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Celebrating 2025 National Women's Month

March of every year is declared as National Women's Month.

With the goal of fostering a society where all women have equal rights, power, and opportunities, the 2025 National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) carries the theme: *"Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas."*

The PSO Romblon supports the celebration and conducted various activities to empower women, promote gender equality, and ensure equitable access to resources and opportunities.

Lecture on Basic Life Support and Basic Fire Safety

In celebration of the 2025 National Women's Month, with the theme, *"Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas,"* and in alignment with the observance of the 2025 National Fire Prevention Month this March, the Philippine Statistics Authority - Romblon Provincial Statistical Office requested the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) – Romblon to conduct a series of essential training and awareness activities at 3/F Multi-Purpose Room, PSO Romblon, Brgy. II (Pob.), Romblon, Romblon.

On 24 March 2025, BFP Romblon, under the leadership of FO3 Cathlen May M Gutierrez, conducted a comprehensive session which included a Basic Fire Safety Lecture, Basic Life Support Lecture, and a Fire Safety Drill.

The session began with FO3 Gutierrez leading a lecture on the fundamental techniques for performing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation across different age groups. She also provided important instructions on how to assist choking victims, ensuring that the employees were well-equipped with essential life-saving skills.



Following this, FO3 Jerwell M Menorca delivered a detailed discussion on fire safety. He explained the various types of fires, the elements that contribute to their ignition, and the appropriate fire extinguishers and techniques required to combat each fire type effectively. This segment provided PSA Romblon employees with a thorough understanding of fire safety measures, enabling them to respond properly in the event of a fire emergency.



To wrap up the training, FO3 Fierry John M Villanueva introduced the protocols for earthquake and fire drills, emphasizing the importance of preparedness in case of natural disasters. The session culminated in a hands-on fire safety drill, where PSA Romblon employees participated actively in the simulation of a real fire emergency. This exercise provided staff with the opportunity to apply what they had learned and practice vital fire-fighting techniques, ensuring they were better prepared for potential fire-related incidents.

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This event not only commemorated National Women's Month but also reinforced the significance of fire safety and emergency preparedness in the workplace, aligning with the ongoing efforts to promote safety and well-being for all.

Seminar Safeguarding Women's Rights and Mental Health Management in the Workplace

The Philippine Statistics Authority Romblon Provincial Statistical Office invited resource speakers from Romblon State University (RSU) – Romblon Campus to conduct lectures on Republic Act (RA) 8972 or An Act Providing for Benefits and Privileges to Solo Parents and Their Children, RA 11648 or An Act Raising the Age of Sexual Consent from 12 to 16 Years Old, RA 11210 or An Act Increasing the Maternity Leave Period to One Hundred Five (105) Days, and a session on Mental Health Management in the Workplace for PSA Romblon staff. This session, conducted on 26 March 2025, not only clarified the provisions of the law but also underscored the importance of legal protection for women's health and their role in the workforce.

Two insightful sessions were held on the morning, focusing on crucial topics aimed at enhancing the well-being of employees and addressing important legal matters for women. Dr. Ruel Virgil M. Adriguez, PhD, the Campus Director of RSU Romblon, led a session on Mental Health Management in the Workplace. In his presentation, Dr. Adriguez shed light on the major stressors that employees commonly face in the workplace, exploring the various factors that contribute to mental health challenges. He also provided practical strategies and interventions aimed at improving mental health for both employees and individuals dealing with mental health issues, emphasizing the importance of a supportive environment and mind-setting in fostering psychological well-being.



Following that, Ms. Joy Mariz M. Mindoro-Mesana, the Campus Dean of Instruction, delivered a comprehensive lecture on Republic Act 11210, also known as the 105-Day Expanded Maternity Leave Law. During her lecture, Dean Mindoro-Mesana thoroughly discussed the legal framework, explaining the rights, coverage, and the wide range of benefits that women can access under this law.



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She highlighted how RA 11210 is designed to empower women by providing extended maternity leave, which supports both their physical recovery and the well-being of their newborns. This session not only clarified the provisions of the law but also underscored the importance of legal protection for women's health and their role in the workforce.



