

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT – WORLD BANK
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HEADLINES

- During his visit to Bali, Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration **Minister Eko Putro Sandjojo asked all villages in the province to remain focused on the four priority programs set by the government.** The four programs include village products development (*prukades*), Village Owned Enterprise (BUMDes), water retention ponds, and sports facilities.
- The media reported that several districts have disbursed village fund allocation (ADD) to the villages, while **disbursement of village fund (DD) experienced delays, primarily because the villages have not submitted the 2016 budget realization reports.** For example, Pandeglang district government in Banten received reports from 250 villages, while 80 villages have not completed their reports.
- **One of the three convicts in the corruption case related to PNPM Mandiri fund in Aru Islands District in Maluku escaped and was declared fugitive.** Ambon Corruption Court judge has already sentenced the convict to three years in prison over a case that occurred in 2011 and 2012. The defendants allegedly marked up PNPM-funded projects, resulting in Rp 3 billion losses.
- **Thirty-six village heads from four districts** (Kupang, Rote Ndao, South Central Timor, and East Sumba) **established the East Nusa Tenggara Village Government Communication Forum (FORKOM Desa).** The Forum voted for Simsoni Balukh (Chief of Oematamboli Village) as Presidium Chairman.
- **Supporters of candidates of village head election in Cimareme, Garut district** in West Java, **were assaulted with sharp weapons,** resulted in two of them being hospitalized.
- **Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) released a research report titled "Power and Potential: A Comparative Analysis of National Legislation on Women's Rights to Forests".** Conducted in 30 low-and middle-income

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1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

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Source:

- [*Dana Desa Harus Fokus untuk Program Prioritas*](#) – Tempo.co, May 23, 2017

2. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

Fifteen out of the total of 196 villages in Sragen district, Central Java, have submitted the request for Village Fund (DD) Phase 1 disbursement. Most villages, however, have not met the requirements to receive the fund. The allocated fund for the district is Rp 160 billion, but only Rp 7.4 billion have been disbursed so far.

In Banten province, the disbursement of Rp 401 billion for 326 villages in Pandeglang district missed the deadline of the second week of May. District governments are still examining the 2016 Village Fund realization reports. So far, only 250 villages have submitted the report.

In Aceh, local media reported that only four out of 609 villages in Bireuen District have not withdrawn the Village Fund Allocation (ADD). The fund for the Phase 1 reaches Rp 25 billion or 30 percent of the total ADD in 2017. In the district, the village fund (DD) of Rp 453 billion has not been disbursed.

In South Sulawesi, Rp 410.8 billion out of the total village fund of Rp 1,820 trillion has been disbursed. To date, the disbursement process has been completed in 10 districts. The remaining 11 districts have not received the fund because some of their villages have not submitted the 2016 accountability reports. The deadline for the disbursement is July 31.

In Central Kalimantan Province, 97 villages in Seruyan District have received ADD of Rp 600-800 million. The Village Fund, however, has not been disbursed.

In East Nusa Tenggara Province, all of the 127 villages in Malacca District have not applied for the disbursement of 2017 Village Fund Phase 1 even though the funds have been transferred by the central government to the district treasury office.

Sources:

- [Baru 15 Desa Cairkan Dana Desa](#) – Krjogya.com, May 23, 2017
- [DD 2017 Tak Kunjung Cair](#) – Radar Banten, May 23, 2017
- [Jerih Imum Mukim Cair](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May 26, 2017
- [Realisasi Capai 29,91%](#) – Fajar.co.id, May 26, 2017
- [Ingat! ADD dan DD Dikucurkan untuk Membangun Desa](#) – Kalteng.prokal.co, May 25, 2017
- [Mensos Pimpin Pemulangan Pengungsi](#) –Media Indonesia, May 26, 2017
- [Belum Ada Desa Ajukan Pencairan ADD](#) – Kupang Pos, May 27, 2017

3. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

Thirty six village heads from four districts (Kupang, Rote Ndao, South Central Timor, and East Sumba) in East Nusa Tenggara established the Village Government Communication Forum (FORKOM Desa). The Forum voted for Simsoni Balukh (head of Oematamboli village) as Presidium Chairman.

Twenty eight villages in Sikka District in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) prepared bylaws (*perdes*) to protect 174 springs and to increase local food resilience, assisted by the NGO Indonesian Forum for the Environment (Walhi). Walhi NTT Director NTT said 13 *perdes* have been put into effect, while 15 were still drafted. The 28 villages frequently suffer from severe drought.

Three villages in Boyolali District government in Central Java will be expanded this year into seven urban villages (*kelurahan*) under Boyolali Kota sub-district. The seven *kelurahans* will receive Rp 1 billion grant per year from the district budget, according to the district head.

