centers (PAUD) from Rp 3.58 trillion (2017) to Rp 4.070 trillion.** The DAK is allocated for 6.78 million children, including 13,200 children enrolled in inclusive PAUD.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration Eko Putro Sandjojo stated that self-management of village funds would create a significant economic effect and increase purchasing power up to Rp 100 trillion. This year, 30 percent of village funds (18 trillion) are allocated for labor-intensive programs to create 5 – 6.6 million workers.

The minister also stated that the effectiveness of village funds would increase due to improved supervision, primarily through memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Police. Citing the Indonesian Corruption Watch (ICW) data, there were 98 cases of village budget misuse in 2017 with total state losses of around Rp 39 billion.

Sources:

- [Mendes: Dana Desa Tingkatkan Daya Beli Masyarakat hingga Rp 100 Triliun](#), Kompas.com, Mar 3, 2018
- [Dana Desa Dikawal Ketat](#) - Pikiran Rakyat, Mar 3, 2018

2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives (DPR) Taufik Kurniawan asked the government to immediately disburse the 2018 Village Fund Phase 1 for Tangerang District, Banten and Banyumas Districts, Central Java to ensure that cash for work program in both regions run on schedule.

The Village Fund disbursement in these districts was reported to experience delays. This situation happened because the Tangerang District Government is going to submit the District Head Regulation containing village budget documents (APBDes) of all 320 villages only next week. Meanwhile, many villages in Banyumas District had not received the funds even though they had submitted the required documents since early January.

In another hand, in some other provinces, Village Fund had only been disbursed in few districts. In West Sumatra, only five of the 14 districts/cities had received the funds (Padang Pariaman, Agam, Pesisir Selatan, Pasaman Barat, and Pariaman City). In Aceh, only six districts had received the funding (Aceh Tengah, Aceh Barat, Simeulue, Bireuen, Gayo Lues, and Pidie Jaya).

Similar situation also happened in South Sumatra, in which only five of the 14 districts/cities have received Village Fund Phase 1, namely Ogan Komering Ulu Timur, Ogan Komering Ilir, Ogan Ilir, Musi Rawas, and Prabumulih City. Overall in the province, the fund has been disbursed to 1,044 of 2,852 villages.

The late disbursement of Village Fund is largely due to the delay in the completion of the 2018 Annual Village Budget Document (APBDes). For example, in West Aceh district, only three out of 322 villages had issued APBDes. Meanwhile in Sukoharjo District, Central Java, none of the 150 villages had issued the document.

Sources:

- [DPR Minta Dana Desa Tangerang dan Banyumas Segera Cair](#) - Detik.com, Feb 28, 2018
 - [DPR Minta Pemerintah Segera Cairkan Dana Desa 2018, Termasuk untuk Tangerang](#) - Antaranews.com, Feb 28, 2018
 - [Pencairan Dana Desa Tangerang 2018 Bakal Terlambat](#) - Antaranews.com, Feb 26, 2018
 - [Peraturan Kepala Daerah Ganjal Penyaluran Dana Desa di Sumbar](#) - Jawapos.com, Feb 26, 2018
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- [Proses Pencairan Dana Desa, Desa Harus Selesaikan APBDes Maksimal Maret](#) - Krjogya.com, Feb 26, 2018
- [Realisasi Dana Desa di Sumsel Baru Mencapai Rp 163 Miliar](#) - Jawapos.com, Feb 28, 2018
- [Baru 6 Kabupaten Tarik Dana Desa](#) - Aceh.tribunnews.com, Mar 1, 2018
- [BPMG: Baru 3 Desa Rampungkan RAPBG](#) - Serambi Indonesia, Mar 2, 2018
- [Dana Desa Belum Cair, Kepala Desa di Banyumas Mengeluh](#) - KRjogya.com, Feb 26, 2018
- [Perangkat Desa Baru Kunci Percepatan APBDes](#) - Krjogya.com, Feb 28, 2018

3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

Police in East Java Province recorded to receive at least 250 reports of village funds misappropriation during 2017. The investigation of these cases had imprisoned 19 village heads, among others from Bojonegoro, Jember, Magetan and Malang districts.

In Central Java, the Provincial Prosecutor Office announced that 25 village heads and village officials in 12 districts were investigated last year over their alleged involvement in alleged village funds misuse.

In East Nusa Tenggara, two village heads were tried in a village funds corruption case at the Kupang Anti-Corruption Court. The Village Head of Runut, Sikka District was sentenced to 2 years and 6 months in prison for embezzling Rp 375 million in 2016. Meanwhile, the Village Head and Treasurer of Pakalahembi Village in East Sumba District are still on trial. Three village heads from Belu, Ende, and Manggarai districts will be tried soon.

Police in Barru District, South Sulawesi assigned the former Village Head of Medello as the suspect in the corruption of the Village Fund Allocation (ADD) in 2016 worth Rp449 million.

The Central Maluku Prosecutor's Office in Ambon received a report from residents on alleged village fund corruption from 2015 to 2017 in Porto Village, Central Maluku District.

