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GEARED UP TOWARDS INCLUSIVITY. Hired enumerators for the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS data saturation conduct interview with the target respondents using tablet questionnaires.

POPCEN-CBMS SATURATION ACTIVITIES BEGIN IN PALAWAN

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Palawan has officially conducted series of saturation and field validation activities during the first week of January until the second week of February 2025 for the 2024 Census of Population and Housing and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) in selected municipalities and barangays throughout the province and the city, which aim to ensure that every one is counted in the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS, thereby guaranteeing that no one is left behind uncoun-
ted.

The results of this census activity will serve as a foundation for evidence-based planning, policy formulation, and the implementation of programs and projects tailored to the needs of the community. Additionally, the data generated from this census will be instrumental in enhancing the quality of life, particularly for the most vulnerable sectors of society.

About 100 enumerators were hired across the province, who would strategically visit housing units in their assigned areas to identify and interview the target households. In the municipality of Sofronio Española, enumerators navigated the challenging terrain of the interior sitios in Tagbabanga in Barangay

Abo-abo to reach the remote areas, where they faced challenges in reaching households due to the transient nature of the populations, especially in areas where people work in distant farming locations.

The absence of certain families in rural and indigenous communities, where people move for work or seasonal reasons, makes it difficult to achieve a complete count of all residents. This type of situation highlights the complexities in conducting a thorough and accurate census, particularly in areas with dispersed populations or seasonal migration patterns in isolated areas in Palawan.

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2024 RAP-PPA Compilation gears up as Palawan Focals get onboard

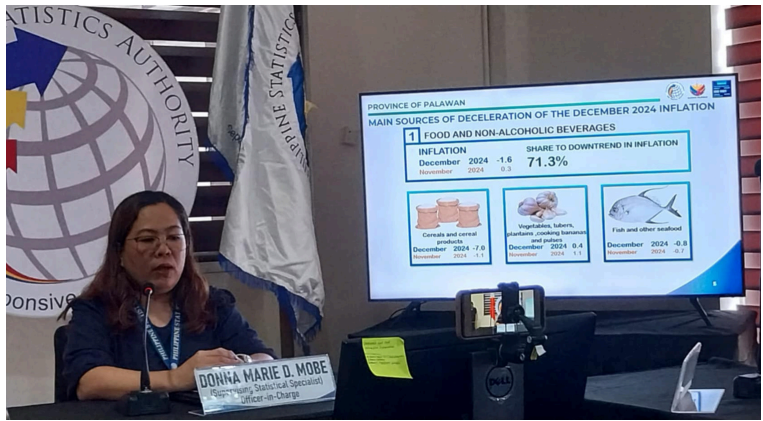
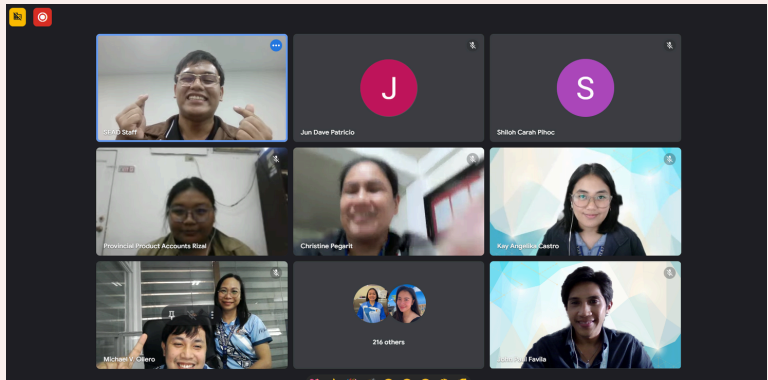
In preparation for the 2024 compilation of the Regional Accounts of the Philippines (RAP) and Provincial Product Accounts (PPA), Regular Focal Persons and Contract of Service Workers (COSWs) of PSA Palawan attended onboarding of personnel on 16 January 2025, via an online platform, marking the beginning of the process.

Statistical Specialist Maylyn Q. Villegas, Provincial Focal Person for PPA in Palawan, Senior Statistical Specialist Jesus Niño M. Sorima, Alternate Provincial Focal Person, and Statistical Analyst John Paul G. Favila (COSW) attended the said online onboarding spearheaded by the Macroeconomic Accounts Service (MAS) in coordination with the Regional Statistical Services Offices (RSSOs) and Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs). The event was attended virtually by the representatives of all 17 regions, 82 provinces, and 33 highly urbanized cities for the 2024 compilation.

