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HEADLINES

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- Meanwhile, **the government will cut the amount of the General Allocation Fund (DAU) by 3-4 percent in the second half of 2017 due to tax revenue shortage of about Rp 50 trillion.** The current allocation of the fund (DAU) in the 2017 State Budget (APBN) is Rp 410.84 trillion.
- **Bireuen District Inspectorate (Aceh) evaluated village accountability reports from 399 villages out of a total of 609 villages.** The results show that most villages still lack the capacity in good reporting and they failed to submit documents on detailed transactions.
- Deputy Chairman of the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) Alexander Marwata said, the role of regional inspectorates in the prevention of corruption has been weak. **The Commission proposes that district inspectorate officials should be appointed by governor while provincial officials appointed by the Minister of Home Affairs.**
- **In Gresik district, East Java, the village head elections held in October this year in 19 villages will use fingerprint verification to avoid fraud.** The elections will use electronic voters list issued by the Population and Civil Registry Agency.
- An article on Neglected Tropical Diseases Journal (June 15) revealed that **69.8 percent of Indonesian children aged 5 years have been infected with dengue fever at least once.** Previously, the World Health Organization (WHO) mentioned that the number of dengue infection in Indonesia is the second highest in the world and is the highest in Asia within 2004 and 2010.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Finance will increase budget allocation for village funds (DD) by 10 percent in 2018. The allocation for 2017 currently stands at Rp 60 trillion. The Ministry's Director General of Fiscal Balance Budianso Teguh Widodo said the increase would take into account four basic criteria: population size, number of poor people, size of the area, and geographical terrain.

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Separately, Minister of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration said village funds can help reduce urbanization through labor-intensive infrastructure development. The number of people going home for Idul Fitri in 2017 reached 28.99 million or up 6.8 percent compared to last year's data. This shows that the rate of urbanization is still high and rural areas remain underdeveloped.

Sources:

- [Alokasi Dana Desa Naik 10 Persen di 2018](#) - Liputan6.com, June 21, 2017
- [Jokowi Bakal Tambah Dana Desa 10% di Tahun Depan](#) - Detik.com, June 21, 2017
- [2018, Alokasi Dana Desa Naik 10 Persen](#) - Krjogya.com, June 22, 2017
- [Dana Alokasi Umum Dipotong 3-4 Persen](#) - Kompas, June 27, 2017
- [Tantangan Bagi Kepala Daerah](#) - Kompas, June 28, 2017
- [Dana Desa Tekan Urbanisasi](#) - Suara Pembaruan, June 22, 2017
- [Dana Desa Diyakini Bisa Kurangi Laju Urbanisasi](#) - Metrotvnews.com, June 22, 2017

2. VILLAGE FUND DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING

Bireuen District Inspectorate (Aceh) evaluated Village Fund accountability reports from 399 villages out of a total of 609 villages. The results show that most villages still lack the capacity in good reporting and they failed to submit documents on detailed transactions. Only the reports from several dozens of villages have been deemed satisfactory.

In West Nusa Tenggara, the Village Fund has been disbursed to 722 out of 995 villages in the province. The remaining 273 villages have not received the fund as they have not finished the 2016 realization report and the 2017 budget plan (APBDes). In Kupang district, 2017 village funds have been distributed in 104 villages out of 160 villages.

Sources:

- [273 Desa di NTB Belum Terima Dana Desa](#) - Lombokpost.net, June 19, 2017
- [Inspektorat Bireun Sudah Periksa 399 Desa](#) - Serambi Indonesia, June 24, 2017
- [Aparatur Desa Lemah dan Minim Pengalaman](#) - Kupang Pos, June 23, 2017

3. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

Over the past two weeks, the Legislative Council (DPRD) of Nagakeo in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) has received representatives from 11 villages who proposed the splitting of the villages. They wanted to change their villages' status from 'kelurahan' (urban village), which keeps them from receiving Village Fund, to 'desa' or rural village.

Meanwhile, five villages in Kie Subdistrict, Timor Tengah Selatan District in NTT issued village bylaw (perdes) that prohibit villagers from becoming migrant workers. The policy is based on the agreement between the village heads and community leaders because these villages have been selected as the location for an economic empowerment program implemented by Plan International Indonesia (PPI) with financial support from the European Union. The village regulation is expected to encourage the villagers to participate in the program.

Still in NTT, the appointment of the village secretary in Runut, Sikka District, triggered a dispute between the sub-district head and village head. Runut village head asked the appointment to be revoked and ordered the secretary to return to his original position as staff at Waigete Sub-District Office, arguing that the appointment was not done through an open selection process.

In NTT, the bridge connecting the border of East Manggarai and Ngada districts was completed on June 24. The new bridge replaces the old one destroyed during a border conflict in 2010 between the two districts. The issue has not been settled yet but the villagers are no longer isolated with the new bridge.

In West Java, officials in Rajamandala Kulon village demanded West Bandung district government to immediately appoint acting village head. The village head disappeared since late March and was dismissed by the district head on June 2 but until now his successor has not been appointed.

Sources:

- [Lima Desa di TTS Larang Warga Jadi TKI](#) - Kompas, June 22, 2017
- [Kades Runut Ancam Pulangkan Paksa Sekdes](#) - Kupang Pos, June 24, 2017
- [Orang Berpakaian Adat Lalu-lalang di DPRD Nagekeo](#) - Kupang Pos, June 22, 2017
- [Kalau Ada yang Bongkar Saya Tangkap](#) - Kupang Pos, June 29, 2017
- [Kades Kabur, Aparat Desa Belum Gajian](#) - Pikiran Rakyat, June 19, 2017

4. CORRUPTIONS AND OVERSIGHT

Deputy Chairman of the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) Alexander Marwata said the role of regional inspectorates in the prevention of corruption has been weak. Regional inspectorate officials could not work independently because they were appointed by district heads/mayors. The Commission proposes that district inspectorate officials should be appointed by governor and provincial officials appointed by the Minister of Home Affairs.

