

## WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

### HEADLINES

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  - The Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions Development, and Transmigration signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Library on village literacy program.
  - Secretary General of the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Area Development and Transmigration Anwar Sanusi said this year the Ministry's focus is to improve the mechanism of channeling village funds, so that villages have sufficient time for implementation.
  - The Minister of Home Affairs Regulation No. 110 of 2016 stipulating that members of the Village Consultative Board (BPD) may serve for three consecutive terms will become effective starting next year.
  - In East Java, 70 villages in Sidoarjo District conducted simultaneous village head elections on March 25, 14 of whom used the e-voting system. The media reported disputes in two villages.
  - Head of Bappenas Bambang Brodjonegoro said stunting resulted in a loss of 2-3 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) or around Rp 260-390 trillion. A total of 7.8 million out of 23 million infants in Indonesia (35.6%) suffered stunting, mostly in East Nusa Tenggara and West Sulawesi.
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## 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

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The Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions Development, and Transmigration signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Library on village literacy program. The National Library data in 2017 shows that in average an Indonesian complete only 5-9 books per year.

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- [Jokowi Harap Program Padat Karya Tingkatkan Daya Beli Masyarakat](#) – Liputan6.com, Mar. 26, 2018
- [Dana Desa bisa Dipakai Bangun Perpustakaan](#) – Jawapos.com, Mar. 26, 2018
- [Di Desa, Satu Buku Ditunggu 15.000 Orang](#) – Suara Pembaruan, Mar. 27, 2018

## 2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

Secretary General of the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Area Development and Transmigration Anwar Sanusi said this year the Ministry's focus is to improve the mechanism of channeling village funds, so that villages have sufficient time for implementation and that misuse of village funds can be minimized.

In Belitung District, Bangka Belitung, only two of 42 villages have received the Village Fund (DD) Phase 1.

In Pidie District, Aceh, the disbursement is also delayed in 480 of 730 villages, which have not submitted the accountability reports of the 2017 budget.

In Ambon City, only four out of 30 villages are ready to receive the DD. DD for the remaining villages is pending because their draft budget (APBDes) is still being reviewed.

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- [480 Gampong Belum Serahkan LPJ 2017](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Mar. 27, 2018
- [Dana Desa Telat Cair di Belitung Ini Kendala dan Solusi yang Ditawarkan](#) – Bangka.tribunnews.com, Mar 26
- [Empat Desa Siap Terima Dana Desa](#) – Ambon Express, Mar. 31, 2018

## 3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

The Government of Aceh Province sent a team to verify allegations of village fund misuse in four villages in Aceh Tenggara District. Three village heads in this district -Lawe Maldum, Kuning II and Enmiya Batu - reportedly fled after embezzling village budgets worth Rp 200-400 million.

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In Aceh Barat Daya District, dozens of residents of Pantai Perak village demanded the District House of Representatives (DPRK) to dismiss of village head for allegedly misusing the village budget and assets.

In Ponogoro District, East Java, village head and village secretary of Ngunut were detained by the prosecutor for committing illegal levies to residents.

In Maluku Tengah District, Maluku, the Head and Secretary of the Community, Women and Children Empowerment Agency (BPMN-PPA) were investigated in the case of misuse of the DD dan ADD.

In Batubara District, North Sumatra, the police examined four village apparatuses in relation to the disappearance of Suka Jaya Village Head, who allegedly involved in the DD misuse in 2016 and 2017.

The District Attorney of Batang District, Central Java, received 10 reports of alleged deviations the DD from villagers.

In Timor Tengah Selatan District, NTT, dozens of Tuapakas villagers reported an alleged corruption of DD to the District Prosecutor Office.

In Hulu Sungai Utara District, South Kalimantan, the District Attorney questioned the village secretary of Namang concerning the allegation of markup in the procurement of office equipment. In the neighboring Hulu Sungai Tengah district, the regent promised to form a team to investigate allegations of misappropriation of village funds in Juhu Village.

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- [Dilaporkan 10 Kasus Dana Desa](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, Mar. 27, 2018
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- [Pengulu Kute Larikan Dana Desa Jadi Sorotan](#) – Waspada, Mar. 28, 2018
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## **4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE**

The Minister of Home Affairs Regulation No. 110 of 2016 stipulating that members of the Village Consultative Board (BPD) may serve for three consecutive terms will become effective starting next year.

In Semarang District, Central Java, all members of the BPD will be enrolled in the social security program of BPJS Ketenagakerjaan.

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In Klaten District, Central Java, villages are instructed to only use the village budget (ABPDes) to finance the selection of village officials.

