

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- **President Joko Widodo called on local governments to use their budget (APBD) for cash-for-work program**, like the one developed by the Ministry of State-Owned Enterprises, using local budget (APBD). The President's statement was made when he observed the labor-intensive program of the Ministry of Public Works and Public Housing in Klasabi Urban Village, Sorong City, West Papua, on April 13.
 - **The Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Region Development, and Transmigration will conduct a joint survey with the Central Statistics Bureau (BPS) on the impact of the Village Fund implementation.**
 - The Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Region Development, and Transmigration, said as of last year, **more than 15,000 villages were no longer listed as underdeveloped regions.**
 - Data from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources showed about **2,500 villages, especially in the remote areas, do not have access to electricity.**
 - Data from the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions Development and Transmigration, showed that around **40,000 villages out of 74,954 villages have established village-owned enterprises (BUMDes).**
 - **The central government aims to complete the construction of 150 houses in the capital of Asmat District this year**, as part of the plan to build 1,000 houses for residents in the district.
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1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

President Joko Widodo called on local governments to allocate a portion of their budget (APBD) for the cash-for-work program, like the one developed by the Ministry of State-Owned Enterprises. The President's statement was made when he observed the labor-intensive program of the Ministry of Public Works and Public Housing in Klasabi Urban Village, Sorong City, West Papua, on April 13. The village road construction project employs 30 workers, paid Rp 100,000-Rp150,000 per day.

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Data from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM), about 2,500 villages, especially in the remote areas, do not have access to electricity. The government encourages private sector to provide electricity through Micro Hydro Power Plant.

Sources:

- [Program Padat Karya Tunai Diperbanyak](#) – Media Indonesia, Apr. 15, 2018
- [Survey Manfaat Dana Desa, Kemendes PDTT Gandeng BPS](#) – Krjogya.com, Apr. 12, 2018
- [2.500 Desa Tak Ada Listrik](#) – Kompas.com, Apr. 9, 2018
- [Menteri Desa: 15 Ribu Desa Tertinggal Terentaskan](#) – Antaranews.com, Apr. 12, 2018

2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

Data from the Ministry of Finance showed that as of 9 April 2018, Rp11.72 trillion of village fund Phase 1 (19.5 percent) had been distributed to local government accounts. However, only Rp1.7 trillion received by villages, or 0.14 percent.

In Aceh Province, only 430 villages out of 6,497 villages have received Village Fund Phase 1 as most of them have not submitted the 2017 realization reports. In addition, many districts/municipalities have not issued bylaw on 2018 Village Fund. Bireuen District was reportedly having a very good progress, with Rp 80.81 billion (97.3 percent) fund has reached 593 villages. Meanwhile, in Lhokseumawe City, only four out of 68 villages have received the fund.

The media also reported progress in some districts. In Bengkulu Tengah District, only 71 out of 142 villages received Village Fund Phase 1. In Kudus District, Central Java, the funds have been disbursed to 85 out of 132 villages.

Sources:

- [Sanksi dan Pendamping Perlu Diperkuat](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, Apr. 12, 2018
 - [Mengapa Setiap tahun Dana Desa Bermasalah?](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, Apr. 11, 2018
 - [Dana Desa 2018 Dicairkan, Ini Pesan Kapolres Tanahlaut](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, Apr. 14, 2018
 - [Baru 71 Desa Cairkan Dana Desa](#) – Bengkuluexpress.com, Apr. 11, 2018
 - [64 Desa di Lhokseumawe Belum Bisa Cairkan Dana Desa, Ini Penyebabnya](#) – Aceh.tribunnews.com, Apr. 11, 2018
 - [APBG Belum Rampung, 64 Desa Tak Bisa Cairkan Dana](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 12, 2018
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- [Bireuen Salurkan Rp 80,81 M Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 13, 2018
- [LPJ Lambat Karena Penggunaan Dana Desa di Luar Program](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 11, 2018
- [85 Desa Cairkan Dana Desa](#) – Suara Merdeka, Apr. 12, 2018

3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

Brebes District Attorney in Central Java arrested Cipelem Village Head for his alleged involvement in village fund corruption in 2016 amounting to Rp281 million.