The afternoon session began with an enlightening lecture on Republic Act 11648, delivered by Ms. Angelica Gem M. Madrona, the Assistant Campus Director for Personnel Affairs. In her presentation, Ms. Madrona provided a thorough overview of the significant provisions of RA 11648, which notably raised the age of sexual consent in the Philippines from 12 years old to 16 years old. She discussed the implications of this change in the law, emphasizing how it seeks to better protect minors from sexual exploitation and abuse.

Ms. Madrona explained the rationale behind the law, highlighting the importance of safeguarding the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of young individuals by ensuring that they are legally recognized as incapable of consenting to sexual activity before reaching the age of 16. The lecture also covered the broader societal impact of this law, aiming to foster a safer environment for children and promote accountability for offenders.

To conclude the series of lectures, Ms. Monica M. Glori, the Assistant Campus Director for Support Services, took the floor to deliver an insightful presentation on RA 8972, also known as An Act Providing for Benefits and Privileges to Solo Parents and Their Children.

In her lecture, Ms. Glori thoroughly explored the legal framework of the law, outlining its significance in supporting solo parents and ensuring they receive the necessary assistance and recognition.

She delved into the specific provisions of RA 8972, emphasizing the range of benefits available to solo parents, such as parental leave, livelihood programs, and discounts on various essential services and goods. These provisions are designed to help ease the financial and emotional burdens faced by solo parents while promoting their ability to effectively care for and provide for their children.



This event not only commemorated National Women's Month but also reinforced the significance of employees' welfare, particularly those of women, in the workplace.

Data Appreciation Session for BFP Personnel

On 31 March 2025, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Romblon held a data appreciation session for the personnel of the Bureau of Fire Protection – Romblon Fire Station (BFP-RFS), marking an important event in line with the observance of National Fire Prevention Month and National Women's Month for 2025.

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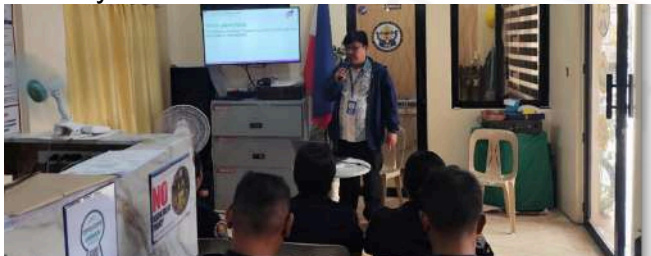
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The session was led by Chief Statistical Specialist Engr. Johnny F. Solis, along with the Statistical Unit team comprising Senior Statistical Specialist Mr. Gerald M. Morada, Statistical Analyst Ms. Joy Florence M. Motin, and Assistant Statistician Ms. Judy Ann S. Bancoro.



In his opening address, CSS Solis underscored the significance of fostering strong inter-agency collaborations to enhance the development and accessibility of local-level statistics. He emphasized the need for cooperation in ensuring that relevant data is readily available for various sectors, including the fire protection services.

SA Motin followed with a thoughtful remark on the Bureau of Fire Protection's role in promoting gender equality, especially among uniformed personnel, in response to societal discussions on gender roles and the growing recognition of gender inclusivity in traditionally male-dominated fields.



Then, SrSS Morada presented the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) findings, including birth, marriage, and death statistics, gender disaggregation, labor statistics, and visual maps of housing characteristics and demographic data, providing valuable insights into demographic trends in Romblon province.

The BFP-RFS personnel were interested in the shared data, which they deemed relevant for their research and planning activities. They highlighted the importance of data on housing characteristics and evacuation sites for disaster response and community outreach.

PSA Romblon also provided an opportunity to familiarize BFP personnel with public services like civil registration and the National ID system. CSS Solis addressed questions about civil registration processes, including name correction and processing.

The event concluded with a productive exchange of ideas and underscored the importance of data in improving public service delivery. The session strengthened collaboration efforts to use accurate statistics for local communities and government agencies.

Free Issuance of Civil Registry Documents at CRS Odiongan Outlet

Last 28 March 2025, in celebration of the 2025 National Women's Month, PSA Romblon issued free civil registry documents to the first ten women clients in the Civil Registry System (CRS) - Odiongan Outlet.

The program was facilitated by Statistical Analyst Ms. Janine May D. Garcia and Registration Officer I Ms. Maria Cristina M. Uy.



