

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration **signed two Memorandum of Understandings** during the 2018 Village-Owned Enterprises (BUMDes) Expo. The first one was **with Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI) on BUMDes Go Digital Program**, and another with **e-commerce website Blanja.com on the marketing of village products**.
 - The Minister of Villages instructed all district heads and mayors to **distribute the Village Fund to all villages within seven days after receiving it from the central government**.
 - **As of May 9, the central government has disbursed Rp3.64 trillion of Village Fund Phase 2 (15.17 percent), of which Rp633 billion (2.64 percent) has been distributed to the villages**. As for the Phase 1 Fund, the government has wired Rp2.1 trillion to 12,343 villages in 140 districts.
 - **The National Ombudsman Commission (KON) received 914 complaints on the allegation of Village Fund misappropriation in 2017**. In West Kalimantan and East Java, the Commission received reports of the Fund misuse in 452 villages, comprising fictitious projects in 214 villages and 318 cases of irregularity.
 - **The Ministry of Home Affairs signed an MoU with the National Agency for Social Security of Employment (BPJS Ketenagakerjaan) to organize the participation of approximately 750,000 village officials across Indonesia into social security programs**.
 - **The Association of Indonesian Village Administration (Apdesi) South Sumatra called on the government to allow village heads to run for the seats at legislative bodies (DPR and DPRD) without having to resign beforehand**.
 - **The Central Statistics Agency (BPS) announced that 8.92 percent of people classified as open unemployment are vocational high school (SMK) graduates, followed by diploma holders (7.92 percent) and high school graduates (7.19 percent)**.
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1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration signed two MoUs at BUMDes Expo 2018 in Jakarta. The first one was with Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI) on BUMDes Go Digital Program, and the other with e-commerce website Blanja.com on village products marketing.

In Ende District, East Nusa Tenggara, Deputy Chairman of Commission IX of the House of Representatives (DPR), Ermalena, proposed an allocation of Village Fund for Productive Migrant Village (Desmigratif) program implemented by the Ministry of Manpower.

Sources:

- [Kembangkan Ekonomi Desa, BUMDes Rambah Ranah Digital](#) – Tempo.co, May. 8, 2018
- [DPR Harap Dana Desa Dialokasikan Bagi Program Desmigratif](#) – Viva.co.id, May. 7, 2018

2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

At the national coordination meeting to accelerate Village Fund disbursement in Jakarta on May 9, Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration instructed all district heads and mayors to distribute the Fund to villages within seven days after receiving the money from the central government.

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East Nusa Tenggara (NTT)

In NTT, only 32.6 percent of the 3,026 villages that have received Village Fund Phase 1. Two districts, Sabu Raijua and East Flores, have disbursed the entire Fund Phase 1 to all villages. According to the provincial government, most villages have difficulty in meeting the requirements on time, due to the lack of quality human resources, as most of village heads and officials are junior high school (SMP) graduates.

In Kupang District, the district head summoned six village heads who have not submitted the 2017 realization reports. One of them was from Letbaun Village that is embroiled in an ongoing dispute with the Village Consultative Body (BPD).

In Manggarai Timur District, 22 out of 49 villages have not finalized the 2017 realization reports and are ineligible to receive the 2018 Village Fund Phase 1.

Aceh

In Pidie District, only one out of 730 villages that is eligible to receive the Village Fund Phase 1. The deputy district head issued a written warning to village heads to submit the required documents by end of May 2018.

A similar situation was reported in Banda Aceh City, where only one out of 90 villages has received the fund, as the rest has not completed the 2018 Budget Plan (APBDes). In Aceh Tenggara District, all villages have not received the fund as they have not submitted the APBDes.

Others

From Papua, it was reported that only 602 of 5,420 villages in Jayapura have received Village Fund Phase 1 – 354 villages in Lanny Jaya, 179 villages in Merauke, and 69 villages in Mamberamo Raya District.

In Riau Islands, Anambas district government issued a written warning to three village governments to immediately submit the 2017 realization reports.

