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## HEADLINES

- **Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration is bullish the target of the National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN) 2015-2019 will be achieved despite the declining Ministry's budget over the past three years.** Next year's budget allocation for the Ministry would be reduced by Rp 100 billion. The RPJMN 2015-2019 sets out three main targets for the Ministry of Villages, including to reduce the number of disadvantaged villages to 5,000 villages.
- **The media reported some issues in the disbursement of Village Fund in the provinces of West Kalimantan, West Java and Aceh.** In West Kalimantan, the fund in Sambas district has not been disbursed due to delay in the issuance of district head decree on the Guideline of Village Finance Management. In West Java, 56 out of 258 villages in Ciamis district have not received the fund. In Aceh, the fund has not been disbursed in West Aceh district.
- **The Development Finance Comptroller (BPKP) named Nita Village in Sikka District, East Nusa Tenggara, as the best village in the province in terms of village fund management in 2016.** BPKP stated that many villages have problems in managing village funds.
- **In East Java, Pamekasan district head dismissed the heads of Blumbungan and Branta Tinggi villages** as both have been named suspects in the corruption case of subsidized rice for poor household program (*raskin*).
- **The Minister of Education and Culture stated that at least 4.1 million children aged 6-21 are not in school.** The Ministry is targeting 2.9 million of them to receive Indonesia Smart Card (KIP) in 2017.
- **In North Sumatra, about 30 indigenous groups demanded the passing of the bylaw (*Perda*) draft on the Recognition and Protection of Indigenous Peoples' Rights, which** has been discussed for four years but has not been finalized yet.

## 1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Even though the budget for the Ministry of Villages continues to decline, the Village Minister is optimistic the target of the National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN) 2015-2019 will be achieved. Over the past three years, the Ministry's budget has decreased from Rp 8.9 trillion in 2015 to Rp 6.1 trillion in 2016 and Rp 4.8 trillion in 2017. Next year, the budget allocation for the Ministry would be reduced by Rp 100 billion to Rp 4.7 trillion.

The RPJMN 2015-2019 sets out three main targets. First, to reduce the number of disadvantaged villages to 5,000 villages. Second, to develop 2,000 self-sufficient villages (*desa mandiri*). Third, to reduce the number of disadvantaged districts from 122 to 42 by 2019. The Village Minister said he would intensify the cooperation with 19 other ministries that have village development programs.

### Sources:

- [Kemendes PDTT Yakin target RPJMN Tercapai](#) – Tempo.co, June 8, 2017

## 2. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

During this reporting period of Village Fund, the media disclosed the progress of the fund disbursement in West Kalimantan, West Java and Aceh.

In West Kalimantan, the village fund in Sambas district has not been disbursed to the villages due to the delay in the issuance of district head decree on the Guideline of Village Finance Management. The decree was issued only in April and the villages submitted the draft of annual village plan (RKPDes) in May.

West Java provincial government has disbursed Rp 2.1 trillion of village fund, or about 80 percent of the total allocation. The media reported a delay in West Bandung and Ciamis districts. In West Bandung, the government completed the review of RKPDes from 53 villages out of 165 villages. In Ciamis, 56 out of 258 villages have not received the fund.

In Aceh, a delay was reported in West Aceh and Lhokseumawe. In Lhokseumawe, five out of 68 villages have not received the 2017 village fund while in West Aceh, the Village Fund Phase 1 amounting to Rp 240 billion has not been disbursed.

### Sources:

- [Pencairan Dana Desa Tertunda](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, June 6, 2017
- [Ini Penyebab Dana Desa di Sambas Tak Kunjung Cair](#) – Pontianak.tribunews.com, June 5, 2017
- [Dana Desa Tak Kunjung Cair, Ini Jawaban Pemkab Sambar](#) – Pontianak.tribunews.com, June 5, 2017
- [Kades Pemangkat Kota Keluhkan Dana Desa Tak Kunjung Cair](#) – Pontianak.tribunews.com, June 5, 2017
- [Laporan Diperketat, Dana Desa di Bandung Barat Belum Disalurkan](#) – Pikiran-rakyat.com, June 6, 2017
- [Desa di Bandung Barat Belum Cairkan Dana Desa](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, June 7, 2017
- [Rp 2,1 Triliun Dana Desa Sudah Tersalurkan](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, June 7, 2017
- [Pusat Belum Transfer Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, June 7, 2017

- [5 Gampong Belum Cairkan Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, June 7, 2017

### 3. CORRUPTIONS AND OVERSIGHT

In East Nusa Tenggara, the Inspectorate of East Manggarai District handed over an investigation of Village Fund corruption case involving Colol and Bea Ngencung village heads to East Manggarai district police.

In Central Java, villagers of Candirenggo in Kebumen District staged a protest in front of local representative council building, urging the dismissal of their village head. Police have named the village head as suspect in the corruption case related to the 2016 village fund realization reports.

In East Java, Pamekasan district head dismissed the heads of Blumbungan and Branta Tinggi villages who have named as suspects in the corruption case related to subsidized rice for poor household (*raskin*) distribution from 2013 to 2015, which inflicted state losses of up to 650 million.

#### Sources:

- [Korupsi Raskin, Dua Kepala Desa Dipecat](#) – Kompas.com, June 5, 2017
- [Tipikor Ambil Alih Kasus Dana Desa di Colol](#) – Kupang Pos, June 7, 2017
- [Turunkan Tim ke Desa](#) – Kupang Pos, June 8, 2017
- [Jadi Terdakwa, Warga Minta Kades Candirenggo Diberhentikan Sementara](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, June 7, 2017

### 4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The Development Finance Comptroller (BPKP) named Nita Village in Sikka District, East Nusa Tenggara, as the best village in the province in terms of village fund management in 2016. BPKP revealed the issues of village fund management in many villages, such as the case where the funds are not stored in bank accounts but in the houses of village heads.

