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87.9% Romblomanons Are Now PhilSys-Registered as of April 2024 ; Over 213k ePhillDs Printed

With 2,093 successful registrations, PSA-Romblon achieved 53.67 percent of its target workload for Step 2 registration in April 2024 (3,900). From June 21, 2021 to April 30, 2024, a total of 246, 311 Romblomanons are currently registered on PhilSys. 87.9% of the target population was successfully reached by the PSO in Romblon, according to the data.

The PhilSys teams deployed on the islands of Tablas, Sibuyan and Romblon actively engaged in municipal and school registration saturation using six (6) operational kits. The location of the province presented challenges, but they were dedicated enough to follow up with more registrants.

In April 2024, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries received the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) during Family Development Sessions (FDS) through to a continued partnership between the Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)-Romblon. The PSA also brought ePhillID issuance and PhilSys registration services to FDS locations to ensure that all 4Ps recipients could register with PhilSys.

As of 30 April 2024, the PSA-Romblon recorded 12, 209 successful authentications of 4Ps beneficiaries.

In addition, 1,425 ePhillDs were successfully issued by the PhilSys teams in April 2024. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in Romblon has granted 3,795 ePhillDs so far this year; the total number of ePhillDs issued, including those issued in 2022, is 213,117.

A total of 32,399 ePhillDs were issued via Mode 1 print by request/appointment setting out of the total ePhillDs claimed by Romblomanons in April, while the remaining 180,718 were printed and delivered to respective cardholders by PhilSys employees (Mode 2).

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PSA Romblon Attends Task Force Training for the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System Barangay Profile Questionnaire (BPQ) Data Collection, Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP) Listing, and Map Generation

From April 15 to 20, 2024, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) hosted a comprehensive Task Force Training aimed at fortifying capabilities for the forthcoming Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System Barangay Profile Questionnaire (BPQ) Data Collection. Held at the Multifunction Halls 2A and 2B, 24th Floor, PSA Headquarters, PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila, the event drew an impressive attendance of 270 participants. Among these dedicated individuals were Bobby M. Natal, a Statistical Specialist II, and Engr. Mark Andrew Cesar, also a Statistical Specialist II, both esteemed members of the PSA Romblon team, alongside representatives from various regions.

"This training represents a pivotal milestone in our collective endeavor to gather vital information that will shape policies and initiatives for the betterment of our communities," remarked by National Statistician and Civil Registrar General Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD. during his message. "The Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System is integral to understanding our nation's demographics, service provision, and developmental needs. The dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by our participants underscore their commitment to this crucial national undertaking."

The collaborative nature of the training fostered knowledge exchange and networking opportunities among participants from diverse backgrounds, enriching the learning experience and strengthening inter-agency partnerships.

The successful conclusion of the Task Force Training marks a significant stride forward in ensuring the accuracy, reliability, and comprehensiveness of data collection initiatives vital for informed decision-making at local and national levels.



Undersecretary and National Statistician and General Civil Registrar Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD. (in front) as he emphasizes the significance of the 2024 Popcen and CBMS BPQ SFGP Map Generation in facilitating informed decision-making.



SS II Bobby M. Natal and SS II Engr. Mark Andrew Cesar as representatives of PSA-Romblon in the training.

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PSA Romblon conducted the Third Level Training on 2024 Census of Philippine Business and Industry (CPBI) and 2023 Input-Output Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (IOSPBI) held at PSA Romblon training room on April 22-26, 2024.

Statistical Specialist II Bobby M. Natal, and Assistant Statistician Fely F. Miñano, serves as the trainer for the five-day training.



PSA Romblon Conducts Third Level Training on 2024 Census of Philippine Business and Industry (CPBI) and 2023 Input-Output Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (IOSPBI)



Engr. Johnny F. Solis (left photo, in front) delivering his message and Assistant Statistician Fely F. Miñano (right photo, in yellow) giving instruction on how to compute the depreciation during the training.



The 2023 Census of Philippine Business and Industry (CPBI) will gather and generate data concerning the levels, structure, performance, and trends of economic activities among establishments in the economy for the year 2023.

Concurrently, the 2023 Input-Output Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (IOSPBI) aims to furnish a comprehensive set of statistical information essential for compiling the 2023 Input-Output (I-O) Table of the Philippines. Specifically, it will contribute to constructing the input structure and establishing the distribution of output for the 2023 I-O Table. The primary objective of the IOSPBI is to provide insight into the economic structure of output and intermediate consumption within industries across the economy.

The agency hired Four statistical researcher which will be the responsible to collect the needed data in the stratum sampled establishment in the whole province of Romblon.

Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Chief Statistical Specialist, emphasized the critical significance of the collected data in the generation of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Provincial Product Account. He underscored that these datasets must be comprehensive and dependable, as they will serve as fundamental inputs for local and national planners in shaping policies for the common good.

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PSA Romblon Enjoins Support for the Conduct Backyard Livestock and Poultry Surveys (BLPS) for April 2024 Round



SR Doblás (left photo) and SR Brioso (right photo) conducting interview with the BLPS sample households.



The Backyard Livestock and Poultry Survey (BLPS) is one of the major agricultural surveys conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). This survey aims to generate estimates on supply, disposition, average farmgate price, and other related data of livestock and poultry commodities at the household level.

Over the years, the PSA gathers the abovementioned information through Pen-and Paper Personal Interviewing (PAPI) method using a structured questionnaire.

SSS Fetalvero (in white shirt) as he validates the entries in tablet of SR Sediaco (in jersey).

To adapt appropriate technology in the generation of relevant and reliable livestock and poultry estimates, and to improve the cycle time in survey operations by eliminating processes such as printing of questionnaires, manual editing, and machine processing of questionnaires, the Livestock and Poultry Statistics Division (LPSD) together with the Systems Development Division (SDD) and Systems Quality Assurance Division (SQAD), enhanced the data collection method for Livestock and Poultry Surveys from PAPI to Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI).

CAPI is a face-to-face data collection method in which the interviewer uses a tablet or mobile phone to record answers of the respondent. The CAPI will be implemented as mode of data collection for BLPS starting first quarter of 2024.

The BLPS data collection is undertaken by trained hired Statistical Researchers (SRs) through face-to-face using CAPI on April 01-08, 2024, after which the data is uploaded for machine processing using the Agriculture and Fisheries Data Processing System (DPS).

For this survey round, Romblon has a total of 200 sample households distributed in the municipalities of Odiongan, San Agustin, Cajidiocan, Looc, Corcuera, Romblon and San Fernando.

In this regard, PSA Romblon enjoins sampled households to support the conduct of BLPS by providing the required information to authorized PSA Statistical Researchers (SRs) who will conduct the interview. The office also assures that all collected personal information are processed in accordance with the law and other issuances.

PSA Romblon Introduces Tablet-based Interviewing in Palay and Corn Production Surveys



SR Riza G. Villan conducts tablet-based interview to respondent in Concepcion Sur, Santa Maria, Romblon.

On the quarterly Agricultural Statistics Survey in April 2024, PSO Romblon introduced the first-ever data collection of the Palay and Corn Production Surveys (PCPS) with the use of the Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI). Using CAPI-enabled tablets for the April 2024 round, PSO Statistical Researchers surveyed 202 new set of samples for PPS and 130 new set samples for CPS distributed in different municipalities in the province in the islands of Tablas, Sibuyan, Corcuera and San Jose. The estimates for palay and corn for this round were based on the PCPS survey results for January to March 2024. Data collection was conducted from April 1-10, 2024.

Aside from the CAPI Applications, the PSA also implemented the use of the newest management information system and data processing system which enabled the PSO focal persons to process and tabulate data faster and more efficiently. To support the gathered data during the April 2024 PCPS surveys, supplementary data, including reports on planting and harvesting for palay and corn, as well as records of seed and fertilizer distribution by DA-RFO, were collected. Consequently, this auxiliary information was employed to further validate the obtained results. Additionally, the anticipated El Niño phenomenon was considered during the validation process.

PSA Romblon Facilitates Press Conference in March 2024 Inflation Report

Last April 16, 2024, the Philippine Statistics Authority -Romblon Provincial Statistical Office conducted Press Conference on the March 2024 Inflation Report on at PSA Romblon - Odiongan District Office, 2/F Kadbayan MPC Building, Brgy. Dapawan, Odiongan, Romblon.



CSS Solis during his discussion of March 2024 Inflation Report.

Mr. Awe Eranes of Radyo Natin-Odiongan, Mr. Paul Jaysent Fos of PIA Romblon, Mr. Al Fetalver, OIC-Provincial Agriculturist, Mr. Jun Fiedacan, Mr. Antonio Macalisang and Mr. Wilson Fortaleza of Romblon Sun, Engr. John Mark Tambalque of DA-APCO Romblon and Mr. Renny F. Fallargon from OPAg participated in the activity.

PSA Romblon Chief Statistical Specialist Engr. Johnny F. Solis served as the resource person for the event.