Sources:

- [Pembentukan Forum Komunikasi Pemerintah Desa NTT](#) – Kupang Pos, May 22, 2017
- [28 Perdes untuk Jaga Mata Air](#) – Kompas, May 22, 2017
- [Tiga Desa di Boyolali akan Dimekarkan](#) – Krjogya.com, May 26, 2017

- [Pemkab Bintan Serabkan Insentif RT RW](#) – Batam Pos.co.id, May 24, 2017
- [Sejumlah Ketua RT/RW Enggan Ambil Insentif](#) – Batam pos.co.id, May 23, 2017

4. VILLAGE-OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

Tabanan district government in Bali works with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to build a micro hydro power plant in Jatiluwih village, the center of rice farming in Bali. The cooperation includes agricultural trainings, as well as the procurement of fertilizer and agricultural equipments by local BUMDes.

In Rembang district in Central Java), state-owned bank Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI) signed an MoU with 30 BUMDes on management programs. The cooperation began with seven BUMDes in the district.

Sources:

- [Tabanan Gunakan BUMDes](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, May 26, 2017
- [Kembangkan Perekonomian Desa Lewat BUMDes](#) – Suara Merdeka, May 27, 2017

5. CORRUPTION AND OVERSIGHT

As many as 148 village heads in Klaten District, Central Java, allegedly bribed district head Sri Hartini, who is currently non-active, in return for the disbursement of Village Fund and Village Fund Allocation. The amount of money for the district head ranged from Rp 8 million to 40 million. During the trial hearing, it was revealed that Sri received up to Rp 13 billion bribes from various parties during her eight months in office.

In Probolinggo, East Java, police arrested a staff of Paiton Sub-district office, for his role in cutting Rp 137 billion of Village Fund during the disbursement process for 14 villages. The village heads were allegedly intimidated by the suspect, who happens to be the son of district legislative council (DPRD) deputy chairman.

District Attorney Office (*Kejari*) in Gunungkidul, Yogyakarta, arrested Bunder village head, a suspect in a Village Budget (ABPDes) corruption case. Yogyakarta Development Finance Comptroller (BPKP) recorded Rp 137.9 million in state losses.

In South Sulawesi, the village head of Somba Palioi in Bulukumba District was dismissed for his alleged involvement in a Rp 200 million Village Fund corruption case. The irregularity was found by Bulukumba District Inspectorate in 2015.

In North Sumatra, community leaders from Empat Negeri Village in Batubara district demanded the village head to temporarily suspend the Village Fund projects. Villagers suspected there were mark-ups in the projects because the information about the projects and their budgets were not disclosed.

Students from United Student Forum of Aceh (*Forbesma*) staged a rally in front of Aceh Utara district office, demanding the reinforcement of district government role in Arun special economic region (EK) and the transparency of Village Fund management. Violence broke out during the rally as the students threw stones to the office building.

Sources:

- [*Pak Kades Korupsi Dana Desa Rp 200 Juta, Langsung Dipecat*](#) – Jppn.com, May 24, 2017
- [*148 Kades di Klaten Disebut Beri Upeti ke Bupati Sri Hartini*](#) – Kompas.com, May 23, 2017
- [*Dari Kades Hingga Guru SD Setor Sogokan ke Bupati*](#) – Koran Sindo. May 23, 2017
- [*Baru 8 Bulan Menjabat, Bupati ini Sudah terima Suap Rp 21,1 Miliar*](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, May 24, 2017
- [*Korupsi Dana Desa Rp 137, 9 Juta, Seorang Kades Ditaban*](#) – Kompas.com, May 23, 2017
- [*Warga Minta proyek Dana Desa Dihentikan*](#) – Waspada, May 24, 2017
- [*Demo Ricuh, 4 Mahasiswa Ditangkap di Aceh Utara*](#) – Kompas.com, May 24, 2017
- [*Kasi Kecamatan Potong Dana Desa Anak Anggota Dewan Probolinggo*](#) – Detik.com, May 23, 2017

6. VILAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

Supporters of candidates of village head election in Cimareme, Garut district in West Java, were assaulted with sharp weapons, resulted in two of them being hospitalized. The election was held as scheduled, without the attendance of the candidates whose supporters were involved in the incident. In 78 other villages, the election process was peaceful.

In Central Java, local media reported that 69 candidates were competing in the elections in 27 villages in Blora district on 29 July, or two to three candidates in each village.

