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Chief Statistical Specialist, Engr. Johnny F. Solis (rightmost photo), Regional Director Leni R. Rioflorido, together with the Municipal Mayors and representatives during the 2022 CBMS Data Turnover Ceremony.

PSA Romblon Successfully Handed 2022 CBMS Data to All Municipalities

On 21 March 2024, the Philippine Statistics Authority – Romblon Provincial Statistical Office successfully conducted the 2022 CBMS Data Turnover Ceremony for 12 municipalities – Cajidiocan, Ferrol, Looc, Magdiwang, Odiongan, Romblon, San Agustin, San Andres, San Fernando, San Jose, Santa Fe and Santa Maria at DC Munting Paraiso Resort, Brgy. Agnay, Romblon, Romblon.

The other five (5) municipalities—Alcantara, Banton, Calatrava, Concepcion and Corcuera—were the first municipalities to receive the CMBS data last February 02, 2024 at the Faculty Room, Romblon National Institute of Technology (RNIT), Alcantara, Romblon.



RD Rioflorido during her opening message in the 2022 CBMS DTC.

PSA MIMAROPA Regional Director Ms. Leni R. Rioflorido, PSA-Romblon Chief Statistical Specialist Engr. Johnny F. Solis, and Senior Statistical Specialist Mr. Gerald M. Morada led the 2022 CBMS Data Turnover Ceremony. This momentous occasion marks the culmination of data gathering and processing, the beginning of a new phase in municipal development, and the growth of government services to those most in need.

Present at the event were Municipal Mayors – Hon. Christian LL. Gervacio of Ferrol, Hon. Arthur Rey Tansiongco, MD of Magdiwang, Hon. Egdon T. Sombilon of San Jose, and Hon. Elsie T. Visca of Santa Fe, Vice Mayors – Hon. Norman Fatalla of San Agustin and Hon. Joel Ibañez of San Andres, Department Head of PESO Mr. Ronald M. Geronimo, LGOOII Mr. Florid John Gonzales of DILG Romblon, Asst. PPDC Ms. Evelyn Magayam, MPDCs – Mr. Noli G. Muyargas of Ferrol, Ms. Sheilah Sofia P. Rance of Magdiwang, Mr. Alexander G. Foja, Jr. of Odiongan, Mr. Marlon Falcutila of Romblon, Ms. Concepcion Angela S. Quijano of San Agustin, Mr. Marlon A. Azor of San Andres, Ms. Darryl V. Perez of San Fernando, Mr. Derrick E. Mayor of Santa Fe and Ms. Dinah A. Antonio of Santa Maria, Sangguniang Bayan Members – Hon. Ronald Riano of Romblon and Hon. Faith M. Macato of Magdiwang, Municipal Agriculturist Engr. Ramel L. Fabon of Santa Maria, Municipal Statistician Mr. Allen Jopette F. Agustin of Cajidiocan, MSWDO Ms. Gemma M. Murchante of San Agustin, Mr. Paul Jaysent Fos of PIA Romblon, and aligned agencies, demonstrating strong support for the initiative.

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SrSS during his discussion of the highlights of the 2022 CBMS findings.

SrSS Morada presented the highlights of the 2022 CBMS findings. Along with RD, CSS, Municipal Mayors, MPDCs and witnesses, the Data Turnover Agreement was then signed. The Municipal Mayors, Vice Mayor and representatives of the twelve (12) LGUs then expressed their acceptance messages. They expressed their appreciation for the enumerators' efforts and gratefully thanked PSA. They also assured that the LGU would ensure the data's security and that it would be utilized for the development of the community.

The MPDCs from each of the twelve (12) LGUs then gave presentations about their strategies and initiatives for utilizing CBMS data and ensuring its security. They emphasized in their discussion how municipalities may use the data from the 2022 CBMS to make evidence-based decisions and tailor ideas.



CSS Solis as he gives his closing message during the 2022 CBMS DTC.

