

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- **Speaker of the House of Representatives Bambang Soesatyo said the planned increase of village fund to Rp 85 trillion in 2019 requires further discussion.** The House of Representatives (DPR) will summon relevant ministers to detail the plan.
- The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration said **the Ministry is mulling the possibility of allocating a portion of Village Fund for Micro Wakaf Bank (BWM)** run by Islamic boarding school (*pesantren*) in rural areas.
- **As of March 12, 174 districts have not received Village Fund Phase 1. The government has disbursed Rp7.03 trillion (11.7 percent) for 44,038 villages in 260 districts.** Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said district head regulations on the procedures for the allocation of village fund have not been issued in many districts.
- The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration Eko Putro Sandjojo said data on public complaints showed that **three provinces are prone to village fund corruption, namely North Sumatra, Madura, and Papua.**
- The Ministry of Education and Culture stated **the disbursement of School Operational Assistance (BOS) from the central government will be delayed due to the changes in the spending mechanism.** The government requested schools to look for alternative sources of funding to finance the National Examination (UN).
- **The government will recognize seven customary forests in five districts in Papua.** Each forest has an area of about 3,000-5,000 hectares.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives Bambang Soesatyo said the planned increase of village fund to Rp 85 trillion in 2019 requires further discussion. Bambang requested House Commission II and XI to summon Minister of Finance, Minister of Home Affairs, and Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration, to detail the plan.

Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration Eko Putro Sandjojo said the government's plan to increase the amount of village fund in 2019 to Rp 85 trillion requires the approval of the House of Representatives (DPR).

Eko added that the Ministry is mulling the possibility of allocating a portion of Village Fund to Micro Wakaf Bank (BWM) run by Islamic boarding school (*pesantren*) in rural areas. The Bank, also known as Sharia Micro Financial Institution (LKMS), is similar to Grameen Bank that provides non-collateral loan for underprivileged people.

Sources:

- [Dana Desa Dipertimbangkan Disalurkan ke Bank Wakaf Mikro](#) – Tempo.co, Mar. 15, 2018
- [Bamsuet Desak Evaluasi Dana Desa](#) – Jawa Pos, Mar. 14, 2018

2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said the realization of Village Fund Phase 1 disbursement has not been optimal because many districts have not issued district head regulations on the procedures for the fund allocation.

Director General of Fiscal Balance at the Ministry of Finance, Boediarso Teguh Widodo, said that 174 districts have not received Village Fund Phase 1 as of March 12. The central government has disbursed Rp7.03 trillion (11.7 percent) for 44,038 villages in 260 districts.

In Sragen District, Central Java, the District Head issued a circular ordering villages to settle the payment of land and building tax payment before claiming village fund.

In Temanggung District, Central Java, only 68 out of 266 villages meet the requirements for Village Fund Phase 1 disbursement. Many villages must change the budget plan (RAB) due to the high price of building materials.

In Sleman District, Yogyakarta, village funds have been distributed to 76 out of 86 villages. The rest of the villages have not submitted the 2017 accountability report.

In South Kalimantan, Village Fund Phase 1 of Rp265 billion has been distributed to 11 districts/municipalities.

Sources:

- [Dana Desa Tahun Depan Naik Rp85 T](#) – Koran Sindo, Mar. 12, 2018
- [Menkeu: Akselerasi Dana Desa Belum Terealisasi Sepenuhnya](#) – Antaranews.com, Mar. 12, 2018
- [Dana Desa Naik Rp 25 Triliun](#) – Suara Merdeka, Mar. 12, 2018
- [Tunggak PBB, Dana Desa Terancam Tidak Cair](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, Mar. 14, 2018
- [Harga Pasir Hambat Pencairan Dana Desa](#) – Media Indonesia, Mar. 15, 2018
- [Ini Rincian Penyaluran Tahap 1 Dana Desa di Kalsel, Kabupaten Ini Paling Banyak](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, Mar. 12, 2018

3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration Eko Putro Sandjojo said, data on public complaints report showed that three provinces are prone to Village Fund corruption, namely North Sumatra, Madura, and Papua.

Eko added that the Ministry's Village Fund Task Force (*Satgas*) has received 10,000 complaints so far related to village fund. Last year, the Task Force received 700 reports of alleged corruption of village funds, 100 of which were brought to the court.

To improve Village Fund monitoring, the Ministry has signed an MoU with the Attorney General's Office to implement a supervision program for the next three years.

In Central Java, the Purwokerto Prosecutors Office detained five officials from two villages in Banyumas District for alleged misappropriation of Rp 430 million fund.

