

WEEKLY MEDIA MONITORING

HEADLINES

- **The Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Areas Development and Transmigration launched the “Desa Kini” multimedia application on May 21**, which consists of four channels: news (www.beritandeso.com), video (www.ndeso.tv); radio (www.desakini.com/radio), and e-commerce (www.pasarndeso.com).
 - On May 26, **the Ministry also launched Village Academy 4.0, an e-learning platform for village stakeholders**. It provides capacity building and certification programs in partnership with universities and related institutions.
 - The Ministry of Finance data showed that **as of May 23, Rp18,3 trillion of village fund (30.5 percent) have been disbursed**. Of this amount, only Rp7.2 trillion (39.4 percent) have been distributed to villages.
 - The Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Area Development and Transmigration **has partnered with the State-Owned Bank Association (HIMBARA) and an expedition company to develop and distribute products of village-owned enterprises (BUMDes)**.
 - Data from the Ministry of Health showed that **maternal mortality and infant mortality rates tend to stall in the last ten years**. In 2017, with the maternal mortality rate at 15 per 1,000 births, Indonesia ranked among the top 10 countries with the highest number of maternal deaths.
 - The Ministry of Education and Culture data shows that **only less than 30 percent of over 500,000 classrooms at all levels of schooling in the country are in good condition**.
 - **The Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN) released the results of a study on the economic value of six customary lands**, which show that the lands could generate nearly Rp320 billion per year from natural resources and service management.
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1. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration launched the “Desa Kini” multimedia application on May 21, which is available in Google Play. The application consists of four channels, i.e. news (www.beritandeso.com), video (www.ndeso.tv), radio (www.desakini.com/radio), and e-commerce (www.Pasarndeso.com).

In addition, on May 26, the Ministry also launched Village Academy 4.0, an e-learning platform for village-level stakeholders. The Village Academy provides a variety of information, capacity building programs, and certification in partnership with universities and related institutions.

Sources:

- [Kemendes PDTT Luncurkan Akademi Desa 4.0](#) - Tempo.co, May 25, 2018
- [Lewat Akademi Desa, Kemendes Bisa Cetak ‘Pegiat Desa’ Bersertifikat](#) – Detik.com, May 22, 2018
- [Aplikasi ‘Desa Kini’ Kemendes PDTT Diluncurkan](#) – Tempo.co, May 21, 2018
- [Aplikasi ‘Desa Kini’ Jadi Kado Ulang Menter Desa](#) – Suara Merdeka, May 23, 2018
- [Kemendes PDTT Perkenalkan Aplikasi Desa Kini](#) – Metrotvnews.com, May 22, 2018

2. VILLAGE FUND ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

Data from the Ministry of Finance showed that as of May 23, the disbursement of Village Fund reached Rp18.3 trillion (30.5 percent). Of this amount, only Rp7.2 trillion (39.4 percent) have been distributed to villages.

In Aceh Tamiang District, none of the 213 villages has received Village Fund Phase 1 as the district head has not issued the required regulation on village fund.

In Aceh Tenggara District, only five of 385 villages that have received Village Fund Phase 1, amounting to Rp54.4 billion.

In Boyolali District, Central Java, all villages have received the fund except for one village. The village has over 30 percent of unused budget from the 2017 Village Budget (APBDes). It will only receive the fund if the remaining budget has been spent.

In Serang District, Banten, 49 of 326 villages have not submitted the 2017 budget realization reports, hampering them from receiving Village Fund Phase 1.

In Takalar District, Village Fund Phase 1 has been disbursed, except in three subdistricts.

In Ciamis District, West Java, only 12 out of 258 villages have met the requirements to receive Village Fund Phase 2.

Sources:

- [Realisasi Penyaluran Dana Desa Membaik](#) – Bisnis Indonesia, May 25, 2018
 - [Wabup Perintahkan BPKD Cairkan Dana Desa](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May 25, 2018
 - [Dana Satu Desa Belum Bisa Dicairkan](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, May 25, 2018
 - [Pembangunan 49 Desa Terhambat](#) – Radar Banten, May 24, 2018
 - [BPKD Takalar Cairkan Dana Desa dan ADD](#) – fajar.co.id, May 21, 2018
 - [Tim Khusus Evaluasi Dana Desa](#) – Pikiran Rakyat, May 24, 2018
 - [Dana Desa Terancam Hangus](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May 21, 2018
 - [Keterlambatan Perbup Juga Jadi Kendala](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May 21, 2018
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3. CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

In East Nusa Tenggara, police arrested two defendants of village fund corruption in Timor Tengah Selatan District. The defendants, the owner of vendor company and Lanus village head, allegedly stole Rp320 million of the village budget.

In Central Java, Sragen Prosecutor's Office grilled 10 village heads on alleged irregularities in the computer procurement for the Village Information System (SID) program.

In Central Kalimantan, the High Prosecutor's Office asked all villages to sign an integrity pact on village fund management.