Police in Empat Lawang District in South Sumatra arrested the Head of the Village Community Empowerment Agency (DPMD) on June 20 over his involvement in illegal levies (*pungli*) against the village head. The suspect allegedly asked Rp 2.5 million each from 13 village heads in Talang Padang sub-district as a reward for the 2017 ADD disbursement.

Sources:

- [Inspektorat Daerah Dinilai Lemah](#) - Pikiran Rakyat, June 29, 2017
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- [Diskon Vonis Untuk Eks Ketua DPRD Riau](#) - Media Indonesia, June 22, 2017

5. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In Gresik district, East Java, the village head elections held in October this year in 19 villages will use fingerprint verification to avoid fraud. The elections will use electronic voters list issued by the Population and Civil Registry Agency.

In Lampung District, Lampung, the police named eight suspects in the case of arson attack on the house of Sugito, the newly elected Trimulyo village head. The attack followed a protest against Sugito's inauguration on May 22. The protesters accused Sugito of bribing to get elected for the third term.

In Jember district, East Java, seven villages do not have village heads for various reasons. Only one of the seven villages organized a recall election (*pergantian antarwaktu*), which is funded by the village budget unlike the regular election that is funded by district budget (APBD).

Sources:

- [Delapan Orang Tersangka Pembakaran](#) - Kompas, June 22, 2017
- [Pilkades Serentak Pakai Sidik Jari](#) - Jawa Pos, June 23, 2017
- [Protes Domisili Cakades Dihapus](#) - Jawa Pos, June 30, 2017
- [Tujuh Wilayah Tanpa Kepala Desa Definitif](#) - Jawa Pos, June 27, 2017

6. EX PNPM PROGRAMS AND ASSETS

In Aceh, South Aceh District Prosecutor Office investigated the case of alleged embezzlement of the revolving fund under the the National Program for Community Empowerment (PNPM) Mandiri in 2012-2014 in Trumon Sub-district. A former official of the sub-district Activity Management Unit (UPK) was named as suspect for embezzling Rp 700 million.

The government of Semarang District in Central Java aimed to complete the slum revitalition program (*Kotaku*) in 15 villages, which covers 477.92 hectares area, by 2019. *Kotaku* is the continuation of the Urban PNPM program. The District Head has issued a bylaw in 2014 to implement the program.

Sources:

- [Jaksa Usut Dugaan Korupsi PNPM](#) - Serambi Indonesia, June 23, 2017
- [477,92 Hektar Kawasan Kumuh Ditargetkan Tuntas 2019](#) - Suara Merdeka, June 21, 2017

7. HEALTH

An article in Neglected Tropical Diseases Journal (June 15) reveal that 69.8 percent of Indonesian children aged 5 years have been infected with dengue fever at least once. Previously, the World Health Organization (WHO) mentioned that the number of dengue infections in Indonesia is the second highest in the world and the highest in Asia within 2004 and 2010.

In Aceh, at least 100 houses of poor population in Simpang Peut village, West Aceh, do not have proper sanitation (MCK) facilities. The village head admitted that the construction of MCK facilities for poor households can not be done in 2017 as the budget has not been allocated.

In East Java, data from Gresik District Health Agency in 2016 showed that 7,768 pregnant women had high-risk pregnancies. The Health Agency has trained 100 cadres in three community health centers as volunteers to provide assistance for pregnant women.

Sources:

- [Miris, Masih Banyak Warga di Aceh Barat yang Tak Punya Jamban](#) - Okezone.com, June 19, 2017
- [80 Persen Anak Pernah Terinfeksi DBD](#) - Kompas, June 20, 2017
- [Upaya Turunkan Kematian Ibu Hamil](#) - Jawa Pos, June 23, 2017

8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **JAMBI:** In Merangin district, Village Fund Allocation of Rp 200 million for Mensango Village was robbed on June 19. The money was kept in the house of the village head's brother after being withdrawn from the bank ([Aksi Garong Bercadar Gondol Dana Desa Rp. 200 Juta](#) - Liputan6.com, June 20, 2017).
- **NTT:** Construction workers at Hale Village Office in Sikka District sealed the premise as their wages have not been paid even though the project had been completed in March. The money, amounted to Rp 11.5 million, was finally paid on June 15. ([Tukang Buka Segel Kantor Desa Hale-Sikka Setelah Upah RP 11,5 Juta Dilunasi](#) - Kupang.tribunnews.com, June 20, 2017)
- **WEST KALIMANTAN:** Seventeen village-owned enterprises (BUMDes) have been established in 12 sub-districts in Sambas District, mostly focusing on rice milling and river transportation service ([Sudah Ada 17 Bumdes di Sambas yang Tersebar di 12 Kecamatan](#) - Pontianak.tribunnews.com, June 30, 2017).
- **WEST JAVA:** Three villages -- Cibogo in Pangandaran district), Biru in Bandung district and Pasirsari in Bekasi district -- are nominated as the best village in West Java in the 2017 Village Development Evaluation program ([Gratisan Internet, Tiga Terbaik Se-Jabar](#) - Pikiran Rakyat, June 22, 2017).
- **CENTRAL KALIMANTAN:** The State Electricity Company (PLN) completed the installation in 10 villages in five districts in Central Kalimantan through Village Electricity Program. The Rp 7.7 billion program provides access to electricity for about 1,200 households. The electrification ratio in the province stands at 75.22 percent ([Kado Lebaran, 10 Desa di Kalteng Terang Benderang](#) - Detik.com, June 22, 2017).

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