In East Seram District, Maluku, an employee of the district government office was sentenced to four years of imprisonment for village fund corruption. Meanwhile, acting village head of Kilmury was tried in a case of Village Fund Allocation (ADD) corruption amounting to over Rp700 million.

In Aceh, Pidie District Attorney handed over Rp168 million of 2016-2017 village fund n to Jeuleupe Village Government that has been returned by a defendant. The District Attorney Office decided to stop the case investigation because the defendant, a former village head, returned the money.

In Gorontalo District, Head of Hutabohu Village, was named as a suspect and detained by the District Attorney.

Sources:

- [Mantan Keuchik Kembalikan Dana Desa yang Dikorupsi](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 10, 2018
- [Koruptor DD Divonis 4 Tahun](#) – Ambon Express, Apr. 13, 2018
- [Selewengkan Dana Desa, Kepala Desa di Gorontalo Ditahan](#) – Jawapos.com, Apr. 11, 2018
- [Tuntutan 3 Terdakwa Korupsi ADD Bervariasi](#) – Ambon Express, Apr. 11, 2018
- [Keuchik Lolos Jeratan Hukum](#) – Serambi Indonesia, Apr. 10, 2018
- [Polda DIY Telusuri Korupsi Rp21 Miliar](#) – Media Indonesia, Apr. 13, 2018
- [Gara-gara Dana Desa, Kades Nekat Minta Jatah Pihak Ketiga](#) – Liputan6.com, Apr. 12, 2018

4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

Five villages in Semarang District, Central Java, which have been named as Disaster Resilient Village (Destana) by the Regional Disaster Management Agency, would set aside a portion of village funds for disaster prevention programs.

In Bojonegoro District, East Java, village governments are required to publish the Village Budget (APBDEs) on the village website. So far, only 69 of the 419 villages have uploaded the document.

In Cianjur District, West Java, hundreds of village heads and village officials protested to the district government on the delayed disbursement of village funds and wages.

Sources:

- [BPBD Bentuk Lima Desa Tanggap Bencana](#) – Suara Merdeka, Apr. 10, 2018
 - [Baru 69 Desa Umumkan APBDes](#) – Jawapos.com, Apr. 9, 2018
 - [Perangkat & Kepala Desa Protes Keterlambatan Dana](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, Apr. 12, 2018
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5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

Residents of Hoibeti Village in Timor Tengah Selatan (TTS) District, East Nusa Tenggara, sealed the village office to protest the village head election they deemed unfair. Election results will be announced on May 2.

Source:

- [Warga Hoibeti Segel Kantor Desa](#) – Kupang Pos, Apr. 11, 2018

6. VILLAGE OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

Data from the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Region Development and Transmigration, showed that around 40,000 villages out of 74,954 villages in the country have established village owned enterprises (BUMDes).

In Kubu Raya District, West Kalimantan, only 43 out of 188 villages own BUMDes, six villages of whom formed joint BUMDes.

Sources:

- [Menteri Desa: 15 Ribu Desa Tertinggal Terentaskan](#) – Antaranews.com, Apr. 12, 2018
- [43 Desa di Kubu Raya Sudah Miliki BUMDes](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Apr. 12, 2018

7. HEALTH

The central government aims to complete the construction of 150 houses in the capital of Asmat District this year, as part of the plan to build 1,000 houses for residents in the district.

President Joko Widodo said that although some houses have been completed, only few residents are willing to move because of the attachment to the *ulayat* (indigenous) right in the village of origin. The government will build health facilities and education in the new settlements to promote the relocation.

Sources:

- [Jokowi Akui Sulit Pindahkan Warga Asmat di Pedalaman ke Rumah Baru](#) – Kompas.com, Apr 13, 2018.

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