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2025 NWM Culminating Activity

On 31 March 2025, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Romblon held a lively and engaging culminating activity to mark the successful observance of the 2025 National Women's Month.

The event was designed to celebrate the achievements of women and to foster a spirit of teamwork and camaraderie among the participants.

One of the highlights of the program was a fun and interactive guessing game called "PSA Says," which was modeled after the popular television game show, Family Feud.



CSS Solis led the game, where participants from PSA Romblon, on-the-job trainees from Romblon State University – Sawang Campus, and mappers working on the ongoing Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) project came together for a friendly competition. The staff were divided into groups, each tasked with answering trivia questions focused on women's issues and accomplishments. The game was both educational and entertaining, providing a platform to highlight key topics related to women's rights, gender equality, and the significant contributions women have made throughout history.



Following the "PSA Says" game, the program included a number-based challenge where each group member was assigned a specific number to solve a problem. This activity tested problem-solving skills and encouraged quick thinking and collaboration.

The final game was a puzzle challenge where participants raced against time to complete a picture puzzle. The puzzle game was a crowd favorite, with everyone working together to finish it before time ran out.



As a token of appreciation for their participation and spirited efforts, each winning group received a small prize during the concluding ceremony.

The event not only celebrated the spirit of National Women's Month but also fostered a sense of unity and teamwork among the PSA Romblon staff and their colleagues from various partner organizations. It was a day filled with fun, learning, and appreciation for the remarkable contributions of women to society.

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PSA Romblon Engages in Caravan Activities

On 17-18 March 2025, during the celebration of the 124th Foundation Day and 80th Liberation Day of the province of Romblon, a series of activities were held with the participation of offices of various agencies, including the Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office, with the objective of bringing services closer to Romblomanons.

The PSA Romblon, in collaboration with the PSA Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) MIMAROPA, successfully held the Civil Registry System Mobile Outlet service at G/F Capitol Building, Brgy. Capaclan, Romblon, Romblon, offers residents convenient access to essential civil registration services.



The Mobile CRS Outlet, which enables the same-day release of requested papers, allows locals to request civil registry documents with less effort, time, and expense to obtain important documents including CENOMAR, CENODEATH, Birth, Marriage, and Death certificates.

Also, PSA Romblon provided National ID services during the activity, offering Step-2 registration, ePhilID issuance, and Transaction Reference Number (TRN) verification and retrieval, and assistance in the generation of the Digital National ID.

During the two-day event, 435 transactions on civil registry documents were processed. Meanwhile, a total of 52 registrants were enrolled in National ID.

Furthermore, on 19-20 March 2025, PSA Romblon engaged in caravan events in the municipality of Looc to commemorate its 151st Foundation Day. This initiative was made possible through the support of the Local Government Unit (LGU) and the Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) of Looc.

PSA Romblon catered requests for certified copy issuance of civil registry documents and provided National ID services.



The local community responded well to the event, with a total of 143 facilitated requests of civil registry documents and 34 registrants enrolled to National ID. Locals conveyed gratitude for the expedited procedure, highlighting how PSA's continuous outreach initiatives improve the provision of public services.

The PSA-Romblon remains committed to bringing essential services closer to the community, particularly to those in remote areas. This initiative reinforces the PSA's mission to enhance access to civil registry services and National ID for all citizens.

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Participation of PSA Romblon in Second Level Trainings

In the month of March, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)- Romblon attended series of second level operational training on various surveys.

On 04-06 March 2025, the second level training on Crops Production Survey was conducted at PSA RSSO MIMAROPA Training Room, Camilmil, Calapan City Oriental Mindoro.

The training was participated by twelve (12) participants coming from the provincial offices. Mr. Oscar H. Gatpandan and Mr. Dennis Hilario served as the trainers for the three-day training.

The general purpose of the CrPS is to generate estimates on the volume of production, area planted/harvested, number of bearing trees/hills/vines, and farmgate prices for crops other than palay and corn at the national and sub-national levels. The data generated from CrPS are inputs to the Value of Production in Philippine Agriculture and Fisheries, and accordingly to the preparation of the Gross Domestic Product.



Statistical Analyst Ms. Janine May D. Garcia, Provincial Focal Person and Assistant Statistician Engr. Reniel F. Fabro, alternate Assistant Provincial Focal Person attended the training as representative of PSA Romblon.