In Aceh Barat District, Aceh, *tuha peut* (BPD) of Seuneubok Village urges that the elected village chief on December 10, 2017 be immediately sworn in.

In Gresik District, East Java, following protests from failed candidates, the inauguration of selected officials of Pandanan Village was postponed. Meanwhile, the recruitment of officials in Wates and Gancang was halted.

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- [Kebijakan Biaya Seleksi Tiap Desa Berbeda](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, Mar. 27, 2018
- [Pendaftaran Calon Perangkat Desa Massal Gratis](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, Mar. 27, 2018
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## 5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In East Java, 70 villages in Sidoarjo District conducted simultaneous village head elections on March 25, 14 of whom used the e-voting system. The media reported disputes in two villages. In Klantingsari, the losing candidate demands re-election for suspecting ineligible voters. In Sidokepong, candidates reported the election committee to the police for conducting the election despite the State Administrative Court's (PTUN) decision to postpone the election.

In West Java, Karawang regency government budgeted Rp 8 billion for simultaneous village head elections in 67 villages in December 2018. Meanwhile in Pemalang District, Central Java, e-voting will be conducted in 173 villages

The State Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT) has produced e-voting devices that have been used in 500 village head elections.

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  - [Tuntut Pilkades Klantingsari Diulang](#) – Jawa Pos, Mar. 27, 2018
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  - [Tidak Ada Pilkades Ulang di Klantingsari](#) – Jawa Pos. Mar. 28, 2018
  - [Tetap Siaga Usai Pilkades](#) – Jawa Pos, Mar. 28, 2018
  - [Pemungutan Suara Elektronik untuk Pilkades](#) – Kompas. Mar. 28, 2018
  - [RP 8 Miliar untuk Pemilihan Kepala Desa di Karawang](#) – Kompas.com, Mar. 27, 2018
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## 6. VILLAGE OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

Chairperson of BUMDes Forum of Cirebon District, West Java, asked the government to involve BUMDes in the distribution of government programs Non-Cash Food Assistance (BPNT).

### Source:

- [Soal BPNT, BUMDes di Cirebon Minta Dilibatkan](#) – Jawapos.com, Mar. 27, 2018

## 7. HEALTH

Head of Bappenas Bambang Brodjonegoro said stunting resulted in a loss of 2-3 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) or around Rp 260-390 trillion. A total of 7.8 million out of 23 million infants in Indonesia (35.6%) suffered stunting, mostly in East Nusa Tenggara and West Sulawesi.

Vice President Jusuf Kalla invites religious organizations to actively combat stunting. According to the vice president, in the community the role of religious leaders can be more effective than health workers.

Ambassador Joseph R. Donovan Jr. announced the completion of a US \$ 5.5 billion cooperation between the United States and Indonesia through the Millennium Challenge Corporation. For five years, the program has trained 16,000 service providers, distributed 35 million iron tablets for pregnant women, and conducted campaign activities in 64 regions.

In West Java Province reported 2,053 cases of malnutrition in 2017, lower compared to 2,892 cases in 2016. The two worst districts are Karawang and Cianjur. In Bandung Barat District, a malnourished baby is reported to have died from complications when receiving treatment.

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## 8. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

In Jambi, around 1,500 members of the Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) in Sarolangun and Merangin regencies, lack access to economic resources due to continued land conversions that have led to evictions and the loss of livelihoods.

The media also reported that in Merangin District, dozens of SAD in Mekar Jaya village, have suffered from fever for about two weeks.

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## 9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **WEST JAVA:** Bandung District Government will grant Rp 50 million per village for poverty alleviation program in 2018 ([Rp 13,5 Miliar untuk Atasi Kemiskinan](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Mar. 28, 2018)
- **CENTRAL JAVA:** As of the first quarter of 2018, the provincial government has distributed 87 percent of farmers' cards out of the 2.6 million farmers registered with the Indonesian Agricultural Information System (SINPI) ([300-an Ribu Kartu Tani Belum Terdistribusi](#) – Suara Merdeka, Mar. 31, 2018).
- **MALUKU:** The Maluku Tengah Regent issued a regulation instructing villages to allocate 10 percent of the Village Fund Allocation (ADD) to pay for the premium of social security program (BPJS) for the citizens ([Pemda Alokasi Anggaran untuk BPJS Warga](#) – Ambon Express, Mar. 27, 2018).
- **EAST JAVA:** The Government of Malang Regency has built 168 local tourist destinations from 200 destinations targeted this year, including through the Village Tourism program ([Pemkab Malang Kejar Target 31 Wisata Baru](#) – Jawapos.com, Mar. 31, 2018).

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