Sources:

- [Dua Terdakwa Kasus Korupsi Dana Desa di TTU Ditahan](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, May 24, 2018
- [10 Kades Jadi Target Kasus SID](#) – Krjogya.com, May 23, 2018
- [Semua Kepala Desa Wajib Teken Fakta Integritas Bersama Kajati Kalteng](#) – Banjarmasin.tribunnews.com, May 21, 2018

4. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE

In Aceh Barat Daya District in Aceh, the district head temporarily dismissed the village head of Geulanggang Gajah and appointed an acting village head. The situation has reportedly delayed village fund reporting.

In Rembang District, Central Java, the legislative council (DPRD) urged the district government to transfer the ownership of health clinic's (*polkedes*) assets to village governments for better management.

Sources:

- [Dana Desa Geulanggang Gajah Terancam Tak Cair](#) – Serambi Indonesia, May 26, 2018
- [Desa Didorong Minta Pengalihan Aset Polkedes](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, May 25, 2018

5. VILLAGE OWNED ENTERPRISES (BUMDes)

The Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Area Development and Transmigration formed a partnership with the State-Owned Bank Association (HIMBARA) and Lion Parcel's expedition company for the development and distribution of BUMDes products.

The Villages Minister encouraged villages in Gunung Kidul District, Yogyakarta, to follow the footsteps of BUMDes in Bejiharjo Village in developing tourist village.

In East Java, Gresik legislative council is drafting a bylaw on BUMDes that will serve as the basis for tourist village development.

In East Nusa Tenggara, a dispute on the legal status of BUMDes broke in Batu Tiga Village, Manggarai Barat District. After being urged by local legislative council, the district government canceled the grant for Embong Nai BUMDes and handed it over to Bajo Serumpun BUMDes.

Source:

- [Kemendes Gandeng Bank dan Swasta Genjot Ekonomi Desa](#) – Liputan6.com, May 26, 2018
 - [Menteri Desa Dorong Desa Mendirikan BUMDes](#) – Antaranews.com, May 25, 2018
 - [Tumbuhkan BUMDes Bidang Pariwisata](#) – Jawa Pos, May 22, 2018
 - [Pemkab Mabar Alihkan Penerima Bantuan Speedboat dari BUMDes Embong Nai ke Bajo Serumpun](#) – Kupang.tribunnews.com, May 25, 2018
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6. HEALTH

The Ministry of Health data shows that the rates of maternal mortality and infant mortality in the last ten years tend to be stagnant. In 2017, with the maternal mortality rate at 15 per 1,000 births, Indonesia ranked among the top 10 countries with the highest rate of maternal deaths. The deaths are mainly caused by high blood pressure (32 percent) and bleeding (20 percent).

The Ministry of Health launched two maternal and child health programs -- Co-creation and Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health, and JALIN - in cooperation with the US government through USAID with a total budget of US\$55 million.

In West Nusa Tenggara, the prevalence of malnutrition rose from 20.2 percent in 2016 to 22.6 percent in 2017, while the stunting rate increased from 29.9 percent (2016) to 37.2 percent (2017).

Source:

- [Dua Ibu Meninggal Setiap Hari](#) – Media Indonesia, May 24, 2018
- [Libatkan Daerah Tekan Angka Kematian Ibu](#) – Kompas, May 24, 2018
- [Kasus Kurang Gizi di NTB Meningkat](#) – Kompas, May 26, 2018

7. EDUCATION

Data from the Ministry of Education and Culture shows that of over 500,000 classrooms at all levels of education in the country, only less than 30 percent of them are in good condition.

In Purbalingga District, Central Java, only 69 out of 239 villages have libraries. The district government aimed for all villages to have libraries by 2021.

Source:

- [151.509 Ruang Kelas ekolah Rusak Parah](#) – Kompas, May 22, 2018
- [Baru 68 Desa Miliki Perpustakaan](#) – Suaramerdeka.com, May 22, 2018

8. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN) released the results of a study on the economic value of customary lands, which showed that six customary lands could generate nearly Rp320 billion per year from natural resources and service management. The findings refute the notion that indigenous peoples' territories are not productive.

The study was conducted in January-June 2018, in collaboration with the University of Indonesia, Bogor Agricultural Institute, and Padjajaran University, in six customary lands in Banten, South Sulawesi, West Kalimantan, West Sumatra and West Papua.

Source:

- [AMAN Luncurkan Kajian Ekonomi Enam Wilayah Adat](#) – Antaranews.com, May 25, 2018

9. ADDITIONAL NEWS

- **EAST NUSA TENGGARA:** The Marine Security Agency (BAKAMLA) will designate Lifuleo Village in Kupang District as Maritime Village, as part of the marine surveillance program through
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fishermen ([Bakamla Akan Bentuk Desa Maritim di Kabupaten Kupang](#) – Media Indonesia, May 23, 2018).

- **EAST JAVA: EAST JAVA:** Banyuwangi District presented Smart Village Program in a workshop at ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) in Singapore, 22-25 May 2018. ([Banyuwangi Presentasikan Smart Kampung di Forum Kota Cerdas ASEAN](#) – Detik.com, May 25, 2018).
- **SOUTH SULAWESI:** Worongnge Village in Wajo District lost Rp 88 million of village fund as it was stolen in a parked car after being withdrawn from the bank ([Rencana Beli Televisi, Anggaran Dana Desa Malah Digasak Maling](#) – Fajar.co.id, May 24, 2018)

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