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Province-wide National ID Registration for Senior Citizens: The PSA Romblon Initiative

In its continued efforts to make the National Identification System more accessible, the Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office has launched a province-wide special registration drive through the National ID on Wheels and other senior-focused initiatives. These aimed at reaching elderly locals, especially those who are immobile or have difficulty traveling.

In Romblon island, PSA registration personnel partnered with the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs with the guidance of OSCA President Mrs. Semie Mallen to conduct the National ID on Wheels initiative. This mobile registration campaign which began in May and is currently ongoing, prioritizes bedridden social pension beneficiaries who are unable to visit designated registration centers due to medical or mobility constraints.



In Santa Fe, a special on-site registration was conducted at the town's covered court from June 09 to 14, in collaboration with the Local Civil Registrar Office led by MCR Jacqueline Mayor. This initiative allowed more seniors to conveniently complete their Step 2 registration.

Meanwhile, in the island municipality of Banton, field personnel brought registration services directly to the homes of immobile senior citizens with the assistance of local barangay officials, reaching those living far from the town proper.

This registration campaign has already resulted in the successful registration of senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs), including two centenarians: a 100-year-old resident from Romblon and a 101-year-old from Santa Fe which indicates the program's reach.



Throughout June 2025, and possibly extending into the following months, PSA Romblon will continue the initiative across all 17 municipalities of the province. The National ID on Wheels is expected to reach elderlies with schedules adjusted based on local needs and logistical conditions.



PSA Romblon encourages the public to assist elderly family members in preparing necessary documents such as a birth certificate, Senior Citizen ID, or any valid government-issued ID required for the Step 2 registration process.

Enhancing Skills: PSA Romblon Takes Part in Trainings/Workshop

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office successfully attended a series of trainings aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills of its personnel.

On 03-05 June 2025, PSA Romblon was represented by Engr. Jane G. Rotoni, Statistical Analyst for the Provincial Product Accounts, at the Training-Workshop on PSA-LGU Data Sharing Business Register Project. The event was held at 24/F Multi-Purpose Hall, PSA Headquarter, PSA Complex, Dililman, Quezon City.



The training – workshop aims to build the capacity of PSA Field Offices in generating statistical tables using data extracted from the LGU Business Registers, improve knowledge of the structure, formatting, and standards required in official statistical tables, introduce effective techniques in visualizing statistical data, and facilitate hands-on learning through guided workshops and collaborative output generation.

The SBR not only serves as the central sampling frame for business surveys, but it also plays a central role in the integrated collection and compilation of economic statistics, from which detailed and interlinked indicators can be derived. We need SBR to address the growing demand for high quality and more granular economic statistics.

Meanwhile, on 17-19 June 2025, PSA Romblon Supervising Statistical Specialist Engr. Dandy H. Fetalvero attended the Training of Cereals Focal Person on the Use of R program for the estimation of Palay and Corn Production, Rice and Corn Stocks Inventories, Confidence Interval and Coefficient of Variations held at 24/F Multi-Purpose Hall, PSA Headquarter, PSA Complex, Dililman, Quezon City.



The objective of the training is to equip the Cereals Focal Persons in the estimation of palay and corn production, rice and corn stocks inventories, CI, and CV using R.

Specifically, it aims to capacitate the Cereals Focal Persons from RSSOs and PSOs on the concept of measures of precision – its definition, uses, and techniques on proper data analysis; to demonstrate the use of R in the generation of provincial and regional estimates on palay and corn production, and rice and corn stocks inventories with CI and CV; and to enhance the skills of Cereals Focal Persons from RSSOs and PSOs in performing data analysis of production and stocks estimates using measures of precision.

Then, Senior Statistical Specialist Gerald M. Morada and Statistical Analyst Jane G. Rotoni participated in the Training-Workshop on Data to Compilation of Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) last 17-19 June, 2025 at PSA Headquarters, East Avenue, Quezon City. The activity was conducted in preparation for the 2024 PPA Dissemination Fora scheduled on September–October 2025.

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Batch 1 of the workshop included representatives from the National Capital Region, the Cordillera Administrative Region, Regions I, II, III, IV-A, V, and MIMAROPA.