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- [Kemendes PDPT Percepat Penyaluran Dana Desa](#) – Liputan6.com, May. 9, 2018
- [Pencairan Tersendat](#) - Bisnis Indonesia, May. 11, 2018
- [Hanya Satu Gampong yang Lengkap Berkas](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May. 9, 2018
- [Dana Desa Belum Bisa Dicairkan](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May. 9, 2018
- [Flori Mekenq Sebut Pencairan Dana Desa di NTT Rp 2,5 Triliun Terkendala Dua Hal ini](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, May. 10, 2018
- [987 Desa di NTT Sudah Terima Pencairan Tahap Satu](#) – Kompas, May. 12, 2018
- [Baru Satu Desa Terima Dana](#) – Kompas May. 11, 2018
- [Minta Laporkan SPJ Dana Desa](#) – Batampos.co.id, May. 11, 2018
- [Baru Satu Gampong Cairkan Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May. 11, 2018
- [Titu Eki Ultimatum Kepala Desa](#) – Kupang Pos, May. 12, 2018
- [Tolak Tanda Tangan LKPJ](#) – Kupang Pos, May. 12, 2108
- [Wabup Warning Keuchik](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May. 12, 2018
- [Dana Desa Belum Bisa Dicairkan](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May. 12, 2018
- [22 Desa di Manggarai Timur Belum Ada Laporan SPJ Dana Desa Tahun 2017](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, May 7, 2018

3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

The National Ombudsman Commission received 914 public reports in 2017 on the allegation of Village Fund misappropriation. In West Kalimantan and East Java, the Commission received reports of Village Fund misuse in 452 villages, comprising fictitious projects in 214 villages and 318 cases of irregularities.

In Kapuas District, West Kalimantan, 214 village heads signed the Integrity Pact with the district attorney on the transparency of village fund management.

In Aceh Tengah District, former head of Gele Pulo Village was sentenced to four years of imprisonment by Banda Aceh Corruption Court for embezzling Rp183 million of the 2015 Village Fund.

In Sidoarjo District, East Java, the district attorney detained two village heads. Glagah Arum Village Head allegedly misused the 2016 Village Budget of Rp225 million, while Wonokupang Village Head allegedly embezzled Rp227 million to pay his debt.

Sources:

- [Terkait Dana Desa, Segini Jumlah Laporan Masyarakat ke Ombudsman RI](#) – Pontianak.tribunnews.com, May. 9, 2018
- [214 Kades di Kapuas Melakukan Pakta Integritas Pengelolaan Dana Desa](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, May. 8, 2018
- [Korupsi Dana Desa Kades Gele Pulo Divonis 4 Tahun Penjara](#) – Jppn.com, May. 11, 2018
- [Dana Tiqa Desa Masih Nyantol](#) – Jawa Pos, May. 13, 2018

4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Home Affairs signed an MoU with the National Agency for Social Security of Employment (BPJS Ketenagakerjaan) to organize the participation of approximately 750,000 village officials across Indonesia into social security programs.

In South Sumatra, the Association of Indonesian Village Administration (APDESI) called on the government to allow village heads to run for the seats at national and local legislatures bodies (DPR and DPRD) without having to resign beforehand.

In Aceh, Bener Meriah District Head claimed to have dismissed 15 village heads for misusing Village Fund in the past nine months.

In Ogan Komering Ulu (OKU) Timur District, villages have used the village financial system (Siskeudes) application for reporting purposes.

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- [Aparat Desa Dijamin BPJSTK](#) – Koran Sindo, May. 11, 2018
- [Perjuangkan Pembangunan, Kades Ingin Berpolitik](#) – Sumeks.co.id, May. 11, 2018
- [15 Kades di Bener Meriah Dipecat Terkait Dana Desa](#) – Metrotvnews.com, May. 7, 2018
- [Pelaporan Siskeudes DD Membaik](#) – Sumeks.co.id, May. 8, 2018

5. VILLAGE OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

In Gresik District, East Java, the issuance of Bylaw (Perda) No. 3/2017 has driven the establishment of more than 170 BUMDes. BUMDes in Mojopuro Village was selected as the pilot of BUMDes development project this year.

Sources:

- [Sosialisasi tentang BUMDes](#) – Jawa Pos, May. 10, 2018
- [Bupati Sragen Janjikan BUMDes Mojopuro Jadi Pilot Proyek](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, May. 10, 2018

6. HEALTH

In Bangka Belitung Province, Belitung District has the highest infant and child mortality rates, with 14 deaths and 12 deaths per 10,000 births, respectively.

Sources:

- [DPR Soroti Masalah Kematian Bayi dan Gizi Buruk di Babel](#) – Jppn.com, May. 7, 2018

7. EDUCATION

The Central Statistics Agency (BPS) announced that 8.92 percent of people classified as open unemployment are vocational high school (SMK) graduates, followed by diploma holders (7.92 percent) and high school graduates (7.19 percent). Directorate General of Primary and Secondary Education at the Ministry of Education and Culture, Hamid Muhammad, said the government will implement SMK revitalization program to respond to this trend.

Source:

- [Lulusan SMK Kurang Diterima Industri](#) – Media Indonesia, May. 12, 2018
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