The final note was given by CSS Solis. He expressed gratitude to all those involved in making the event a success. He acknowledged the efforts of the CBMS team- SrSS Gerald M. Morada who is also the CBMS Focal Person of PSA Romblon, Statistical Specialist II Engr. Mark Andrew F. Cesar, Information Systems Analyst I Mr. Jair Fajutagana, and including the field personnel and processors. He then added in his message that Romblon's economic growth marked 9.8% in 2022, placing second in the MIMAROPA Region.

Furthermore, he gave an overview of the Birth Registration Assistance Project- a project that offers free birth registration. He also shared to the participants that some BRAP beneficiaries had already received SECPA Birth Certificates. He emphasized that the productive and efficient implementation of BRAP between PSA and LGUs is demonstrated by the successful issuing of SECPA Birth Certificates.

He further said that rather than being the end, the CBMS Data Turn-Over Ceremony is the beginning of something new, and that we will all collaborate to build a better, more successful, and peaceful community.

Romblon is the first province in the MIMAROPA Region to complete the Data Turnover Ceremony for all municipalities.

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PSA Romblon Conducts Commercial Livestock and Poultry Surveys (CLPS) for First Quarter 2024

The Commercial Livestock and Poultry Survey (CLPS) 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 from establishments.

In 2023, the new sampling design for CLPS was implemented as per PSA Board Resolution No. 10 series of 2022 entitled "Approving and Adopting the New Sampling Design of the Commercial Livestock and Poultry Survey" with the 2021 Updating of List of Establishments as its sampling frame. The survey questionnaires were also enhanced to include relevant data items such as farmgate price, conversion rate of eggs, and milk disposition.



SR Montesa (right photo) SR Galit (left photo) during data collection in the 1st quarter Commercial Livestock and Poultry Survey (CLPS).

The CLPS is conducted quarterly in all provinces, including the National Capital Region (NCR). Moreover, the commodity coverage includes carabao, cattle, swine, goat, sheep, chicken, duck, and other animals tended/raised by the establishments.

The data generated from this survey are disseminated through quarterly bulletin, annual situation reports, infographics, and publication. More importantly, the production data generated from the survey are inputs to the Value of Production of Agriculture and accordingly to the computation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The collection of data is undertaken by trained hired Statistical Researchers (SRs) through face-to-face paper and pencil interview (PAPI). The collection period was conducted from March 18 to April 02, 2024 followed by manual editing and machine processing using the CLPS Data Processing System (DPS).

For this quarter, Romblon has a total of twenty-five (25) sample establishments operating a cattle, swine, goat, gamefowl, layer and broiler farms. These establishments were distributed in the municipalities of Odiongan, San Agustin, San Andres, Romblon, Santa Fe and Magdiwang.

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1st Quarter Aquaculture and Inland Fisheries Survey Aims to Unlock Key Findings

SA Garcia and SA Motin as trainers with COSW Salvador, together with SRs during Third Level Training on 1st Quarter Aquaculture and Inland Fisheries Survey

Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Romblon successfully conducted Third Level Training on Quarterly Inland and Aquaculture Fisheries Survey last March 5-6, 2024 at PSA Odiongan District Office, Odiongan, Romblon.

A total of six (6) statistical researchers were trained for two (2) days and discussed the concepts and procedures to produce quality data. The quarterly inland and aquaculture fisheries survey enumeration period was conducted on 11 to 22 March 2024 on the selected sample barangays in the Province of Romblon.



SR Pastor as he checks the caught fish of a fisherman as one of the samples in the 1st Quarter Aquaculture and Inland.

The 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, policy-making, and program implementation.

PSA Romblon Conducts First Quarter Crops Production Survey

The Third Level Training on Quarterly Crops Production Survey was successfully held by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in Romblon on March 7 and 8, 2024, at the PSA Odiongan District Office, Odiongan, Romblon.

For two (2) days, a total of four (4) statistical researchers received training on the concepts and procedures needed to generate high-quality data and successfully provide the necessary results. The province of Romblon's sample houses were enumerated for the quarterly crops production survey during March 14–27, 2024.

The Crops Production Survey (CrPS) is one of the major agricultural surveys conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) 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.



SA Garcia and SA Motin as trainers with COSW Salvador, together with SRs during Third Level Training on Quarterly Crops Production Survey



In frame, SR Faz during collection of data from a sample in the 1st Quarter Crops Production Survey.