The three-day workshop aimed to enhance the technical skills and competencies of regional and provincial staff in the generation and analysis of Provincial Product Accounts. The training sessions covered a comprehensive set of topics, beginning with the overview of the System of National Accounts and the responsibilities of PPA personnel. Participants were introduced to the methodologies for linking benchmark and non-benchmark estimates, using the single extrapolation method, and identifying major data sources in the estimation of PPA.



Hands-on workshops focused on the processing of data from Business Permit and Licensing Offices (BPLOs), as well as the use of financial records from the Commission on Audit (COA), Annual Budget Reports (ABR), and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures (SRE). The final day of the training involved presentation of outputs, analysis of results, and strategic discussions on the next steps for provincial implementation.

This training is part of PSA's continuing efforts in the institutionalization of PPA as a tool for localized economic planning and policy development. PSA Romblon's participation plays a vital role in the upcoming 2024 PPA Dissemination Fora scheduled in October 2025, where updated economic indicators for the province will be shared with local stakeholders.

Romblon Provincial Statistics Committee Passes Seven (7) Key Resolutions Anew

The Romblon Provincial Statistics Committee (RPSC) successfully convened its 2nd Quarter 2025 Meeting at Conference Hall, Capitol Building, Brgy. Capaclan, Romblon, Romblon on 25 June 2025.



Facilitated by Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office, in collaboration with the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO) of Romblon, the meeting was chaired by PGDH-PPDO Willard B. Mortos, EnP, MNSA, the RPSC Chairperson.

RPSC members, participants and representatives from the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), Provincial Social and Development Office (PSWDO), Provincial Engineering Office (PEO), Philippine National Police (PNP), Provincial Tourism Office (PTO), and Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO).

PSA-Romblon employees who served as presenters were Supervising Statistical Specialist Engr. Dandy H. Fetalvero, Senior Statistical Specialist Gerald M. Morada, Statistical Analyst Joy Florence M. Motin, Registration Officer I Engr. Mariel V. Fallarcuna, and CBMS Statistical Specialist II Engr. Mark Andrew F. Cesar.

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The following resolutions were approved by the committee:

1) **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-008** - ENJOINING ROMBLON PROVINCIAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE (RPSC) MEMBER AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF JULY 2025 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS) AND THE 2025 FAMILY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURVEY (FIES) VISIT 1

2) **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-009** - ENJOINING ROMBLON PROVINCIAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE (RPSC) MEMBER AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF 2025 COMMODITY FLOW SURVEY OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

3) **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-010** - ENJOINING ROMBLON PROVINCIAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE (RPSC) MEMBER AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE CONSOLIDATION AND COMPILATION OF MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS FROM APPROVED BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY THE LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS (LBOS) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS)

4) **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-011** - ENJOINING ROMBLON PROVINCIAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE (RPSC) MEMBER AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF 2025 RETAIL PRICE SURVEY (RPS) OF SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR THE GENERATION OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

5) **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-012** - ENJOINING ROMBLON PROVINCIAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE (RPSC) MEMBER AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF 2025 QUARTERLY SURVEY OF PHILIPPINE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY (QSPBI) OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

6) **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-013** - ENJOINING ROMBLON PROVINCIAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE (RPSC) MEMBER AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF 2025 UPDATING OF LIST OF AGRICULTURAL FARM OPERATORS (ULAFO) AND LISTING OF MARINE FISH LANDING CENTERS (LMFLC) OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

7) **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-014** - ENJOINING ROMBLON PROVINCIAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE (RPSC) MEMBER AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM (CBMS) REGIONAL CONVENTION AND REGIONAL DATA FESTIVAL IN PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PALAWAN



The approval of the said resolutions reflected the continuous support of member agencies in the improvement of the statistical endeavors in the province of Romblon. The RPSC was established in the province to provide direction and guidance to provincial/local statistical development activities. It shall serve as the policy-making body on statistical matters and shall serve as the venue for discussions and resolution of statistical issues at the local level.

PSA Romblon Continues June Round and Second Quarter Surveys

The Philippine Statistics Authority- Romblon Provincial Statistical Office continued its statistical operations for second quarter and June round surveys.

On 09-11 June 2025, PSA Romblon held the Third Level Operational Training for the Second Quarter 2025 Surveys on Palay and Corn Production, Rice and Corn Stocks Surveys for Households and Commercial Establishments, as well as Livestock and Poultry Surveys, in the province of Romblon.



