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IT'S PURPLE MONTH AGAIN. Women staff of PSA Palawan during one of their Purple Wednesdays with men staff joining them to celebrate National Women's Month.

WOMEN TAKE THE LEAD: PSA Palawan Celebrates 2025 National Women's Month

In solidarity with the nationwide celebration of the 2025 National Women's Month themed "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas," the Philippine Statistics Authority - Palawan spearheaded a series of purposeful and empowering initiatives. These activities underscored the agency's steadfast commitment to women empowerment, gender equality, and inclusive development.

With the display of this year's banner, PSA Palawan emphasized a visible and symbolic reminder of the vital role women play in nation-building. The celebration served as both a platform and venue in which to promote women's rights and reaffirm the agency's advocacy for gender empowerment.

Among the key highlights of the celebration was the launch of the "Our Women's Month Story" campaign. This initiative showcased inspiring narratives shared through online platforms, amplifying the voices of women, breaking societal barriers, raising awareness on gender-sensitive issues, and advocating for equality across all sectors.

To further promote gender awareness, PSA Palawan disseminated advocacy materials on sex-disaggregated data through informative infographics. This effort aimed to educate the public and policymakers on the critical role of gender statistics in formulating inclusive, data-driven policies and programs that respond widely and effectively to the needs of both men and women in the society.

In addition to internal initiatives, PSA Palawan actively participated in community activities such as kick-off parade of Puerto Princesa City's 21st annual celebration of the Balayong Festival, as well as outreach and feeding program for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) at the Puerto Princesa City Jail - Female Dormitory.

To reinforce gender awareness within the workplace, PSA also conducted staff trainings on Gender Sensitivity and Inclusivity in the Workplace, and an Orientation on the Solo Parent's Welfare Act.

Through these concerted efforts, PSA Palawan highlighted the importance of recognizing and promoting the rights, roles, and contributions of women in every facet of society. The month-long celebration stands as a testament to the agency's ongoing dedication to building a more inclusive and empowered nation—where women lead, thrive, and shape a brighter future.

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656 Rio Tuba residents registered in National ID Program during 76th Founding Anniversary



In a collaborative effort to provide accessible identification services, the PSA Palawan, in partnership with Barangay Rio Tuba and the Municipal Civil Registry Office (MCRO) of Bataraza, conducted National ID registration and distribution of Return to Sender (RTS) National IDs during the barangay’s 76th Founding Anniversary from 05 to 08 March 2025.

This initiative was spearheaded by PSA Palawan’s Officer-in-Charge/Supervising Statistical Specialist Donna Marie D. Mobe and Registration Officer II Romelita F. Hernandez, in cooperation with Punong Barangay Arman T. Gamo and Municipal Civil Registrar (MCR) Fe Amy F. Corpuz. Their combined efforts ensured the efficient delivery of essential civil registration services to the the community.

During the four-day activity, a total of 656 individuals were successfully registered for the PhilSys (National ID) program. Registrants underwent demographic verification and biometric data capture, including photographs, fingerprints, and iris scans. Each participant received a transaction slip to facilitate tracking the status of their National ID.

In addition to registration services, PSA Palawan distributed 65 RTS National IDs to rightful recipients. These IDs were previously undelivered due to address discrepancies or the unavailability of recipients at the time of delivery. The PSA also extended its services by issuing Security Paper (SECPA) copies of birth and marriage certificates, providing comprehensive support to the community’s civil documentation needs.

This initiative reflects PSA Palawan’s commitment to bringing vital services closer to the people, especially in far-flung areas. The agency continues to encourage unregistered individuals to take part in the National ID program and benefit from streamlined, inclusive, and secure identity documentation.

PPC and Palawan inflation rates accelerate in March 2025

The headline inflation for the province of Palawan accelerated to 2.6 percent in March 2025 from a rate 0.3 percent in February 2025. The uptrend in the provincial inflation was brought by the higher index of Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages with 2.6 percent inflation from -1.7 percent in the previous month. This was followed by Information and Communication which posted an inflation rate of 15.3 percent from 5.2 percent, and Restaurants and Accommodation Services, posting a higher increment of 7.2 percent from 6.0 percent in the previous month.