2024 Monthly Fisheries Survey Continues in 9 Municipalities

Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Romblon conducted the March 2024 Monthly Fisheries Survey under Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 which authorizes the PSA to prepare and conduct periodic censuses on population, housing, agriculture, fisheries, business, industry, and other sectors of the economy.

The monthly fisheries survey is one of the continuing surveys conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority. The 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, policy-making, and program implementation.



From March 1-31, 2024, data collection was carried out by five (5) trained statistical researchers. While fourteen (14) landing centers from municipalities of Romblon, Alcantara, Magdiwang, Cajidiocan, San Fernando, San Agustin, San Andres, Calatrava, and Odiongan, Romblon were covered in municipal fisheries, there were three (3) landing centers from municipalities of Odiongan, San Agustin, and Romblon covered in commercial fisheries.

SR Menes during data collection of one of the landing centers in the province.

PSA Romblon Keeps Up Its Monthly Farm Price Survey

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. Starting first quarter of 2024, farm prices will be part for data collected through Crops Production Survey except for Palay.

One (1) statistical researcher conducted data collection from March 26-29, 2024 for five municipalities including Alcantara, Looc, Odiongan, San Agustin and San Andres using PAPI.

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 Attends the 2024 Second Level Operational Training on Cereals Production and Stocks Surveys

Last March 18-22, 2024, PSA Romblon attended the Second Level Operational Training on Cereals Production and Stocks Surveys held at RSSO MIMAROPA Conference Room, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.



Resource speakers and PSA employees from five provinces of MIMAROPA, together with RD Rioflorida during 2024 Second Level Operational Training on Cereals Production and Stocks Surveys

The training was attended by 14 participants coming from the Regional and provincial offices of the MIMAROPA region. The training aims to orient and capacitate field personnel on the cereals production and stocks surveys methodologies, operational conduct of cereals production and stocks surveys, data processing of survey returns, data review and validation and the use of Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) as mode of data collection. 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.



SrSS Lopus during his discussion in the training.



Awarding of Certificates to PSA Romblon employees.

The introduction of CAPI in Cereals production and Stocks survey is a welcome development hence, it will improve the cycle time in survey operations by eliminating processes such as printing of questionnaires, manual editing, and machine processing of questionnaires. It will be implemented as mode of data collection for Cereals production and stocks surveys starting first quarter of 2024.

SrSS Raymond Lopus of RSSO MIMAROPA and Florence Joy M. Motin of Romblon PSO served as trainers for this five-day training. The participants of this training were expected to have a comprehensive understanding of all the survey concepts and methodologies, field operational procedures, post survey activities and the use of CAPI application as mode of data collection. SSS Dandy H. Fetalvero attended this training for PSA Romblon.

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Cereals and Stocks Surveys Implement Use of CAPI in Romblon

To prepare for the implementation of the First Quarter 2024 Cereals Surveys, which include the Palay and the Corn Production Surveys (PCPS), as well as the monthly Rice and Corn Stocks Surveys for both Commercial and Household Surveys (RCSS:C and RCSS:H), PSA Romblon will conduct the Third Level Training on 2024 Cereals and Stocks Survey from March 26-28, 2024, at the Multi-purpose Room of PSA Romblon Provincial Statistical Office. The training, overseen by Statistical Analyst Joy Florence M. Motin (Provincial Focal) and Supervising Statistical Specialist Dandy H. Fetalvero (Assistant Provincial Focal), will include eight Statistical Researchers (SRs).



In frame, trainers and participants during Third Level Training on 2024 Cereals and Stocks Survey.

The data collection phase for the PCPS, RCSS:H and RCSS:C is scheduled for 10 days, covering Saturdays but excluding Sundays and holidays. Enumeration is set to commence on April 1, 2024, with field operations anticipated to conclude by April 10, 2024. For the said enumeration period, SRs shall gather data using Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI). It is an interviewing technique in which the respondent or interviewer uses a tablet to record responses.

The primary objective of the PCPS surveys is to gather information on information on palay and corn production, area, and yield by crop type. Data collection also aims to know the usage of fertilizers, chemicals and seeds, disposition and utilization of production, and breeding method that would be useful to policy makers, particularly the Department of Agriculture, Local Government Units, researchers, and the public.