This round of the mentioned agriculture statistics training program was led by Supervising Statistical Specialist Engr. Dandy H. Fetalvero and Statistical Analyst Joy Florence M. Motin to ensure that the surveys would be carried out effectively and efficiently across the province.

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For the conduct of second quarter 2025 Livestock and Poultry Survey: Establishment (LPS:E), the data collection is undertaken by trained hired Statistical Researchers (SRs) through face-to-face using Computer Aided Personal Interviewing (CAPI) on June 27-30, 2025, after which the data is uploaded for machine processing using the Agriculture and Fisheries Data Processing System (DPS).



Then, on 05-07 June 2025, PSA Romblon conducted a three-day operational training from for the second quarter 2025 Fisheries and Crops Production Survey at the PSA District Office, Odiongan, Romblon.

The training was aimed at equipping field personnel with the necessary knowledge and skills for effective data collection. The Quarterly Inland and Aquaculture Fisheries Surveys gathers data on the volume and price of species harvested by inland fishing households and aquafarms across the twelve (12) municipalities in the province.



Concurrently, the Crops Production Survey—one of PSA's major agricultural data collection activities—seeks to generate estimates on crop production volume, area planted or harvested, number of bearing trees/hills/vines, and farmgate prices for various crops (excluding palay and corn).

Sampled farm operators from fourteen (14) municipalities in the province of Romblon were visited to provide data, which is essential for informed policy-making and agricultural development planning.

Furthermore, due to the dispersed sample barangays for the June 2025 Labor Force Survey, three (3) Statistical Researchers (SRs) were involved in the conduct of the data collection last 08-28 June 2025 in selected municipalities of the province.



The LFS is a nationwide survey conducted by the PSA to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. The results of the survey will provide high frequency statistical information on the nation's labor market and better understanding on the current situation of employment and economy of the Philippines.

Trained statistical researchers (SRs) used a Computer-Aided Personal Interview (CAPI) data collection system to eligible respondents located at the municipalities of Corcuera, Ferrol, Odiongan, Romblon (Capital), San Agustin and San Jose.

PSA Romblon enjoins the support of the public, especially the sample households, by providing the required information to authorized PSA field personnel during interviews. All information obtained from this survey will be kept strictly confidential as stipulated in Section 26 of RA 10625 (Confidentiality of Information) and Section 8 of RA 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (Confidentiality) and will not be used for taxation, investigation, or law enforcement purposes.

56 BRAP Beneficiaries Received SECPA in Santa Fe + 23 Couples Unite in Mass Wedding

In another significant step towards strengthening civil registration and providing essential legal documents to underserved communities, 56 beneficiaries of the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) in Santa Fe, Romblon received their Certificate of Live Births (COLBs) in Security Paper (SECPA) during an awarding ceremony on 20 June 2025 at the 2/F Training Center, Municipal Building, Brgy. Poblacion, Santa Fe, Romblon.

The awarding ceremony was graced by Hon. Elsie D. Visca, Municipal Mayor of Sta. Fe, Romblon and Ms. Jacqueline B. Mayor, Municipal Civil Registrar. PSA Romblon was represented by Ms. Maria Cristina M. Uy, Registration Officer II, and Birth Registration Coordinator Ms. Gwendolyn S. Fajanilan. In her message, Mayor Visca emphasized the importance of birth registration as a fundamental human right and a vital step toward accessing government services, education, and social protection. *“This event marks not only the issuance of documents but the recognition of every individual’s identity and rights,”* she said.



Ms. Jacqueline B. Mayor, Municipal Civil Registrar, also shared assurance that the local government of Sta. Fe is committed to ensuring that every resident is registered.

Meanwhile, ROII Uy reaffirmed the agency’s dedication to reaching unregistered Filipinos across the country. The beneficiaries expressed their gratitude for the initiative, noting how having their birth certificates will open new opportunities for education, employment, and government assistance.



Then, on the same day, love was in the air as twenty-three (23) couples officially tied the knot during the Kasalang Bayan held in Santa Fe Multi-Purpose Building, NICMO Farm, Sitio Sambiray, Brgy. Magsaysay, Santa Fe, Romblon, an activity initiated by the Local Government of Santa Fe led by the Local Civil Registry Office.