Then, the second level training on 2025 Livestock and Poultry Surveys was held at RSSO MIMAROPA Conference Room, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on March 11-13, 2025.



The training aims to orient and capacitate the livestock and poultry focal persons from field offices on the updated survey field operations and enhancement on the survey instruments, and modifications in the survey titles and to test the systems and solicit feedback reports for the finalization of CAPI applications. It also highlighted the updates in accomplishing the 2025 Livestock and Poultry Farmgate Prices Aggregating System (LPFPAS) and Electronic Date Review Worksheet (EDRW).

Statistical Specialist II Ms. Lea R. Ricamata from the Livestock and Poultry Statistics Division of the Central office; Senior Statistical Specialist Mr. Theodore John M. Del Mundo from RSSO MIMAROPA and Statistical Specialist II Mr. Eric O. Odsinada from PSO Palawan served as trainers for this three-day training.

The participants of this training will also serve as trainers for the provincial level training, hence it is expected to have a comprehensive understanding of all the survey concepts and methodologies, field operational procedures, enhancement on the survey instruments, post survey activities and the use of CAPI application as mode of data collection.

SSS Engr. Dandy H. Fetalvero and SSII Mr. Bobby M. Natal attended this training for PSA Romblon.

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Moreover, PSA Romblon attended the conduct of second level training on 2024 Annual Survey of Philippine Business & Industry (ASPBI) and 2025 Survey on Information and Communications Technology (SICT) at RSSO MIMAROPA, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on 24-28 March 2025.

Participants from PSO Romblon were SSII Bobby M. Natal and PPA-SA Jane G. Rotoni.



The 2024 ASPBI & 2025 SICT aims to collect and generate information on the levels, structure, performance, and trends of economic activities of the economy for the year. The uses of the data collected from the 2024 ASPBI & 2025 SICT will serve as bases from which the government and private sector formulate policies and economic development plans.

More BRAP Beneficiaries Received Free SECPA Birth Certificates

On 20 March 2025, the Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon conducted two batches of awarding of free Certificates of Live Birth (COLB) in Security Paper (SECPA) to Birth Registration Assistance Project (PBRAP) beneficiaries.

The initiative underscores the intensification of birth registration efforts among the marginalized population.

Representatives from PSO Romblon who facilitated the awarding ceremonies were Chief Statistical Specialist Engr. Johnny F. Solis and Registration Officer I Engr. Mariel V. Fallarcuna.

In the morning, the ceremony held at Municipal Bldg., Brgy. Poblacion, Looc, Romblon was participated by Municipal Mayor Hon. Atty. Lisette Arboleda and OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar Ms. May Noval.



In total, thirty-three (33) BRAP beneficiaries received free SECPA Birth Certificates.

In the afternoon, thirty (30) BRAP beneficiaries from the barangays of Bonga, Concepcion Norte, San Isidro and Paroyhog were catered at this distribution, which was held at 3/F Municipal Bldg., Brgy. Concepcion Norte, Sta. Maria, Romblon.



The successful event was spearheaded by Municipal Vice Mayor of Sta. Maria, Hon. Roland Lagueza and Municipal Civil Registrar Ms. Geraldine Visca.

Delivering reliable and accessible civil registration services to all Filipinos is still the PSA's unwavering aim. Through the project's free SECPA copies, beneficiaries are assisted in obtaining vital documentation that is necessary to receive government services such as healthcare, education, and employment, etc.

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Orientation for the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Geotagging Operations of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP) and Listing of Building Construction in the Municipality of Concepcion

The Philippine Statistics Authority- Romblon Provincial Statistical Office conducted orientation for the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) Geotagging Operations for Service Facilities of Government Projects (SFGP) and Listing of Building Constructions on 26 March 2025 via Zoom.



The SFGP orientation was participated by the barangay officials and their representatives, staff from the Local Government Unit of Concepcion, Municipal Planning and Development Office headed by Ms. Noemi F. Ferriol and Map Data Collector Welmark Tabuna of the PSA Romblon.