SSS Fetalvero as he discusses his topics during the Third Level Training on 2024 Cereals and Stocks Survey.

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Meanwhile for the RCSS:C and RCSS:H surveys aim to generate rice and corn stocks inventories held by sample households and the commercial sector at the national and regional levels and assess the stocks levels compared with the same period in the previous year, and the previous month. A total of 282 sample households for the PPS, 160 samples for CPS, 114 samples for RCSS:H and 25 establishments for RCSS:Call around the province of Romblon shall be enumerated in mentioned period.

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PSA Romblon Continues Seamless Civil Registration Services

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office is dedicated to provide the public with efficient and seamless civil registration services.

08 March 2024 - Macario Molina National High School



13 March 2024 - Alcantara National High School



15 March 2024 - Looc National High School



13 March 2024 - Romblon National High School

As expressed in the theme "CRVS: The Future of Seamless Services," PSA's commitment to facilitating faster, easier, and more convenient civil registration is highlighted by the 34th CRM celebration last February 2024.

In line with this, PSA-Romblon conducted various Mobile Serbisyo Caravan to schools, namely: Alcantara National High School (ANHS), Looc National High School (LNHS), Macario Molina National High School (MMNHS) and Romblon National High School (RNHS), for the month of March 2024.

The said activity offered a variety of services such as: *Mobile Acceptance on Civil Registry Documents* to accommodate clients with requests on civil registry documents such as birth and certificate, certificate of marriage/no marriage ; *Information Dissemination on Civil Laws and Updates, and Gender Statistics* to present a review of the legal bases for implementing Civil Registration in the Philippines; next are the Republic Acts such as: RA 9048, RA 10172, and RA 9255; *Consultation on Civil Registry Documents Concerns* to entertain clients with problem on the process of legitimation, delayed registration and petition for change of name. *Civil Registration Exhibit* to show educational posters on vital statistics and its uses; and *distribution of flyers* as supplements.

PSA- Romblon Provincial Statistical Office will continue educating the public about the importance of civil registration and empowering communities to take part in the civil registration process.

PSA Romblon Holds First Awarding of SECPA Birth Certificates in Santa Fe



PSA employees, with Hon. Mayor Visca, MCR Mayor, barangay officials and BRAP beneficiaries during SECPA awarding at Guinbuirayan, Santa Fe, Romblon.

On March 26, 2024, the first awarding of SECPA Birth Certificates to BRAP beneficiaries was conducted at the municipality of Santa Fe, Romblon. Batch 1 (morning session) was conducted at Public Plaza, Guinbirayan, Santa Fe, Romblon for beneficiaries of barangays Guinbirayan, Guintigbasan, Danao Norte and Danao Sur, while batch 2 (afternoon session) took place at SB Session Hall, Municipal Building, Poblacion, Santa Fe, Romblon for beneficiaries of barangays Canyayo, Magsaysay, Pandan, Poblacion, Tabugon, Agmanic and Mat-i.

Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA Romblon, Hon. Elsie D. Visca, Municipal Mayor of Santa Fe, Romblon, and Ms. Jacqueline B. Mayor, Municipal Civil Registrar of Santa Fe, Romblon spearheaded the conduct of the event.

Aside from the BRAP beneficiaries, also present during the activity were the Barangay Captains who assisted and joined in the distribution of SECPAs.

The distribution was a success with a total of 188 Birth Certificates awarded to BRAP beneficiaries.

The successful issuance of SECPA birth certificates is a sign that PBRAP between PSA and LGUs is being implemented effectively and efficiently.

The Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) will continue its commitments to facilitate the registration, ensuring that all Filipino births are registered in the Local Civil Registry Offices.



SECPA awarding to BRAP beneficiaries at Session Hall, Santa Fe, Romblon.



CSS Solis as he gives message during SECPA awarding.



Hon. Mayor Visca (right photo) and MCR Mayor (left photo) while they are giving their remarks in the awarding.