Sources:

- [*Pilkades Serentak Garut Mekan Korban, 2 Kritis*](#) – Liputan6.com, May 22, 2017
- [*Konflik Antarpendukung, Satu Calon Absen*](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, May 23, 2017

- [*Mundur dari Calon Kades akan Didenda Lima Kali Biaya Pilkades*](#) – Suara Merdeka, May 27, 2017

7. EX-PNPM ASSETS

One of the three convicts in the corruption case related to PNPM Mandiri fund in Aru Islands District in Maluku escaped and was declared fugitive. Ambon Corruption Court judge has already sentenced the convict to three years in prison over a case that occurred in 2011 and 2012. The defendants allegedly marked up PNPM-funded projects, resulting in Rp 3 billion losses.

Source:

- [*Terpidana Korupsi Dana PNPM Kepulauan Aru DPO*](#) – Antaranews.com, May 24, 2017

8. HEALTH AND EDUCATION

In East Java, the number of early childhood education center (PAUD) teachers in Pasuruan district reached 4,035 people, consisting of 1,539 pre-school teachers and 2,496 kindergarten teachers. Of these, 538 pre-school teachers only graduated from junior or senior high school. For kindergarten teachers, all of them have university degree.

East Aceh District Head changed the status of nine private kindergartens (TK) in the district into public kindergartens. The school and its assets now belong to the district government and the district education agency would assign teachers and allocate budgets to the schools accordingly.

Budget increase for PAUD in 2017 is reported in Sidoarjo district, East Java, and Manggarai Timur district (NTT). In the former, PAUD program would receive Rp 38 billion for education operational assistance (BOP). In the latter, the Special Allocation Fund (DAK) of Rp 1.3 billion is allocated for public and private PAUD.

In NTT province, a survey by Manggarai district government found that hundreds of toilet facilities (MCK) in Ponggeok Village were in poor condition. Manggarai government will start MCK improvement program using Village Fund starting this year.

Sources:

- [*Dana BOP PAUD Capai Rp 38 M*](#) – Jawa Pos, May 22, 2017

- [Tiap Siswa PAUD Dapat Rp 600.000](#) – Kupang Pos, May 23, 2017
- [538 Guru Belum Sarjana](#) – Jawa Pos, May 26, 2017
- [538 Guru ternyata Belum Sarjana](#) – JPPN.com, May 26, 2017
- [Bupati Negerikan Sembilan TK](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May 26, 2017
- [100 MCK di Ponggeok Tidak Layak](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, May 23, 2017

9. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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In Southeast Sulawesi, Wakatobi district government will engage indigenous people in managing Wakatobi Marine Park to ensure the park's development sustainability. Wakatobi Marine Park was designated as Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2012.

In Banten, fire struck 84 houses of Baduy Tribe in Kadu Kenekes Village, Lebak District, on Tuesday night, May 23, 2017. The fire allegedly came from the stove in one of the houses and spread quickly among the bamboo houses. There were no fatalities, but at least 365 people were displaced. Baduy is an indigenous group with the population of 8,000 people. The Social Minister visited the victims and provided Rp 2.4 billion in aid.

Sources:

- [Perempuan Adat Terabaikan](#) – Kompas, May 27, 2017
- [Lembaga Adat Masuk Skema Pengelolaan](#) – Kompas, May 22, 2017
- [BPBD Pastikan Tak Ada Korban Jiwa dalam Kebakaran di Kanekes](#) – Radar banten.co.id, May 24, 2017
- [Nasib Ratusan warga Baduy Korban Kebakaran](#) – Viva.co.id, May 24, 2017
- [Mensos Salurkan Bantuan untuk Suku Baduy Luar](#) – Metrotvnews.com, May 27, 2017

10. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- CENTRAL JAVA: Three out of 40 villages in Kendal Regency whose land affected by Batang-Semarang toll road project are in the process of receiving compensation. As stipulated by Minister of Home Affairs Decree No. 1/2016, the village land affected

by toll road projects should be replaced by land in the same sub-district ([*Baru Tiga Banda Desa dapat Pengganti*](#) – Suara Merdeka, May 22, 2017)

- SOUTH SUMATERA: Rp 400 million of Village Fund were snatched on Palembang East Line Highway KM 42. Village treasurer with village head and head of BPD was on his way home on a motorcycle after withdrawing money at the bank when the incident occurred ([*Bandit gasak Dana Desa Rp 400 Juta*](#) – Sumeks.co.id, May 26, 2017).
- CENTRAL JAVA: Grobogan District started a death benefit program for the poor. Death benefits were symbolically handed over to 25 heirs of residents who died in 2017. Each heir is entitled to Rp 1 million benefit from the district budget ([*Santunan Kematian di Grobogan Tiru Program Bupati Kudus*](#) – Kompas.com, May 24, 2017).
- CENTRAL JAVA: Tirtosworo village in Wonogiri district was named the literacy village. The village has a library (*rumah baca*) initiated by literacy activists ([*Tirtosworo Dicanangkan Sebagai Desa Literasi*](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, May 28, 2017)