This undertaking, which serves as a successor to the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS SFGP Listing activity conducted from May to June 2024, aims to collect and process data that can be used in generating thematic and poverty maps, serving as effective tools for subsequent planning and program implementation and to come up with programs and monitor impact for economic development and poverty alleviation.

Furthermore, the Listing of Building Constructions (LoBC) activity is being simultaneously conducted with the geotagging of the SFGP to gather data on the number, type, value, and period of construction activity, including building permit information.

PSA Romblon Conducts March Round and First Quarter Surveys

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

For March round of 2025 Labor Force Survey (LFS)/Jobs and Skills Survey (JSS), trained statistical researchers uses a Computer-Aided Personal Interview (CAPI) data collection system to 96 sample households located at the municipalities of Alcantara, Corcuera, Ferrol, Odiongan, and San Agustin. has a total of 96 sample households in the province.



The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationwide household-based survey conducted by the PSA to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. Meanwhile, the Jobs and Skills Survey (JSS), a rider survey to the March 2025 LFS, is jointly undertaken by the PSA and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It is a nationwide survey which aims to collect critical data on employment, skills, and labor conditions which will enhance the understanding of national and regional labor markets, contributing to a more informed and effective policy intervention.

For the first quarter 2025 operations on Livestock and Poultry Survey: Establishment (LPS:E), formerly Commercial Livestock and Poultry Survey, Romblon has a total of 20 sample establishments distributed in the municipalities of Odiongan, San Agustin, Magdiwang, Santa Fe, and San Andres.

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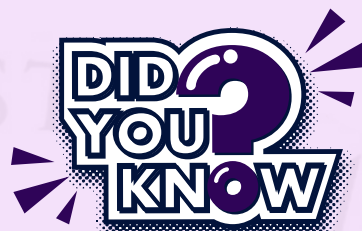
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This survey aims to generate estimates on supply, disposition, average farmgate price, and other related data of livestock and poultry commodities from establishments.

Then, in the March 2025 Monthly Fisheries Survey, statistical researchers, there were three (3) landing centers being monitored in commercial fisheries particularly in the municipalities of Odiongan, San Agustin and Romblon. Meanwhile, for municipal fisheries, hired SRs will do the data collections in the fourteen (14) landing centers located in the municipalities of Banton, Corcuera, Alcantara, Magdiwang, San Fernando, Romblon, San Agustin, Calatrava, San Andres and Odiongan.



The monthly fisheries survey aims to generate volume and value of production on commercial and marine municipal fisheries production by species and by quarter at the national, regional, and provincial levels. The statistics generated through the conduct of fisheries surveys serve as input to the compilation of national accounts, estimation of the performance of agriculture, research and studies, policymaking, and program implementation.



2025 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

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Alicia Capa-Fetalvero won 1st Place as the **DSWD REGIONAL (MIMAROPA) Ulirang Nakakatanda Awardee** in 2023.

She currently serves as the **Senior Citizen Federation President** in Calatrava, Romblon, and is the **only recorded female Vice Governor of Romblon**, having held the position from 2007 to 2010.

Elma Muros-Posadas

dubbed as the “**Long Jump Queen of the Philippines**” and was a **2-time Olympian** and a **15-time Southeast Asian Games gold medalist**, was born in **Magdiwang, Romblon** on 14 January 1967.



Jennivev “Nene” Santillan Tamayo

was the **first Pinoy Big Brother Season 1 Big Winner**.