In East Nusa Tenggara, residents of Lasiolat Village in Belu District reported an alleged misappropriation of Rp 400 million village fund to Atambua State Attorney in 2016 and 2017.

In East Java, dozens of resident of Duwet Village in Situbondo District stated a protest demanding the resignation of the village head over village fun misappropriation.

In Aceh, Aceh Tenggara District Inspectorate ordered Kute Lawe Loning Village Head to return Rp 54 million to the village account.

Sources:

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- [Mendes PDTT Terima 10 Ribu Aduan Kasus Dana Desa](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Mar. 15, 2018
- [Kemendes PDTT Perkuat Kerja Sama dengan Kejaksaan](#) - Suara Pembaruan, Mar. 16, 2018
- [Kejaqung Bantu Kemendes Kawal Dana Desa](#) – Koran Sindo, Mar. 16, 2018
- [Kejaksaan Bantu Optimalisasi Pengelolaan Dana Desa](#) – Media Indonesia, Mar. 16, 2018
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- [Kemendes-Kejaqung Kerja Sama Kawal Dana Desa](#) – Antaranews.com, Mar. 15, 2018
- [Kawal Dana Desa, Kemendes Gandeng Kejaksaan Agung](#) – Kompas.com, Mar. 15, 2018
- [Korupsi Dana Desa, Lima Perangkat Desa Ditahan](#) – Krjogya.com, Mar. 13, 2018
- [Lima Aparat Desa tersandung Korupsi](#) – Media Indonesia, Mar. 14, 2018
- [Kejari Purwokerto Tahan 5 Tersangka Korupsi APBDes](#) – Suara Pembaruan, Mar. 14, 2018
- [Dana Desa Lasiolat Diduga Diselewengkan](#) – Kupang Pos, Mar. 16, 2018
- [Puluhan Warqa Demo Kades Duwet](#) – Jawapos.com, Mar. 14, 2018
- [Keuchik Lawe Tolak Kembalikan Uang](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Mar. 12, 2018

4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

In Aceh Barat District, Aceh, Johan Pahlawan Subdistrict head invited five village heads and customary councils to discuss the dispute on village borders.

In Demak District, Central Java, only 33 out of 243 villages have used Siskeudes application for financial planning and reporting.

Sources:

- [Camat akan Panggil 5 Keuchik](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Mar. 13, 2018
- [Baru 33 Desa Terapkan Siskeudes untuk LPJ](#) – Suara Merdeka. Mar. 14, 2018

5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

Police in South Sumatra suspected the destruction of Santo Zakaria Catholic Church in Ogan Ilir District had something to do with village head elections dispute.

In East Nusa Tenggara, the Village Community Empowerment Agency (BPMD) of Timor Tengah Selatan (TTS) District, received two complaints on village head election disputes in Obesi Village and Kokfeu Village.

In Sidoarjo District, East Java, the government only has 38 out of a total of 78 e-voting devices required for simultaneous village head elections in 70 villages.

Sources:

- [Kapolda Sebut Perusakan Gereja di Sumsel Dilatarbelakangi Pilkadaes](#) – Detik.com, Mar. 12, 2018
- [BPMD Terima Pengaduan Sengketa Pilkadaes](#) – Kupang Pos, Mar. 15, 2018
- [Alat E-Voting dan PJS Masih Jadi Kendala](#) – Jawa Pos, Mar. 14, 2018

6. VILLAGE OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

The Ministry of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration is mulling an option to synergize Village-owned Enterprises (BUMDes) with Sharia Micro Financial Institution (LKMS) operating widely in rural areas.

In Central Java, the provincial government and the Legislative Council (DPRD) are drafting a bylaw (Perda) on the development of tourism village. The bylaw will stipulate the involvement of BUMDes in rural tourism development.

Sources:

- [BUMDes Bakal Disinergikan dengan Bank Wakaf Mikro](#) – Kompas.com, Mar. 15, 2018
- [DPRD Jateng Gagas Raperda Wisata Pedesaan, Ini Tujuannya](#) – Krjogja.com, Mar. 15, 2018
- [Jateng Siapkan Perda Desa Wisata](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, Mar. 14, 2018

7. HEALTH

Vice President Jusuf Kalla said Indonesia is a middle-income country with high stunting prevalence, where at least nine million children under the age of five are stunted.

Minister of Social Affairs Idrus Marham asked the Social Affairs Office at district level to make house visits to get accurate information about stunting.

Meanwhile, in response to the report on 59 malnourished children in Tangerang Selatan District, House Speaker Bambang Soesatyo asked local government and the Ministry of Health to conduct a comprehensive data collection through house visit.