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PSA Romblon Logs 244k Romblomanons to PhilSys; Over 211k Receive ePhilID

Considering its efforts to capture more registrants by ramping BLGU-based registrations, PSA-Romblon covered 73.43 percent of its target workload (2,875) for Step 2 registration for the month of March 2024 with 2,111 successful registrations. From June 21, 2021 to March 31, 2024, a total of 244,218 Romblomanons are now PhilSys-registered.



PhilSys registration at Brgy. Taclobo, San Fernando, Romblon during FDS.

Data shows that the PSO reached 87.12 percent of its the target population for Romblon. With 5 operational kits, continuous saturation in municipalities was conducted by the PhilSys teams deployed in the islands of Sibuyan, Romblon and Tablas. They were dedicated enough to seek for more registrants notwithstanding challenges brought about by the province's geographical setting.



A resident of Santa Fe, Romblon during scanning of iris.

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For the month of March 2024, PhilSys teams successfully issued 1,302 ePhilIDs, all in request mode setting. Cumulatively, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in Romblon has issued 2,370 ePhilIDs for this year alone, while 211,692 ePhilIDs in total including those issued last 2022 and 2023.

Out of the total ePhilIDs claimed by Romblomanons, 14.63% or 30,974 were issued via Mode 1-print by request/appointment setting while remaining 85.37% or 180, 718 were printed and delivered by PhilSys teams to respective cardholders (Mode 2). Municipality of Romblon topped the list with 20,212 total issuances followed by Odiongan with 26,888 and Romblon having 24, 263, while the rest with less than 20 thousand issuances.

Romblon PSO headed by Chief Statistical Specialist Johnny F. Solis, assured the ramping of their operations for the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) to have more ePhilID/PhilID card holders enjoy the benefits of being PhilSys-registered.



PhilSys registrant who received her ePhilID minutes after the registration.

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4Ps beneficiaries in Brgy. Li-o, Romblon, Romblon as they fall in for authentication during DFS.

PSA Romblon Collaborates with DSWD to Bring PhilSys Services to 4Ps Beneficiaries During Family Development Session (FDS)

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)-Romblon collaborated to provide the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) to Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries during Family Development Sessions (FDS).

As stated in the DSWD guidelines, FDS are monthly activities that beneficiaries should complete and attend as it is designed and expected to build and strengthen the capabilities of Pantawid families.

As highlighted in the month of March, 4Ps beneficiaries have started undergoing identity verification through biometric authentication using the PhilSys Authentication Application to avail of the FDS equivalency in the province of Romblon.

4Ps recipients who have previously registered with PhilSys are required to provide their PhilID or ePhilID as part of the authentication process. In order to determine whether the person has a match in the PhilSys registry, a PSA employee will encode the PhilSys Card Number, or PCN, and scan their fingerprint using the PhilSys Authentication Application. After that, this will be recorded on an attendance form that the DSWD and PSA representatives will sign. The procedure makes it simple to confirm the beneficiary's identity and compliance with the FDS criteria.



RCS Factor (in black) as he authenticates 4Ps beneficiary of Brgy. Pili, San Fernando, Romblon using PhilSys Check.

In order to guarantee that all beneficiaries of 4Ps can register with PhilSys, the PSA also brought ePhilID issuing and PhilSys registration services to FDS locations.

As of 14 March 2024, the PSA-Romblon recorded 3,328 successful authentications of 4Ps beneficiaries in the municipalities of San Fernando, Santa Fe and Romblon.

The Philippine Identification System Act, or Republic Act 11055, was signed into law in August 2018. It aims to establish a single national ID for all Filipinos and resident aliens, providing valid proof of identity for Filipino citizens and resident aliens of the Philippines.

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PSA Romblon Starts PhilSys Registration of 0-4 Years Old

As per the Republic Act 11055 series of 2018, otherwise known as Philippine Identification System Act, the Philippine Statistics Authority- Romblon Provincial Statistical Office started the registration period for children aged 0-4 years last February 14, 2024 in the province of Romblon.

As part of the registration process, the parents or guardians of the child must be PhilSys registered with a PhilSys Card Number (PCN). This is for linking the child's data to that of the parents or legal guardian.



During registration of 0-4 years old to PhilSys together with their parents/guardians.