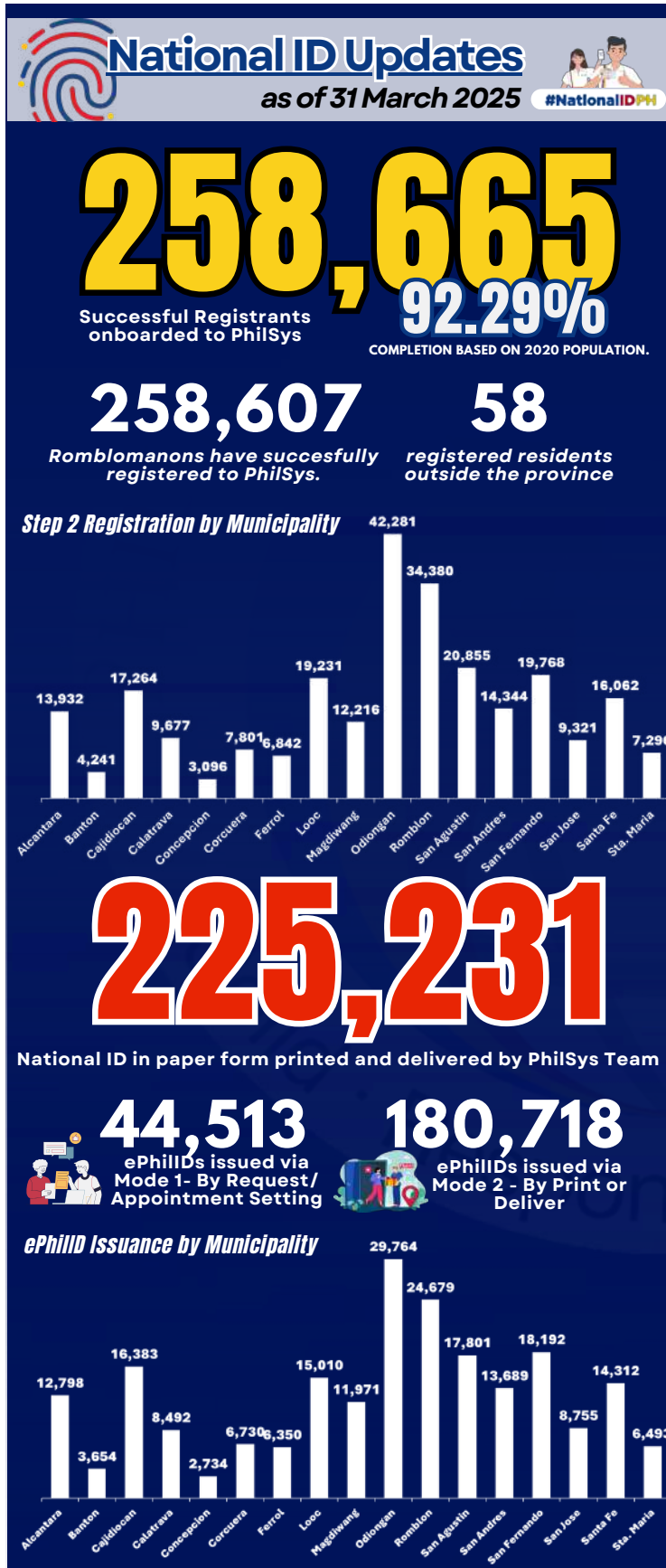


She was born on 27 September 1981 in **Santa Fe, Romblon**.

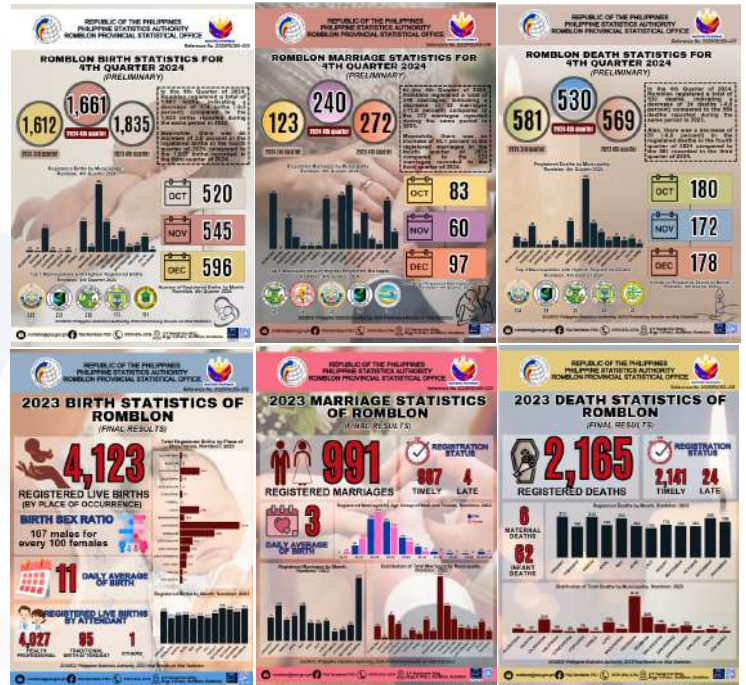


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