In South Sumatra, the media reported an increase in stunting prevalence in South Sumatra Province from 19.2 percent (2016) to 22.8 percent (2017). In Langkat District, North Sumatra, Padang Tualang Subdistrict has the worst stunting rate.

In Ambon, stunting rates in Maluku Tengah District stood at 32 percent or higher than the national level.

The decline in stunting rates was reported in Central Java, from 24.8 percent (2016) to 23.9 percent (2017). In this province, Surakarta City has the lowest rate of only 3.2 percent.

Sources:

- [9 Juta Bayi Alami Stunting](#) – Suara Merdeka, Mar. 13, 2018
 - [Wapres JK: Warning dari WHO bahwa Stunting di Indonesia Tinggi](#) – Detik.com, Mar. 12, 2018
 - [Jusuf Kalla: Potensi Stunting Tinggi, Indonesia sudah Diberi Peringatan oleh WHO](#) – Kompas.com, Mar. 12, 2018
 - [Ketua DPR Soroti Kasus Gizi Buruk di Tangerang Selatan](#) – Detik.com, Mar. 15, 2018
 - [Ada Gizi Buruk, Mensos Minta Pemda Sisir Warga Miskin](#) – Detik.com, Mar. 14, 2018
 - [Sejak Januari, 59 Anak di Tangsel Menderita Gizi Buruk](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Mar. 13, 2018
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- [48 Balita di Langkat Kekurangan Gizi Kronis](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Mar. 13, 2018
- [Persentase Stunting di Jateng di atas Batas WHO](#) – Suara Merdeka, Mar. 16, 2018
- [Rawan Stunting dan Kotel, Bupati Fokus Kesehatan](#) – Ambon Express, Mar. 12, 2018
- [Penderita Stunting di Sumsel Bertambah](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Mar. 13, 2018
- [26 Dari 59 Kasus Gizi Buruk di Tangsel Sudah Ditangani Dinkes](#) – Kompas.com, Mar. 14, 2018

8. EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education and Culture stated the disbursement of School Operational Assistance (BOS) from the central government will be delayed due to changes in the spending mechanism. The government requested schools to look for alternative sources of funding to finance the National Examination (UN).

In West Java, the Bandung District Office for Education and Culture determines that cashless School Operational Assistance (BOS) grant are applicable for spending over Rp 10 million.

Sources:

- [Dana Bos Terlambat, Sekolah Diminta Cari Alternatif Dana UN](#) – Antaranews.com, Mar. 13, 2018
- [BOS Nontunai Hanya untuk Nominal Di Atas Rp 10 Juta](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Mar. 14, 2018

9. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The government will recognize seven customary forests in five districts in Papua. The forests are in Jayapura, Sarmi, Yapen, Asmat, and Merauke. Each forest has an area of about 3,000-5,000 hectares.

Source:

- [Pemerintah akan tetapkan 7 Hutan Adat di Papua](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Mar. 15, 2018

10. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **WEST KALIMANTAN:** Landak District Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) hopes that 1 percent of Village Fund can be set aside for disaster emergency ([BPBD Harap Satu Persen Dana Desa Disisihkan](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Mar. 14, 2018).
 - **CENTRAL JAVA:** Demak District Head instructed each village to use the Village Fund Allocation (ADD) to fund the Quran Recital program for children ([Bupati Instruksikan Desa Anqgarkan Program Mengaji](#) – Suara Merdeka, Mar. 16, 2018).
 - **WEST JAVA:** In Bandung Barat District, villages are encouraged to use village fund for local tourism development in accordance to the Minister Regulation No. 19/2017 on the Priority of Village Fund Usage ([Dana Desa Diarahkan Kembangkan Wisata](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Mar. 14, 2018).
 - **EAST NUSA TENGGARA:** Village heads in NTT are urged to proactively prevent human trafficking by monitoring labor recruitment and civil registry documents ([Kades Harus Proaktif](#) – Kupang Pos, Mar. 12, 2018)
 - **WEST JAVA:** Bogor District Government allocates Rp 10 billion for road and electricity development program in 11 isolated villages ([Di Bogor, 24 Kampung Nyaris Terisolasi](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Mar. 15, 2018).
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- **EAST JAVA:** In Gresik District, participants demanded that the written test for village official selection in Duduksampeyan Sub-district be repeated ([Soal Salah, Peserta Seleksi Protes](#) – Jawa Pos, Mar. 12, 2018).
- **EAST JAVA:** Lamongan District builds 50 decent houses for fishermen on the land owned by Paloh village government through a slum reduction program ([Manfaatkan Tanah Aset Desa, 50 Rumah Nelayan Dibangun](#) – Kompas.com, Mar. 15, 2018).

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