

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- **President Joko Widodo ordered relevant cabinet ministers to develop an integrated action plan to eliminate stunting, involving civil society and private sector.** Stunting, the President said, poses a threat to the government's program on human development.
 - **The Health Minister stated almost eight million children under five years old suffer from stunting.** The government has pledged to reduce stunting rate to 28 percent by 2019.
 - **The Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture said the program to reduce stunting is focused in 1,000 villages in 100 districts/municipalities.** Next year, the priority areas will be increased to 1,600 villages in 200 districts.
 - **In Aceh, the State Treasury Service Office (KPPN) has distributed the 2018 Village Fund Phase 1 of Rp 125 billion (11.16 percent).** Five districts have not received the fund as they have not issued the required bylaws (*perda*).
 - **Three village heads, as well as a village secretary and two private vendors were named as suspect in a village fund corruption case** in West Nusa Tenggara and East Nusa Tenggara.
 - **The Ministry of Education and Culture and the State Ministry of Administrative Reform State are mulling the options to return the authority over teacher management** to the central government.
 - **The Ministry of Environment and Forests (KLHK) is scheduled to recognize 2.25-million hectare of customary forest by end of 2019.**
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1. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

Aceh State Treasury Service Office (KPPN) has distributed the 2018 Village Fund Phase 1 of Rp 125 billion (11.16 percent). Five districts have not received the fund as they have not issued the required bylaws (*perda*).

The distribution rate of the funds to the village varies. In Aceh Barat District, only 39 out of 322 villages have received the funds, while in Aceh Barat Daya District, only four out of the 152 villages have.

In Pidie Jaya District, accountability reports of many villages were rejected because they do not contain photographs of activities.

In Sumba Barat Daya District, East Nusa Tenggara, none of the villages have received Village Fund Phase 1. In Prabumulih City, South Sumatera, the fund has only been disbursed in two villages.

Sources:

- [KPPN Banda Aceh Sudah Salur Dana Desa Rp 125 Miliar Lebih](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, Apr. 4, 2018
- [Surati Keuchik](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 2, 2018
- [PLD Jangan Lepas Tangan untuk Kelancaran Dana Gampong](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 6, 2018
- [Dana Desa Macet di 5 Kabupaten](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, Apr. 5, 2018
- [Dana Desa Macet di 5 Kabupaten](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 5, 2018
- [Pidie Jaya Belum Cairkan Dana Gampong](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 6, 2018
- [Turun Rp 20 Miliar](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 6, 2018
- [39 Desa Siap Cairkan Dana](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 6, 2018
- [148 Desa Belum Cairkan Dana](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 5, 2018
- [Masih Ada Kades Belum LPJ Dana Desa](#) – Kupang Pos, Apr. 5, 2018
- [Akhirnya... Dana Desa Cair](#) – Sumeks.co.id. Apr. 2, 2018

2. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

In West Nusa Tenggara, Dompu District Attorney arrested former village head of Doro Peti, a suspect of corruption of the 2015-2016 Village Fund of Rp 520 million.

In the District of Timor Tengah Utara, East Nusa Tenggara, the prosecutor named the heads of Noenasi and Lanaus Villages as suspects of village fund corruption. The former village secretary and two private vendors were also named as suspects. In the neighboring district of South Central Timor (TTS), an alleged village fund misuse in Salbait Village was reported to the District Attorney.

In Aceh, North Aceh District Attorney Office is investigating the allegation of four fictitious projects using the 2017 Village Fund.

Sources:

- [Dua Kades di TTU Ditetapkan Sebagai Tersangka Penyelewengan Dana Desa](#) – Kompas, Apr. 4, 2018
 - [Diduga Korupsi Rp 520 Juta, Eks Kades di NTB](#) – Detik.com, Apr. 6, 2018
 - [2 Kades Tersangka Kasus Dana Desa](#) – Suara Pembaruan, Apr. 5, 2018
 - [Ketua BPD Datangi Kejari TTS](#) – Kupang Pos, Apr. 3, 2018
 - [Minta Keuchik Kooperatif](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 8, 2018
 - [Jaksa Usut Penyelewengan Dana Desa](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, Apr. 8, 2018
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3. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The Government of Sintang District in West Kalimantan has difficulty mediating disputes on village borders, especially if the lands are managed by private companies. In addition, due to budget constraints, the mediation is only sought for 1-2 cases per year.

In West Java, village officials in Purwakarta District demanded the district government to pay their monthly honorarium for the period of September to December 2017.

Sources:

- [Saling Klaim dan Konflik Kepentingan Kendala Penyelesaian Sengketa Batas Desa](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Apr. 3, 2018
- [Perangkat dan Aparat Desa Tuntut Honor Siltap](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Apr. 7, 2018

4. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTION

The simultaneous village head election in 112 villages in Kapuas Hulu District, West Kalimantan, went smoothly.

In Kendal District, Central Java, five villages will hold the election simultaneously.

Sources:

- [Tinjau Pelaksanaan Pilkades, Nasir Punya Pesan terhadap Kades Terpilih](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Apr. 4, 2018
- [Pilkades di Kapuas Hulu Berjalan Lancar, ini Pesan Bupati](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Apr. 8, 2018
- [Kendal Gelar Pilkades Serentak di Lima Desa](#) – Suara Merdeka, Apr. 3, 2018

5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In Manggarai Timur District, East Nusa Tenggara, villages were asked to establish Village Owned Enterprise (BUMDes) in accordance with the procedures, involving consultation with Village Consultative Body (BPD) and the issuance of village regulation. Currently, only three of the 19 BUMDes are legalized through village regulations.