The only documents required for registering with PhilSys if the child is younger than five years old is the PSA/LCR Birth Certificate, along with the guardian's presence and PhilID/ePhilID card.

In cases where the parent is absent or underage, a guardian may accompany the child, provided they present additional documentation such as an authorization letter from the parent, valid identification of the parent, and the child's identification papers.

In addition, the guardian must provide the child's identity documents and the parents' death certificates if the child's parents have passed away.



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PSA Romblon Leads Romblon Provincial Statistics Committee (RPSC) 2024 First Quarter Meeting



Last 25 March 2024, the Romblon Provincial Statistics Committee (RPSC) conducted its 1st quarter meeting for year 2024 at Governor's Office Conference Room, Romblon Provincial Capitol Building, Capaclan, Romblon, Romblon.

In frame, RPSC members, guests and participants during 2024 first quarter meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the RPSC Chairperson EnP Willard B Mortos, MNSA of Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO) of Romblon. Served as presenter and discussant of the provisional agenda was Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSO Romblon. Meanwhile, co-presenters during the meeting were Supervising Statistical Specialist, Engr. Dandy H. Fetalvero, Statistical Specialist II, Engr. Mark Andrew F. Cesar, COSW-Statistical Analyst, Engr. Jane Rotoni and Engr. Mariel V. Fallarcuna, PhilSys Provincial Focal Person.

It was attended by 21 participants composed of members, representatives and guests from various provincial and national agencies. Member-agencies present during the meeting were: Provincial Planning and Development Office, Philippine Statistics Authority, Department of Education, Office of Provincial Agriculturist, Environment and Natural Resources Office, Provincial Tourism Office, Department of Interior and Local Government, Provincial Treasurer's Office, Provincial Health Office, Provincial Budget Office, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and Philippine National Police. A guest-participant from Provincial Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) was also present during the meeting.



The main highlight of the meeting was the passing and approval of the two (2) RPSC Resolutions; Enjoining RPSC Member-Agencies, National Government Agencies, Government Owned and Control Corporation and Local Government Units to support the conduct of the 2023 Provincial Product Accounts (2023 PPA) Estimation as one of the 2024 Statistical Operations of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). Other matters of information discussed during the meeting were the 2022 CBMS highlights on Data Turn-over Ceremony for the province, Updates on Provincial Product Accounts, Inflation Report for the month of February 2024, PhilSys updates of Registration and Operations, Updates on Integrated 2024 CBMS and Census of Population and Presentation of Selected Official Gender Statistics in connection with the National Women's Month celebrations. Moreover, inclusion of two additional matters for discussion namely; 1) Requirements for 2022 CBMS data sharing for the provincial government; 2) Re-echo of CBMS Module II-B and Module III-A Training were also unanimously approved by members.

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.

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PSA Romblon Celebrates Learning and Fun during Math Fair at RNHS

On March 14, 2024, Romblon National High School (RNHS), celebrated the International Day of Mathematics by conducting the Mathematics Fair 2024 at RNHS, Bagacay, Romblon, Romblon with the theme "Playing with Mathematics."



PSA employees, together with Math Club officers and teachers of RNHS during opening program of Math Fair.

During the opening ceremony, Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA Romblon, was invited as the Guest Speaker of the activity. In his speech, he extended appreciation to the organizers for conceptualizing an activity that will potentially enhance the interest of the students in the field of Mathematics. He stressed that the Math Fair will cultivate the values of problem-solving to the students, one trait that is specifically needed in our world today. He also shared his experiences as he goes through the challenges and struggles of understanding Mathematics deeply.