Sources:

- [Salah Kelola Dana Desa, 19 Kepala Desa Masuk Bui](#) - Suaramerdeka.com, Mar 1, 2018
- [Menteri PDDT Minta Media Awasi Dana Desa](#) - Suara Merdeka, Feb 26, 2018
- [Dua Kepala Desa Diadili di Kupang](#) - Kompas, Feb 28, 2018
- [Jaksa Simpulkan ada Kerugian di ADD Porto](#) - Ambon Express, Feb 27, 2018
- [Rugikan Negara Rp449 Juta Mantan Kades Medello Ditetapkan Tersangka](#) - Fajar.co.id, Feb 27, 2018

4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

A total of 205 villages in Papua and West Papua had adopted the Village Information Administration and Information System (SAIK) gradually since 2015. SAIK is an application containing budget and village potential data for development planning purposes, built through the Australian Government supported KOMPAK Program.

Hundreds of village officials in Banyumas District, Central Java complained about the reduction of salary since January 2018 by Rp 200,000 due to the decrease of Village Fund Allocation (ADD).

Sources:

- [205 Kampung Pakai Aplikasi SAIK](#) - Kompas. Feb 28, 2018
 - [Gaji Turun, Perangkat Desa Mengeluh](#) - Krjogya.com, Mar 1, 2018
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5. VILLAGE FACILITATOR

The MoV needs approximately 40,000 additional village facilitators. Currently, the government employed around 34,000 facilitators which is not sufficient to cover all 74,910 villages.

Source:

- [Dicari! 40 Ribu Tenaga Pendamping Untuk Kawal Pemanfaatan Dana Desa](#) - Jawapos.com, Mar 2, 2018

6. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

The Sidoarjo District Government in East Java, had only secured 14 of 78 e-voting devices needed for the simultaneous village head elections on March 25. They decided to purchase the remaining 64 devices through the 2018 Village Budget or rent from third parties.

Sources:

- [Alat E-Voting Tiba Minggu Depan](#) - Jawa Pos, Mar 2, 2018
- [Butuh 78, Tersedia 14 Alat](#) - Jawa Pos, Mar 1, 2018

7. VILLAGE OWNED ENTERPRISE (BUMDes)

The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration Eko Putro Sandjojo stated that village owned-enterprises (BUMDes) have already had the legal status needed to form business units and cooperate with other parties, such as cooperatives and private companies.

The Kulonprogo District Government in Yogyakarta granted the permits for small scale gold mining activities (*pertambangan rakyat*) to BUMDes in Kalirejo and Hargorejo Village covering an area of 100 hectares. In these villages, gold mining has been in operation for a long time, though generally illegal.

Sources:

- [BUMDes Punya Payung Hukum Membentuk Unit Usaha](#) - Metrotvnews.com, Feb 27, 2018
- [BUMDes Diminta Berbadan Hukum](#) - Krjogya.com, Mar 1, 2018
- [Izin WPR Tambang Emas Sudah Turun](#) - Krjogya.com, Feb 27, 2018

8. HEALTH

In West Kalimantan, the Provincial Health Agency stated that 28.2 percent of 496,046 children aged 0-4 years suffered stunting. The prevalence of stunting in the province is the 10th highest in the country. Districts with high number of stunting rate include Ketapang and Kapuas Hulu.

Sources:

- [Penanganan Stunting, Ketapang jadi Prioritas Pemerintah Pusat](#) - Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Feb 28, 2018
 - [Stunting Kapuas Hulu Capai 30 Persen](#) - Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Feb 28, 2018
 - [139.884 Bocah Kalbar Bertubuh Pendek, Masuk 10 Besar Nasional](#), Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Feb 28, 2018
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9. EDUCATION

The government increased non-physical special allocation fund (DAK *Non-fisik*) for early childhood education centers (PAUD) from Rp 3.58 trillion (2017) to Rp 4.070 trillion. The DAK is allocated for 6.78 million children, including 13,200 children enrolled in inclusive PAUD.

The Supreme Audit Board (BPK) assessed that the implementation of the certification program, capacity building program for teachers, and development of teachers' database by the Ministry of Education and Culture had not been optimal. The absorption of the 2017 budget stood at 97.10 percent (Rp 36.87 trillion).

Sources:

- [Kinerja Kemendikbud Belum Optimal](#) - Pikiran Rakyat, Feb 28, 2018
- [Anggaran PAUD Naik Seiring Angka Partisipasi](#) - Kompas, Feb 27, 2018

10. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **JAKARTA:** The MoV signed a partnership with *Rumah Zakat* to implement the *Desa Berdaya* (empowered village) program in 5,323 villages to empower local economy ([Mengentaskan Kemiskinan Melalui Pembangunan 5.323 Desa Berdaya](#) - Metrotvnews.com, Mar 1, 2018).
- **ACEH:** Aceh Barat District Government launched business loan program for residents. As many as 10 people from each village will be selected to receive Rp 15 million ([Penyaluran Modal Rp 15 Juta Diatur Juknis](#) - Serambi Indonesia, Mar 2, 2018).
- **ACEH:** The Governor of Aceh ordered the Aceh Utara District Government to speed up the payment of Village Fund Allocation (ADG) amounting to Rp 61.6 billion ([Bupati Aceh Utara Diminta Selesaikan Rapel PNS Dan ADG](#) - Waspada, Feb 27, 2018).

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