The onboarding tackled brief overview of the System of National Accounts (SNA), Terms of Reference for the hired COSWs, including tasks and responsibilities of the Focal Persons. The online monitoring dashboard was also launched which is equipped with access security and monitoring files.

The RAP is a mechanism to measure the economic performance of regions using Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as the metric, while PPA uses production approach to measure the economy of the provinces, consistent with the System of National Accounts, which is an international standard, and the National Accounts of the Philippines.

In 2023, the Palawan economy accelerated by 1.5 percent (PhP 129.10 Billion) while the City of Puerto Princesa has remarkably peaked at 10.6 percent (PhP 58.75 Billion). As compared to other economies in MIMAROPA Region, the City of Puerto Princesa has recorded the fastest growth at 10.6 percent, while Palawan has contributed the biggest share to the region's GDP with 31.4 percent overall share, as reported on November 2024 Dissemination Forum.



December 2024 Inflation drops to 0.5% in Palawan, 2.6% in Puerto Princesa

The headline inflation for Palawan slowed down to 0.5 percent in December 2024 from 1.7 percent in November 2024, marking its lowest level for the year. The downtrend was caused by lower index on Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with a decline of 1.6 percent from 0.3 percent in November 2024. This was followed by Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, posting 3.3 percent from 5.3 percent in the previous month. A slower index in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco resulted in the next increment, posting 2.3 percent inflation rate from 3.2 percent in the previous month.

In Puerto Princesa City, headline inflation also decelerated to 2.6 percent in December 2024 from 3.0 percent in November. This slowdown was mainly due to a drop in inflation for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels, which fell to 3.1 percent from 4.9 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages followed with a decrease of 2.8 percent from 3.2 percent, and Health also saw a slight drop, posting 1.2 percent from 1.4 percent.

However, inflation rates in the Restaurants and Accommodation Services, Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, and Transport commodity groups rose in both Palawan and Puerto Princesa City.

Meanwhile, Food Index for December 2024 in Palawan declined by 1.9 percent from 0.2 percent in November 2024. Likewise, Puerto Princesa City's Food Index rate decelerated to 2.7 percent from 3.1 percent in November 2024. In December 2023 calculation, both Palawan and Puerto Princesa City have recorded higher food index at 5.9 percent and 3.9 percent, respectively.

In the broader MIMAROPA region, the headline inflation also saw a slight decline, dropping to 2.9 percent from 3.0 percent in November 2024.

PSA Palawan's Officer-in-Charge Donna Marie D. Mobe broadcasted the December 2024 Inflation Report on 14 January 2025 in a live telecast and in front of the media throughout Puerto Princesa City and Palawan.

PSA Palawan conducts February 2025 Rice and Corn Stocks Survey



The Provincial Statistical Office of PSA Palawan has conducted the February 2025 Rice and Corn Stocks Survey, a monthly undertaking held every first to fifth of the month covering 268 household samples and 57 commercial establishments dispersed across the Province of Palawan and the City of Puerto Princesa.

The information on rice and corn stocks inventory are sourced out from the data gathered from both households and commercial sectors. The household stocks inventory is estimated through the Rice and Corn Stocks Survey: Household (RCSS:H), while the commercial stocks inventory is taken from the Rice and Corn Stocks Survey: Commercial (RCSS:C) of the undertaken by the Philippine Statistics Authority. These information serve as inputs to planners and policy makers in formulating programs and policies on food security. Likewise, this serves as inputs to the estimation and compilation of the national accounts.

PSA Palawan conducts First Quarter Municipal and Commercial Fisheries Survey for 2025

PSA Palawan is currently undertaking the First Quarter 2025 Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS) and Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS). The QMFS and QCFS aims to generate data on volume and price of species unloaded in the municipal landing centers.

Municipal fisheries cover fishing operations in the municipal waters within 15 kilometers from the shoreline, either without the use of a fishing vessel or with the use of fishing vessels of three gross tons or less.

Every quarter, the survey covers 20 traditional municipal landing centers and 2 non-traditional landing centers. On the other hand, the commercial fisheries cover fishing operations utilizing fishing vessels of more than three gross tons in marine waters beyond 15 kilometers from the shoreline.

A total of nine commercial traditional landing centers and one non-traditional landing center composed the samples of QCFS. Hired Statistical Researchers conduct enumeration on a weekly basis from January to March for

2025 on a designated Data Collection Day using Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI).

These surveys are being conducted by PSA to provide essential information on the volume and value of fish production. Information gathered from this survey will guide policymakers in crafting programs and policies to support and strengthen the fishing industry of Palawan as it stands to be the largest contributor to the fisheries sector in the whole MIMAROPA region.