Romblon's year-on-year inflation rate accelerated to 7.0 percent in March 2024 compared to the 6.3 percent inflation rate in the previous month.



In frame, guests and participants during the Press Conference.



70 BRAP Beneficiaries Received SECPA Birth Certificates at San Jose



MCR Mondoy (left photo), CSS Solis (middle photo) and Hon. Mayor Sombilon (right photo) as they deliver their messages in the activity.



Oldest BRAP beneficiaries during the activity.



Awarding of SECPA Birth Certificates to siblings.

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office, in collaboration with the local government of San Jose, successfully distributed seventy (70) Certificate of Live Births in Security Paper (SECPA) under the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP).

BRAP beneficiaries from the barangays of Lanas, Combot, Busay, and Poblacion were catered at this distribution, which was held on 26 April 2024, at Barangay Poblacion Covered Court, San Jose, Romblon.

Through the joint efforts of PSA and the local government of San Jose, the project aimed to ensure that every individual had access to accurate birth records.

The successful distribution was spearheaded by PSA-Romblon Chief Statistical Specialist Engr. Johnny F. Solis and Registration Officer II Ms. Maria Cristina M. Uy together with Municipal Mayor of San Jose, Hon. Egdon Sombilon and Municipal Civil Registrar, Mr. Michael C. Mondoy.

Giving beneficiaries SECPA Birth Certificates is a significant improvement in BRAP, highlighting the dedication to providing residents with reliable documentation necessary for their rights and identity requirements.

PhilSys Romblon Continues to Reach Far-Flung Barangays

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office has registered 87.9 percent of its target for Philippine Identification System. 246, 311 Romblomanons have completed the registration process, as of 30 April 2024.

PhilSys registration process also continues in far-flung communities, particularly in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas.

PSA-Romblon literally crossed seas to reach more Romblonmanons for national ID registration. The registration strategy aims to register residents to have a safe and convenient registration that cannot easily go to PhilSys Registration Centers.

One (1) PhilSys team was able to successfully visit residents in the remote barangays of Agtongo, Alad, Cobrador and Logbon, all in the municipality of Romblon, through close coordination with barangay officials. The registration team offered services such as Step-2 registration, ePhilID issuance, PhilID tracking through PHLPost site, Transaction Reference Number (TRN) verification and retrieval, despite difficulties in transporting and transferring registration kits from one barrio to another and the lack of a reliable data network.

Aside from that, PSA-Romblon also offered biometric authentication of 4Ps beneficiaries using the PhilSys Authentication Application.

The PhilSys authentication service is only one among undertakings of the PSA with the DSWD for identification and validation of its beneficiaries of 4Ps.



Transporting of registration kit to Brgy. Agtongo, Romblon, Romblon (right photo).



RA Mazo as he transports registration kit to Brgy. Alad, Romblon, Romblon.



4Ps authentication at Brgy. Cobrador, Romblon, Romblon (left photo) and PhilSys registration at Brgy. Logbon, Romblon, Romblon (right photo).



Monthly Farm Survey Resumes April 2024 Round in Five Municipalities

Two (2) statistical researchers continued to conduct monthly Farm Price Survey data collection for five municipalities including Alcantara, Looc, Odiongan, San Agustin and San Andres using PAPI.

The Monthly Farm Price Survey is nationwide household-based survey designed to gather data on prices received by farmers for their produce and prices paid for the pesticides they used in their farms.

PSA, meanwhile, guarantees that the data provided by sample respondents will be treated with utmost confidentiality because it fully complies with Republic Act No. 10173, also known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012, which aims to protect personal data in government and private sector information and communication systems.



SR Sediaco as he interviews farmer as one of the samples in the Farm Price Survey.

PSA Romblon Joined Odiongan 2024 Job Fair



The preliminary screening procedure were streamlined during the activity.

A total of thirty-nine (39) applicants for the upcoming 2024 Census of Population (POPCEN) and Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) and were catered.

Additionally, civil registration and PhilSys flyers were distributed. Meanwhile, ROII Uy entertained concerns on vital documents of clients.

PSA Romblon participated in Odiongan Job Fair last April 3, 2024 at Odiongan Covered Court, as part of municipality's 177th Founding Anniversary. ROII Maria Cristina M. Uy, SA Janine May D. Garcia, AAVI Judy Ann S. Bancoro and COSW Mark John F. Salvador were present during the activity.

This activity aims to have opportunity to speak with applicants face-to-face, evaluate their communication abilities, and determine how enthusiastic they are about the position and organization.



In frame, applicants of PSA at Odiongan 2024 Job Fair.

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