Hon. Elsie D. Visca officiated the wedding ceremony of the couples, assisted by Pastor Gina Rufon-Isagan. The Kasalang Bayan is a continuing program that aims to support couples who have long wished to legalize their union but have been hindered by financial constraints.

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The program provides free marriage licenses, certificates, and officiating services, ensuring every couple's union is legally recognized. *"Marriage is not only a celebration of love and commitment, it is also the foundation for strong families and stronger communities. Today, we not only witness love being affirmed, but also uphold every couple's right to be recognized under the law"*, Mayor Visca shared.



ROII Uy expressed her support for the initiative, commending the LGU's dedication to both legal documentation and the social welfare of its constituents. She emphasized that civil registration, including marriage, is vital to accessing various rights and services from the government. The ceremony was followed by a simple yet joyful reception where the newlyweds celebrated with their families and fellow couples.

Smiles, laughter, and tears of joy filled the venue as each couple received their marriage certificates and tokens from the LGU.

Assessing Progress: PSA Romblon Conducts 2025 Mid-Year Performance Review Sessions

The PSA-Romblon successfully conducted its 2025 Mid-Year Performance Review Sessions on 26-27 June 2025 at the 3/F Navarrete Bldg., Multi-Purpose Room, PSA Romblon Provincial Statistical Office, Barangay II (Pob.), Romblon, Romblon. This activity aimed to assess the accomplishments of the office during the first semester of the year, evaluate gaps and challenges encountered, and strengthen plans and strategies for the remaining half of 2025.

The activity commenced with an opening message delivered by the Chief Statistical Specialist, Engr. Johnny F. Solis, emphasizing the importance of performance reviews in fostering accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement in public service delivery.



On the first day, each focal person presented the progress of their respective operations, activities, and projects from January to June 2025. Key areas discussed included the status of statistical and civil registration operations, and administrative matters including financial and human resource updates.



The review also highlighted issues and concerns encountered in field operations and administrative processes. These were discussed collaboratively to develop appropriate solutions and actionable recommendations.

Moreover, PSA Romblon conducted a re-echoed Finance and Administrative Support (FAS) Training. This activity aimed to cascade the key learnings and updates from the regional training to all concerned personnel at the provincial level.

The training was initiated to ensure uniform understanding and compliance with financial and administrative policies.

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The activity was facilitated by PSA employees who had previously attended the training conducted by PSA RSSO MIMAROPA. They presented essential topics such as property, procurement, human resource and finance.



The sessions were delivered through a mix of presentations, open forums, and scenario-based discussions. PSA employees were given the opportunity to ask questions and clarify procedures based on real situations encountered in the workplace.

On the second day, strategic planning was conducted to align upcoming targets and initiatives with the agency's national directives and priorities for the second semester and upcoming years. PSA Romblon identified key focus areas and committed to implementing innovations and efficiency measures for better delivery of PSA mandates.



The 2025 Mid-Year Performance Review Sessions concluded on a positive note with a closing message of appreciation and encouragement from Supervising Statistical Specialist Engr. Dandy H. Fetalvero, reinforcing the shared goal of sustaining PSA Romblon's commitment to data quality, integrity, and public service excellence.

Celebrating New Beginnings: PSA Romblon Joins Oath-taking Ceremony of Newly Elected Provincial Officials

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Romblon, represented by CSS Johnny F. Solis and SSS Dandy H. Fetalvero, took part in the Oath-taking Ceremony of the newly elected Governor and Provincial Officials of Romblon held on 30 June 2025, at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, Brgy. Capaclan, Romblon, Romblon.



The event gathered various leaders and stakeholders from national and local government agencies, signifying unity and support for the new administration. Governor Trina Alejandra Firmalo-Fabic, the first lady Governor of the province, officially took her oath of office along with the elected Vice Governor and Provincial Board Members.

The presence of PSA Romblon at the ceremony symbolizes the agency's continued commitment to working hand in hand with the provincial government in promoting good governance through data-driven policies and responsive civil registration, statistical and national identification services.

The PSA looks forward to a strengthened partnership with the Provincial Government of Romblon as it embarks on a new chapter of leadership and progress for the Romblomanons.