In Central Java, Wonogiri district council urged the Village Consultative Body (BPD) to play an active role in the discussion of annual village budget (APBDEs). The amount of funds managed by village governments in Wonogiri District has reached over Rp 1 billion. In 2017, Wonogiri received Rp 198 billion of Village Fund and Rp 119 billion for 291 villages.

In East Java, 49 village heads in Jember district signed an MoU with district attorney office (*Kajari*). The MoU provides legal assistance and consultation in the planning, implementation and reporting of the projects funded by APBDes.

In East Nusa Tenggara, the leaders of customary (*adat*) institution in Towak village asked Nagekeo District Legislative Council (DPRD) to change its *kelurahan* (urban village) status into regular village, as the existing status has prevented Towak from accessing village funds. Meanwhile, Manggarai Timur district government established a team to conduct a survey in response to a proposal to split 31 villages.

In Gorontalo Province, Lamahu Village in Bone District started a digital village pilot project to provide public services through a command center supported by Android-based applications. Villagers, for example, can use panic buttons for emergency conditions, request civil documents or permits, or access health, social service and information through the applications.

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- [Puluhan Kades Jember MoU Dengan Kejari untuk Pendampingan Hukum](#) – Detik.com, June 8, 2017
- [Kades Simpan Dana Desa di Bawah Bantal](#) – Kupang Pos, June 5, 2017.
- [Kembalikan Kelurahan Towak jadi Desa](#) – Kupang Pos, June 10, 2017
- [31 Desa Siap Dimekarkan](#) – Kupang Pos, June 8, 2017
- [Mengetahui Lamahu, Desa Digital Pertama di Indonesia](#) – Liputan6.com, June 6, 2017
- [Peran BPD Didorong untuk Awasi Dana Desa](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, June 10, 2017

## 5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTION

The authority in South Sumatra investigated cases of alleged diplomas counterfeiting diplomas by elected village chiefs in Lebung Village, Ogan Komering Ilir District. The elected head of village was allegedly using a fake diploma in the village head elections (*pilkades*) six months ago. The elected village chief was reported by their opponents in the elections.

### Sources:

- [Gunakan Ijazah Palsu, Kades di Ogan Ilir Diserahkan ke Kejaksaan](#) – Kompas.com, June 6, 2017

## 6. HEALTH AND EDUCATION

The Minister of Education and Culture stated that at least 4.1 million children aged 6-21 are not in school. The Ministry is targeting 2.9 million of them to receive Indonesia Smart Card (KIP) in 2017.

In Rembang district, Central Java, child marriage prevalence stood at 33.1 percent or higher than the national average of 25.4 percent. The Social Affairs Agency has set up 287 Village Level Child Protection Groups (KPAD) to advocate the importance of delaying the age of marriage to allow for children to complete compulsory primary education.

### Sources:

- [KIP untuk 2,9 Juta Anak](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, June 6, 2017
- [Melindungi Hak Anak Mulai dari Akarnya](#) – Kompas.com, June 5, 2017

## 7. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

In North Sumatra, about 2,000 members of 30 indigenous groups staged a protes at Toba Samosir District government office on June 8, demanding the passing of the bylaw (*Perda*) draft on the Recognition and Protection of Indigenous Peoples' Rights, which has been discussed for four years.

In Papua, a number of political parties in Mimika district rejected the district head's decree that appointed Golkar Party politician Yoris Raweyai as facilitator in the negotiation on the compensation for *ulayat* land of Amungme and Kamoro indigenous peoples with PT Freeport Indonesia. They claimed the decree was issued without consultation with *adat* (customary) institutions

### Sources:

- [Masyarakat Adat Tuntut Pengesahan](#) – Kompas, June 9, 2017

- [Yoris Raweyai Ditolak Jadi Fasilitator lembaga Adat dengan Freeport](#) – Fajar.co.id, June 8, 2017

## 8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- ACEH: The Ministry of Home Affairs, supported by the Indonesia-Australia Partnerships (KOMPAK), organized a training for Technical Assistants for Village Government (*Pembina Teknis Pemerintahan Desa* or PTPD) from Bireuen, Bener Meriah dan West Aceh districts. The training aimed to strengthen the role of sub-district governments in carrying out the supervision and capacity building roles ([Kompak gelar Pelatihan Pembina Teknis PemDes](#) – Serambi Indonesia, June 11, 2017).
- BALI: The Mandara Integrated Village Development Movement Program in Pakseballi Village, Klungkung district, managed to reduce the poverty rate by 70 percent. The number of poor households dropped from 212 to 41 ([Program Desa Turunkan Kemiskinan](#) – Media Indonesia, June 5, 2017).
- CENTRAL JAVA: Surakarta district plans to renovate 2,000 poor houses by 2017 or 25 percent of the total of 8,000 poor houses in the district ([113 RTLH di Bulurejo Tak Tersentuh Bantuan](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, June 7, 2017).
- ACEH: Dozens of residents of Suka Rakyat village in Aceh Tamiang district stage a protest to demand the resignation of their village chief, who is working part-time as an ambulance driver ([Warga Suka Rakyat Protes Kinerja Datok](#) – Serambi Indonesia, June 7, 2017).
- WEST JAVA: Rp 280 million of fund belonging to Sindangsari Village in Cianjur district was stolen on Monday (June 5) after being withdrawn from a bank. The money was stolen from the village head's car while being washed in a car wash place ([Dana Desa untuk Gaji Digondol Maling](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, June 8, 2017).

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