In line with this, the PSA enjoins fishing operators and key informants to support and participate in the said surveys by providing all of the information needed.



National ID Fixed Registration Centers reactivate in Palawan outlets

PSA Palawan has announced the reactivation of Fixed Registration Centers of the National ID system in Puerto Princesa City, effective 02 January 2025.

These registration centers are located at the Ground Floor of Goldraz Properties Building on Malvar Street, Barangay San Miguel, Puerto Princesa City and at the Puerto Princesa City Civil Registry Service (CRS) Outlet.

PSA Palawan also brings the National ID registration services closer to the public by launching registration initiatives in various municipalities in a periodic basis. This helps ensure that every one is included in the target number to contribute to the national efforts of the government in making National ID accessible to all.

The National ID can be used to verify identity, marital status, birth, and other information of personal nature. It can also help streamline transactions and lower costs. Furthermore, digital copy of the National ID is accepted as valid ID for mobile banking and e-wallet services.

As of 16 December 2024, the Philippines nears the target number of registration among Filipinos at 91 Million as it continues to conduct Information Drive and offer the use of Digital National ID for convenient use.

PSA Palawan rolls out January 2025 Labor Force Survey

At the outset of 2025, PSA Palawan has successfully conducted a round of Labor Force Survey (LFS) on 08 to 31 January 2025 in Puerto Princesa City and selected municipalities in the province, conducted by 13 hired and trained Statistical Researchers (SRs) through personal interviews using tablets to sample respondents.

The LFS gathers data on demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population aimed at providing information as basis for the formulation of policies and programs on the creation and generation of gainful employment and livelihood opportunities, reduction of unemployment and underemployment, and enhancement of the welfare of a working person. Moreover, LFS is designed to provide statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment, and underemployment for the country and for each of the administrative regions.

The January 2025 LFS has a national sample of approximately 44,000 households deemed sufficient to provide reliable estimates at the national and regional level concerning the demography and socioeconomy.

As the central authority on primary statistical data collection in the country, the PSA is mandated to conduct statistical sample surveys on population, housing, agriculture, fisheries, business, industry, and other sectors of the economy under Section 6, Rule 5 of Republic Act No. 10625 or the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013. In the performance of its function, the PSA assures the public that all personnel involved in this survey adheres and commits to the confidentiality of information as stipulated in Section 26 of RA 10625 and Section 8 of RA 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012. In addition, Section 25 of RA 10625 stipulates that all respondents, whether natural or legal, must provide truthful and complete information to all statistical inquiries or surveys conducted by the PSA. Hence, PSO Palawan encourages the public, specifically the sample households, to fully support and participate in the conduct of this survey.

Bataraza residents benefit from civil registration services anew

Provincial Statistical Office of Palawan, in collaboration with the Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) of Bataraza, Palawan, has successfully conducted mobile registration and information dissemination drive in Barangay Marangas, Bataraza, Palawan, on 28 January 2025.

The PSA Palawan team, led by Officer-in-Charge and Supervising Statistical Specialist, Donna Marie D. Mobe together with the LCRO Personnel headed by Municipal Civil Registrar Fe Amy F. Corpuz, delivered a range of services to the residents of Barangay Marangas.

During the activity, 45 individuals were catered in the Mobile Registration and 10 beneficiaries of the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) received their PSA-issued Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) printed in security paper (SECPA). Part of delivering efficient civil registration services was the dissemination of information related to civil registration laws, procedures, and recent issuances.

The joint effort of PSA Palawan and LCRO-Bataraza shows the commitment of these agencies in improving civil registration services, ensuring that all citizens have access to essential legal documentation, contribute to strengthening civil registration in Palawan, and empowering individuals with the tools they need to secure their legal identities.

NATIONAL ID: REGISTRATION OF ALL AGES



What you need to know:

The National ID registration for children under the age of five is an initiative aimed at ensuring that all Filipinos, regardless of age, have access to essential services and benefits by securing their National Identification. Parents are being encouraged to visit designated registration centers to register their children, taking advantage of the opportunity to provide them with a valid National ID. Registering a child for the National ID system unlocks access to important services, including school enrollment, scholarship applications, student assistance programs, and the ability to open junior savings accounts at financial institutions -- as part of its many critical importance.

FUN CORNER *What am I?*

sorrow crosses
sickness sun
happiness risk

I am the beginning of sorrow and the end of sickness. You cannot express happiness without me yet I am in the midst of crosses. I am always in risk yet never in danger. You may find me in the sun, but I am never out of darkness.

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