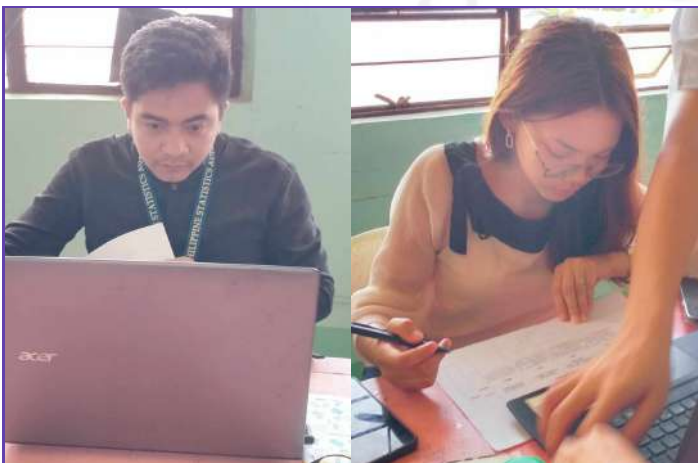
He encouraged the students to embrace the challenges that Mathematics presents as it is not only a particular subject but a journey to exploration and growth because every problem, they solve is a step towards unlocking the doors of endless possibilities. He also mentioned that every stumble they experience, is a chance to rise and become stronger and more resilient mathematician.

In his parting words, he emphasized the value of efforts in learning Mathematics. "In applications, we will make mistakes in Mathematics, we'll have errors in analyzing and interpreting, but it doesn't mean *FAILURE*. Make your mistakes work for you by learning from them. If you're making mistakes, it means you're out there doing something." and that's what we call *EFFORT*. More efforts will give you more knowledge in Math. *THE ONLY WAY TO LEARN MATHEMATICS IS TO DO MATHEMATICS*".

He extended thanks to the Math Society of the RNHS for inviting him as guest speaker and hoped for more collaborative activities between the school and the PSA in the future.



CSS Solis during his speech as guest speaker in RNHS Math Fair.



SSII Cesar (right photo) and PFP Fallarcuna as they scores entries in the infographics and data analysis contest.

Then, PhilSys Focal Person Engr. Mariel V. Fallarcuna and Statistical Specialist II Engr. Mark Andrew F. Cesar served as judges in the Infographics Making and Data Analysis Contest.

The competition was held at RNHS Computer Laboratory from 10:00am to 12:00noon.

Seven groups composed of two members each participated in the contest.

Francheska Rigg B. Ferriol and Erika May Alivo, Grade 10-STEM students, were declared as champions in the Math Fair 2024 Infographics Making and Data Analysis Contest.

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PSA Romblon Joins Bureau of Fire and Protection (BFP) Unity Walk Parade

On March 5, 2024, PSA- Romblon Provincial Statistical Office participated in the nationwide celebration of the annual “ Fire Prevention Month” in the Unity Walk Parade: Kick-Off Ceremony 2024 with the theme “*Sa Pag -iwas sa Sunog, Hindi ka Nag -iisa*” at 5:00 in the morning at Romblon Public Plaza, Romblon.

This Kick Off ceremony was organized each year in order to promote fire safety practices, educate the public about the fire prevention measures, and raise awareness of fire safety practices, educate the public about the fire prevention measures, and raise awareness of fire safety.

The Unity walk parade was participated by different agencies and LGUs. Zumba was followed after the Unity walk at Romblon Public Plaza.

AS Fely Miñano and staff of PSA Romblon received the Certificate of Appreciation from the BFP Romblon for the invaluable participation and unrelenting support.



PSA employees and OJTs as they happily join the Unity Walk Parade.

PSA Romblon Participates in the 123rd Foundation and 79th Liberation Anniversary Celebration of Romblon



PSA employees taking a photo during program at Romblon Capitol building ground.



PSA employees and OJTs joining the civic parade.

In line with the joint 123rd Foundation and 79th Liberation anniversary of the province of Romblon, PSA Romblon participated the celebration program last March 16, 2024 at 8:00 in the morning at Romblon Provincial Capitol Ground, Brgy. Capaclan, Romblon.

This event is pursuant to RA 9642 “An Act declaring March 16 of every year as Romblon Foundation Day and a Special Non-Working Public Holiday in the Province of Romblon.”

AS Fely F. Miñano acted as commentator in the Thanksgiving Mass before the civic parade.

These joint activities were participated by all national agencies, local government units and offices, in the municipality of Romblon.

To give highlight to the activities, Senator Imee Marcos was invited as special guest during the program. Everyone was excited and waited to see the senator in person at Romblon Capitol Building Ground.