The Government of Bintan Regency, Riau Islands, planned to have all 39 villages establish BUMDes by the end of this year.

A total of 115 BUMDes participated in the Indonesia Archipelago Exhibition (Archex) 2018 organized by the Indonesian Embassy in Malaysia.

Source:

- [115 BUMDes Pamerkan Produk Unggulan di Malaysia](#) – Metrotvnews.com, Apr. 4, 2018
- [Kades di Matim Jangan Asal Buat BUMDes](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, Apr. 2, 2018
- [Seluruh Desa di Bintan akan Punya BUMDes](#) – Batampos.co.id, Apr. 7, 2018

6. HEALTH

President Joko Widodo ordered relevant cabinet ministers to develop an integrated action plan to eliminate stunting, involving civil society and private sector. Stunting, the President said, poses a threat to the government's program on human development. The integrated effort would include interventions on dietary habits and parenting, as well as improvement of access to health care, proper sanitation, and clean water facilities in rural areas.

The Health Minister stated almost eight million children under five years old suffer from stunting. In 2014, the figure stood at 28.9 percent, then increased to 29 percent (2015) but dropped again to 27.5 percent (2016) only to experience another increase to 29.6 percent (2017). The government has pledged to reduce stunting rate to 28 percent by 2019.

The Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture (PMK) said the program to reduce stunting rate this year is focused on 1,000 villages in 100 districts/municipalities. Next year, the priority areas will be increased to 1,600 villages in 200 districts.

Currently, the province with the highest prevalence of stunting is Central Sulawesi (16.9 percent), while the lowest is North Sumatra (7.2 percent).

In West Java, Bandung District succeeded in reducing the stunting rate from 40 percent (2013) to 8.06 percent (2017), while the stunting rate in Tasikmalaya District was reported at 12.3 percent.

In Yogyakarta, the figure reached 19.8 percent last year, slightly lower than the WHO standard of 20 percent.

Source:

- [Integrated Way to Tackle Stunting Sought](#) – The Jakarta Post, Apr. 6, 2018
- [Presiden Dorong Kerja Sama Atasi Anak Kerdil](#) – Media Indonesia, Apr. 6, 2018
- [Penurunan Angka Stunting Belum Optimal](#) – Koran Sindo, Apr. 6, 2018
- [Pemerintah Fokus Tangani Stunting di 1.000 Desa](#) – Detik.com, Apr. 6, 2018
- [Kata Jokowi, Bagi-bagi Biskuit Tak Cukup Atasi Masalah “Stunting”](#) – Kompas.com, Apr. 5, 2018
- [Jokowi Gelar Ratas Bahas Penurunan Stunting](#) – Detik.com, Apr. 5, 2018
- [Bappenas Ajak Daerah Turunkan Prevalensi Stunting](#) – Suara Pembaruan, Apr. 2, 2018
- [Komitmen Daerah Atasi Stunting Dinanti](#) – Kompas, Apr. 5, 2018
- [Penurunan Stunting Jadi Proyek Nasional](#) – Suara Pembaruan, Apr. 4, 2018
- [Padat Karya Tunai Bantu Atasi “Stunting”](#) – Kompas Apr. 7, 2018
- [10 Desa Antisipasi Kekerdilan](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Apr. 3, 2018
- [6.263 Anak Mengalami “Stunting”](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Apr. 5, 2018
- [19,8 Persen Anak di DIY Stunting](#) – Krjogya.com, Apr. 7, 2018

7. EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education and Culture and the State Ministry of Administrative Reform are mulling the options to return the authority over teacher management to the central government.

The Indonesian Teachers' Association (PGRI) welcomed the idea, saying that local governments are less competent in managing teachers, as many of them do not allocate budget for capacity building.

House of Representatives (DPR) legislator Asdy Narang said the centralization of teacher management would prevent teachers from being politicized during local elections.

Meanwhile, Secretary General of the Federation of Indonesian Teachers' Union (FSGI) suggested the government to focus on the efforts to improve teachers quality.

Source:

- [Penarikan Guru ke Pusat Harus Cermat](#) – Media Indonesia, Apr. 2, 2018

8. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The Ministry of Environment and Forests (KLHK) set a target of recognizing 2.25-million hectare area of customary forest by the end of 2019. As of March 2018, 24,378 hectare area of customary forest have been recognized by the central government through 21 decrees on Customary Forest Recognition.

Source:

- [2018, KLHK Targetkan Pengakuan Hutan Adat 2,25 Juta Hektare](#) – Tempo.co, Apr. 4, 2018
- [Percepatan Penetapan Hutan Adat Terkendala](#) – Media Indonesia, Apr. 6, 2018

9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **BANGKA BELITUNG:** The provincial Government is allocating Rp 100 million of grant for each village this year ([Desa Dapat Dana Bantuan dari Gubernur](#) – Bangka.tribunnews.com, Apr. 8, 2018).
- **SOUTH KALIMANTAN:** South Kalimantan Police launched Sasirangan application for the public to access police service, including the information on village fund ([Aplikasi Sasirangan Diluncurkan](#) – Kompas, Apr. 7, 2018).
- **WEST KALIMANTAN AND CENTRAL JAVA:** The Indonesian Military (TNI) launched a community service program called TNI Manunggal Membangun Desa (TMMD) in selected villages in various districts. The program consists of cash for work program and campaign on health and legal rights issues. ([TMMD Bulugede Dianggarkan Rp 285 Juta](#) – Suara Merdeka, Apr. 5, 2018 and [TMMD di Desa Limbung Bantu Banqun Jalan 1,4 km](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Apr. 4, 2018).

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