

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- The Ministry of Village, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration (MoV) would launch Village Academy 4.0, an application that contains a variety of information and tutorials in May. The ministry is also collaborating with the Bogor Agricultural Institute (IPB) to develop Village Life 4.0 as an information tool for farmers and breeders.
- MoV would recruit cadres of Fatayat, the women's wing organization of the Islamic organization Nahdlatul Ulama, as trainers in village fund management training.
- The 2018 International Village Festival was held in Bondowoso District, East Java, inviting representatives of 300 villages, including 10 villages from abroad. The festival consisted of village product expo, knowledge exchange, and field study.
- The central government had disbursed IDR 13.76 trillion (22.93 percent) Village Fund (DD) as per April 25. However, only IDR 3 trillion had been transferred to 17,997 villages in 172 regions.
- The government paid special allowances and incentives for 141,429 non-civil servant teachers in non-cash through transfers to state banks.
- The government provided IDR 169 billion grants to 219 vocational schools (SMK), for improvement of learning standards.

1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Village, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration (MoV) would launch Village Academy 4.0, an application that contains a variety of information and tutorials through Youtube, rural TV channels, and certification guides. Also, the ministry was collaborating with the Bogor Agricultural Institute (IPB) to develop Village Life 4.0 as an information and consultation center for farmers and breeders.

MoV would partner with Fatayat, the women's wing organization of the Islamic organization Nahdlatul Ulama, to organize training-of-trainers to recruit Fatayat cadres as trainers in village fund management training. This plan is mentioned by the minister when delivering a keynote speech at the XVI Fatayat Conference in Ambon on April 27.

MoV had implemented integrated sectors development program in 16 priority districts since 2017. In Maluku Tenggara District, the program consisted of seaweed cultivation in cooperation with Pattimura University of Ambon.

Bondowoso District Government of East Java, held the 2018 International Village Festival inviting representatives of 300 villages, including 10 villages from abroad. The festival consisted of village product expo, knowledge exchange, and field study.

Sources:

- KEMENDES PDPT KOLABORASI DENGAN IPB UNTUK VILLAGE LIFE 4.0 DAN AKADEMI DESA 4.0, Suara Pembaruan, Apr 23
- KEMENTERIAN DESA AKAN LIBATKAN FATAYAT NU KELOLA DANA DESA, Tempo.co, Apr 27
- KEMENDES PDPT FASILITASI BUDI DAYA RUMPUT LAUT, Metrotvnews.com, Apr 26
- ANGKAT POTENSI DESA, BONDOWOSO GELAR INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE FESTIVAL, Kompas.com, Apr 26

2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

Data from the Ministry of Finance showed that as of April 25, the disbursement of the 2018 Village Fund (DD) from the central government to the regions had reached IDR 13.76 trillion or 22.93 percent. However, only IDR 3 trillion has been transferred to 17,997 villages in 172 regions.

In Tanah Laut District, South Kalimantan, although DD Phase 1 had been transferred to the district government's account, none of the 130 villages had received the fund.

In Bireuen District, Aceh, DD Phase 1 had been disbursed to 98 percent out of 609 villages. In Nagan Raya District, DD Phase 1 of IDR 213 billion had been disbursed to all villages.

Sources:

- DAYA BELI TAK TERKEREK, Bisnis Indonesia, Apr 27
- 12 DESA BELUM CAIRKAN DANA, Serambi Indonesia, Apr 28
- DISALURKAN 20 PERSEN, Serambi Indonesia, Apr 25
- BELUM SEMUA PEMERINTAHAN DESA DI TALA CAIRKAN ALOKASI DANA DESA, INI PENYEBABNYA Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, Apr 29

3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

In Seram Timur District, Maluku, prosecutors were investigating village fund corruption case in Rumanama Village. The village head and three private vendors had been examined.

Source:

- KADES DI SBT TERJERAT LAGI DANA DESA, Ambon Express, Apr 26
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4. VILLAGE HEAD ELECTIONS

In West Bandung District, West Java, simultaneous village head elections in 122 villages would be postponed until 2019, in accordance with direction from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In Tapanuli Selatan District, North Sumatra, 31 out of 53 incumbent village heads who participated in the village head elections failed to be re-elected for the next period.

Sources:

- PILKADES DI BANDUNG BARAT DITUNDA, Pikiran Rakyat, Apr 24
- 31 PETAHANA PILKADES TAPSEL KALAH, Waspada, Apr 25

5. VILLAGE OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

In Gunungkidul District, Yogyakarta, only 71 out of 144 villages already have BUMDes, some of which are not yet operating optimally.

Source:

- BELUM SEMUA DESA DI GUNUNGKIDUL MILIKI BUMDES, Koran Sindo, Apr 24

6. HEALTH

Padang City Government, West Sumatra, would hold measles and rubella immunization in August-September targeting at 243,000 children.

In West Kalimantan, Pontianak City Health Agency, stated that stunting rate was 22 percent, lower than the central government version of 28 percent.

Sources:

- RIBUAN ANAK DI PADANG JALANI VAKSINASI MR, Media Indonesia, Apr 24
- SOAL ANGKA STUNTING, DISKES PONTIANAK TEPI DATA PUSAT, Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Apr 23

7. EDUCATION

The government paid special allowances and incentives for 141,429 non-civil servant teachers in non-cash through transfers to state banks. Incentives are given to teachers who have been certified.

The government provided IDR 169 billion grants to 219 vocational schools (SMK) to improve learning standards in accordance with Presidential Instruction Number 9 Year 2016 on SMK Revitalization.

Sources:

- KEMENDIKBUD BAYARKAN TUNJANGAN 141.429 GURU NON-PNS, Pikiran Rakyat, Apr 24

- TINGKATKAN MUTU, 219 SMK DIREVITALISASI, Koran Sindo, Apr 26
- BANTUAN 169 MILIAR BAGI REVITALISASI SMK, Kompas.com, Apr 25

8. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **WEST NUSA TENGGARA:** Prosecutors in Ende District were investigating ex-PNPM Program corruption cases in three sub-districts: Lio Timur, Kelimutu, and Kota Baru (TIGA KECAMATAN DI ENDE INI TERJERAT KASUS PNPM MANDIRI, JAKSA SEDANG MENANGANINYA, Kupang.tribunnews.com, Apr 25)
- **CENTRAL JAVA:** The National Family Planning Agency (BKKBN) of Central Java set target of to establish 538 Family Planning Villages this year (BKKBN JATENG ANGGARKAN DANA BANTUAN TIAP DESA KB RP 9 JUTA, Suaramerdeka.com, Apr 24).
- **WEST KALIMANTAN:** North Coast Women's Union (Serumpun), an NGO focusing on advocating women laborers in rural areas held the 2nd Congress in Sambas (SERIKAT PEREMPUAN PANTAI UTARA GELAR KONGRES KE-II, Pontianak.tribunnews.com, Apr 29)

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