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A Gift for Juana: An Appreciation for PSA Romblon Female Employees



PSA employees, highlighting female employees with their received gifts.

On 11 March 2024, as part of the celebration of the 2024 National Women's Month, with a theme "LIPUNANG PATAS SA BAGONG PILIPINAS: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!", the Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office, headed by Engr. Johnny F. Solis proudly recognizes and honors the invaluable contributions of the dedicated female employees by presenting them with simple gifts.

The purpose of this activity is to show gratitude and admiration for the numerous remarkable contributions that women have made to our society.

PSA Romblon Takes Part in the Municipal-Wide Celebration of the 2024 National Women's Month Celebration in Romblon



Female PSA employees and OJTs during the unity walk.

PSA-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office was invited in the GADvocacy /Unity walk in the celebration of the 2024 National Women's Month with the theme "Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patunayan!" last March 12, 2024, 8:00am at Romblon Public Theater.

The unity walk was participated by women from thirty one (31) barangays in the municipality of Romblon, CWL and BJMP.

This event featured empowering talks, inspiring performances highlighting the strength diversity and accomplishments of Filipino women and commemorate the unwavering dedication and vibrant spirit in shaping a more equitable and inclusive future for all.

Romblon Municipal Mayor, Hon. Atty. Gerard S. Montojo, delivered his inspirational message to the participants.

Meanwhile, Atty. Lorraine Grace R. Magura -Public Attorney II / PAO -OIC Grace R. Magura discussed to the participants about the R.A 11231 "Bawal Bastos Law" and R.A. 9995 "Anti Photo and Video Voyeurism".

The GADvocacy / unity walk traversed around the town and ended at the Romblon Public plaza for a program proper.



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Resource speakers and participants of the Seminar on RA 9262, RA 11313 and RA 6725

PSA Romblon Collaborates with PSWDO to Conduct Seminar on RA 9262, RA 11313 and RA 6725

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office, in collaboration with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, held a Seminar on RA 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and Children), RA 11313 (Bawal Bastos Law/Safe Spaces Act) and RA 6725 (Anti-Discrimination Against Women) on 13 March 2024 at Multi-Purpose Room, PSA-Romblon Office, Brgy. II, Romblon, Romblon as part of the celebration of the 2024 National Women's Month, with a theme "*LIPUNANG PATAS SA BAGONG PILIPINAS: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!*"

Ms. Milagros D. Marron, Social Welfare Officer III and Mr. Mark Kent G. Eran, Social Welfare Officer I from PSWDO served as resource speakers in the activity.



Ms. Marron (right photo) and Mr. Eran (left photo) during their discussions on RA 9262, RA 11313 and RA 6725.

The activity was conducted to educate PSA employees, especially women, of the salient features and the necessary protection they may obtain in all aspects and nature from each law. Considering that female persons are more vulnerable and disadvantaged, it is also a tool for them to uphold and practice their rights effectively. Also, an open forum to raise clarifications and experience-sharing at the end of the discussion was held.

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PSA Romblon Carried Out Gender Statistics Information Dissemination



09 March 2024 - Macario Molina National High School

As part of the 2024 National Women's Month, with a theme "LIPUNANG PATAS SA BAGONG PILIPINAS: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!", the Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office conducted various information dissemination on Gender Statistics.



25 March 2024 - Governor's Office, Capitol Building, Brgy. Capaclan, Romblon, Romblon

It was participated by Municipal Mayor Hon. Trina Alejandra Q. Fabic-Firmalo, officials representing the different offices, department heads, and selected staffs from the municipality of Odiongan, department heads, representatives from municipality of Looc, students, teachers and parents from Macario Molina National High School and RPSC members during 2024 first quarter meeting.



15 March 2024 - 2/F MDRRM Incident Command Center, Dapawan, Odiongan, Romblon

Highlighted in the discussions were the results from the 2020 Census of Population and Housing Household Population by Age, Age Sex Pyramid, Sex Ratio, School Age Population, Senior Citizen, Voting Age Population, Selected Vital Statistics on Birth, Marriage and Death and Most Common Names in the Philippines.



08 March 2024 - 2/F Session Hall, Looc Municipal Building, Looc, Romblon

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