In Puerto Princesa City, the headline inflation also accelerated to 4.6 percent from 2.0 percent in the previous month. This was brought by higher index of Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages posting 5.9 percent from 1.0 percent in February 2025. This was followed by Information and Communication at 28.2 percent from -0.2 percent, and Restaurants and Accommodation Services with a rate of 11.2 percent from 8.7 percent.

In contrast, the commodity groups of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels as well as Transport both have recorded lower inflation indices for Palawan and Puerto Princesa City for All Income Households (2018=100).

Meanwhile, for the Bottom 30% Income Households, Palawan’s inflation rate increased to 1.9 percent in March 2025 from 0.9 percent decline in February 2025 as mainly driven by the higher year-on-year growth in the Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages at 1.7 percent from a 2.9 percent annual decline in February 2025. Also contributing to the increase to the overall provincial inflation is Information and Communication at 23.7 percent in March 2025 from 7.9 percent in the previous month, and Restaurants and Accommodation Services at 7.3 percent during the month from 6.0 percent in February 2025.

For Puerto Princesa City, the inflation rate for the Bottom 30% Income Households increased to 4.2 percent in March 2025 from 1.2 percent in February 2025 as mainly driven by the higher year-on-year growth in the Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages at 5.6 percent from a 0.5 percent annual decline in February 2025. This was followed by Restaurants and Accommodation Services at 11.3 percent in March 2025 from 8.7 percent in the previous month, and Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services at 2.4 percent during the month from 2.0 percent in February 2025.

Likewise, lower annual growth rates were noted in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels as well as in Transport for Puerto Princesa City and Palawan.

PSA Palawan capacitates PPDO staff on 2022 CBMS data tabulation and analysis

A training on data tabulation and analysis using Census and Survey Processing System (CSPro) software was conducted by the PSA Palawan for selected Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO) staff on 17 to 19 March 2025 at VJR Hall Capitol Complex, Provincial Capitol Complex, Puerto Princesa City.



The three-day training was organized by PPDO upon their own request with the aim to upskill its employees in utilizing the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data of the 18 municipalities and one highly urbanized city in Palawan.

Resource Persons for this activity were PSA Palawan’s Senior Statistical Specialist Jesus Niño M. Sorima, Information Systems Analyst II Reinell L. Manlapaz, and Statistical Specialist II Marnito C. Andrada. They led discussions on the basic features of CSPro software and trained participants in adding value sets, generating simple tabulations, and creating complex tables using Tabulation Logics (TabLog) and Post Calculation (PostCalc). Various hands-on examples and exercises were also demonstrated to assess the trainees’ understanding of each topic.

In her opening message, Supervising Statistical Specialist and PSA Palawan Officer-in-Charge Donna Marie D. Mobe reaffirmed PSA’s commitment to supporting the PPDO, assuring them of continued assistance in data tabulation whenever needed. Meanwhile, Assistant Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Engr. Rafael Balcueba Jr., EnP, expressed his appreciation to PSA for promptly responding to their request.

With the skills and tools gained from the training, the PPDO is now better equipped to generate the necessary data to enhance their development plans and programs for the benefit of the people of Palawan.

105 New Agutaya residents, 23 Taytay District Jail PDLs undergo National ID registration

The PSA Palawan, in cooperation with LGU San Vicente through the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar, has successfully conducted a two-day mobile registration for the National ID program in Barangay New Agutaya, San Vicente, Palawan on 10-11 March 2025, thereby serving 105 total number of residents of which 69 are

aged 5 years and above, while the remaining 36 are aged 0-4 years old. Led by MCR Lucille C. Laong, the activity which is in line with the Yakap ni Amy Program, was an immediate response to LGU San Vicente’s formal request, delivering government services directly to communities on-site.

Meanwhile, in the spirit of inclusivity and to ensure everyone has access to essential government services, the PSA Palawan also facilitated mobile registration services specially for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) at Taytay District Jail on 22 March 2025.

In response to the request to address identification needs of PDLs through the efforts of Taytay District Jail Acting Jail Warden and Senior Inspector Gilbert B. Anza, a total of 23 PDLs were accommodated and provided with support, of which 14 were successfully registered for the National ID and 9 for ePhilID (National ID in paper format). The Taytay District Jail provided support for the activity by ensuring reliable internet access and electricity, ensuring a smooth and efficient registration process.

In the continuous conduct of its services for the public, PSA Palawan remains committed to extending its public responsibility to remote and underprivileged sectors of the community and supporting inter-agency efforts that promote inclusive and accessible government services, making it available to all.



PSA conducts farm visits for BSOD towards revision and rebasing of PSNA

The Philippines Statistics Authority Central Office (CO) and Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) of Palawan conducted a joint field visit in the municipalities of Narra and Roxas, Palawan on 04 and 05 March 2025, respectively.

The field visit was a simultaneous activity all over multiple regions to update parameters and undercoverage ratios used in the estimation of Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) for the revision and rebasing of the Philippine System of National Account (PSNA), which is a statistical framework for compiling and presenting economic data. This includes updating of indicators for investments in Breeding Stocks and Orchard Development (BSOD)

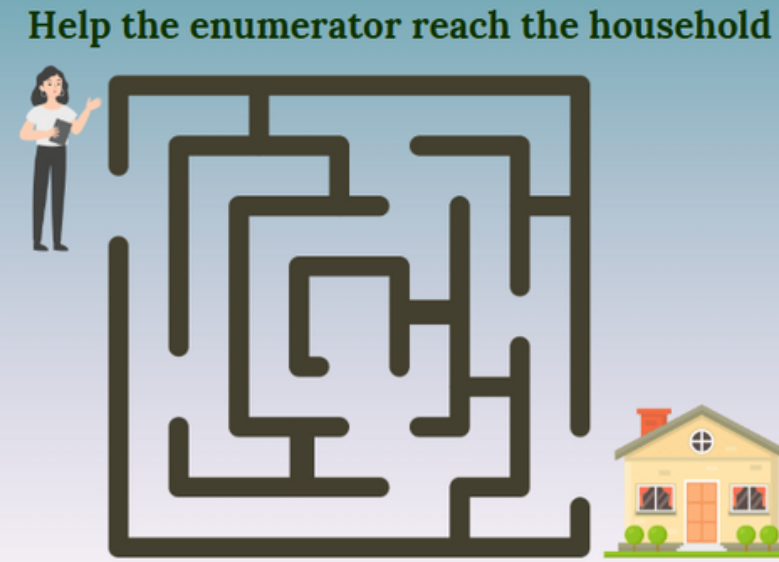


where survey questionnaires containing data items on agricultural and livestock are compiled. The questionnaires include variable costs, fixed costs, and gross returns within the region as well as other questions related to environment and natural resources. These will help improve other changes in the current situation of the economy.

The group was composed of Senior Statistical Specialists Maria Bernadette L. Dizon and Polaris C. Bautista, Statistical Specialist II Juan Jethro S. Ocbina from PSA Central Office; Chief Statistical Specialist Dr. Ma. Liezl L. Magbojos, Statistical Specialist II Ana Patricia A. Ramos, and Statistical Analyst Rea Mae C. Bagui from PSA MIMAROPA; and Statistical Specialists II Eric O. Odsinada and Maylyn Q. Villegas from PSA Palawan Provincial Statistical Office.

The field visit and interviews engaged two broiler and layer chicken farmers in Narra, Palawan and another two goat farmers in Roxas, Palawan. The data cultivate assets that cover animal resources and tree, crop and plant resources yielding repeat products whose natural growth and regeneration are under the direct control, responsibility and management of institutional units for the Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure.

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

PSA Palawan conducts Clean-up Drive at Tibag Falls at Women's Month outset



In line with the celebration of National Women's Month honoring the legacy and role of women in the nation-building, the PSA Palawan, led by Officer-in-Charge Donna Marie D. Mobe, traversed challenging trails uphill the Tibag Falls in Barangay Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City on 01 March 2025.

As part of its commitment to taking responsibility for the impact of their activities on the environment, the PSA composed of staff from Administrative Unit, Statistical Unit, and Fisheries Team embarked on a two-hour trek including crossing rivers to reach the falls under the morning sun, translating their eagerness and passion for environmental stewardship, pollution reduction and promotion of environmental conservation.

The team brought with them sacks and garbage bags in which to seal up wastes and debris along the riverbanks especially non-biodegradable materials.

In grateful recognition, the Barangay Council of Bacungan headed by Punong Barangay Gualberto J. Manaeg awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to PSA for conducting its monthly social responsibility activity in the barangay as part of its 2025 National Women's Month celebration.

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