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ABOUT THE COVER



The cover of the 2025 PSA Anniversary Book prominently carries the theme **“Building a Resilient, Agile, and Future-fit PSA.”** At the forefront is the bold “2025,” with its four digits collectively filled with 12 compelling images that showcase the agency’s milestones and accomplishments over the years.

Serving as the backdrop is the PSA Headquarters, a symbol of institutional strength, stability, and a solid foundation for continued progress. The overall design reflects PSA’s strategic approach in fulfilling its mandates and continuously improving its systems and processes, all directed toward building a resilient, agile, and future-fit PSA.

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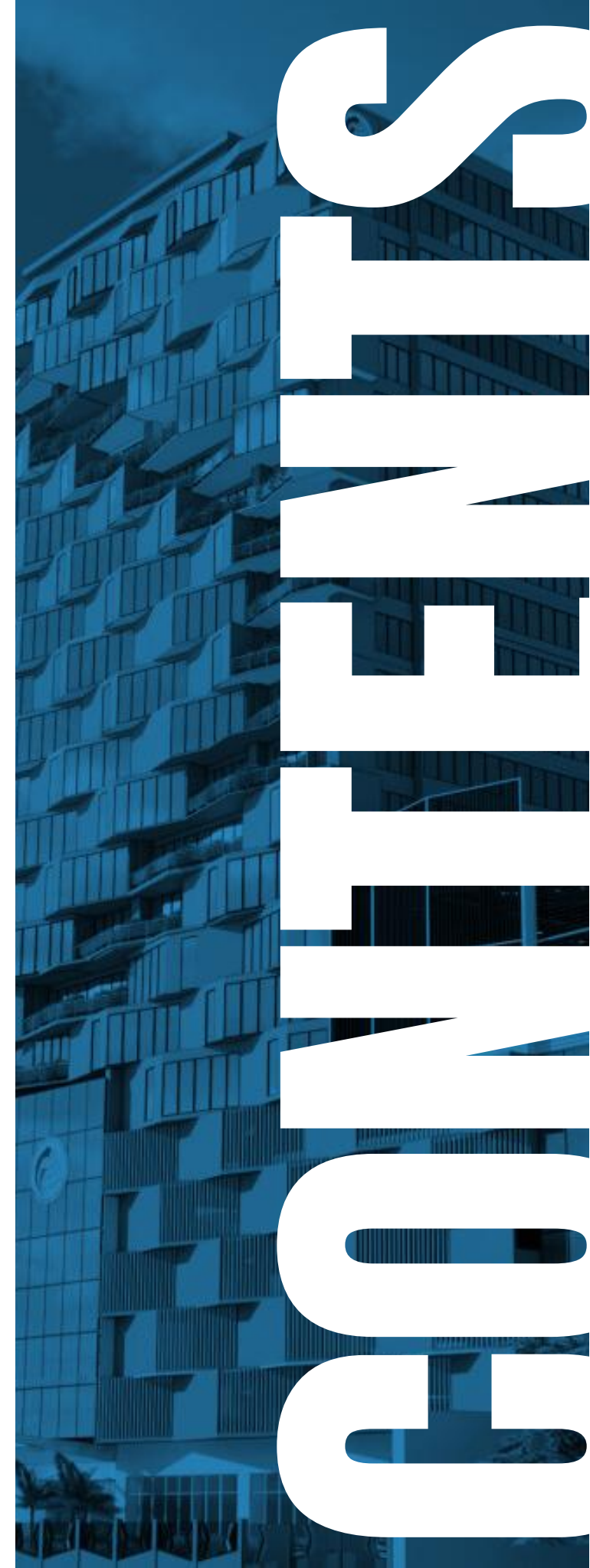
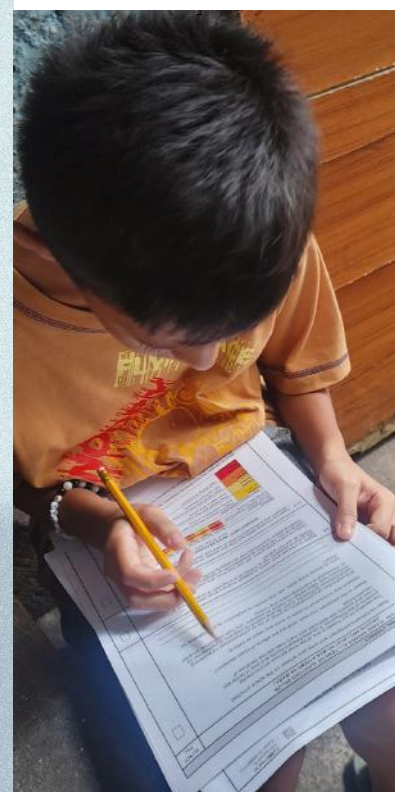
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Message from the NSCRG

As we celebrate the 12th anniversary of the PSA, we reflect with pride and deep appreciation on our collective journey. Through the years, the PSA has remained steadfast in its commitment to delivering quality, accessible, and relevant statistics, efficient civil registration services, and a secure, inclusive identification system for every Filipino.

This year's theme, "Building a Resilient, Agile, and Future-Fit PSA," captures the spirit that continues to guide us through times of transformation and challenge. It reflects not only our adaptability as an institution, but also the enduring dedication of the people who make our work possible.

The PSA has stood resilient in the face of uncertainty—strengthened by the lessons of the past years, particularly during the pandemic. We adapted swiftly to ensure that the delivery of our core services remained uninterrupted, even as we embraced new methods, technologies, and approaches to get the job done. Our resilience is reflected in the systems we continue to improve, and in the results, we deliver for the Filipino people.

A key initiative demonstrating our commitment to service is the successful conduct of the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS. This groundbreaking national operation provided detailed, community-level data to thousands of barangays across the country. The data generated from the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS will empower LGUs to make evidence-based decisions tailored to the unique needs of their constituents especially the most vulnerable populations.

We also made significant strides in civil registration through the BRAP. As we near our target of registering two million Filipinos from marginalized and remote communities, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that no Filipino remains unrecognized. We continue to strengthen our internal systems and processes as our civil registration service is undergoing significant modernization through the implementation of the APCAS, which seeks to streamline the filing and processing of administrative petitions for correction of clerical errors and change of entries under RA 9048 and RA 10172. Together with ongoing enhancements such as QR-coded security features and upgraded authentication mechanisms for civil registry documents. These developments are paving the way toward faster, more secure, and more accessible civil registry services nationwide and ultimately improving public service delivery and reinforcing the integrity of our civil registration system.

The National ID System continues to be a cornerstone of our digital transformation efforts. With over 93.7 million Filipinos registered as of June 2025, National ID is now being integrated into a wide range of public and private services, making transactions easier, promoting financial inclusion, and strengthening national security through a secure and reliable identification platform.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication and expertise of our PSA family. Across regions and provinces, each personnel have played a critical role in building the institution that PSA is today. We also acknowledge the unwavering support of our stakeholders, local and national government partners, the private sector, and the general public who continue to place their trust in our work.

As we look forward, we do so with a deep sense of responsibility and optimism. In a world that is constantly changing, the PSA remains anchored in its core mission but agile enough to evolve with the times.

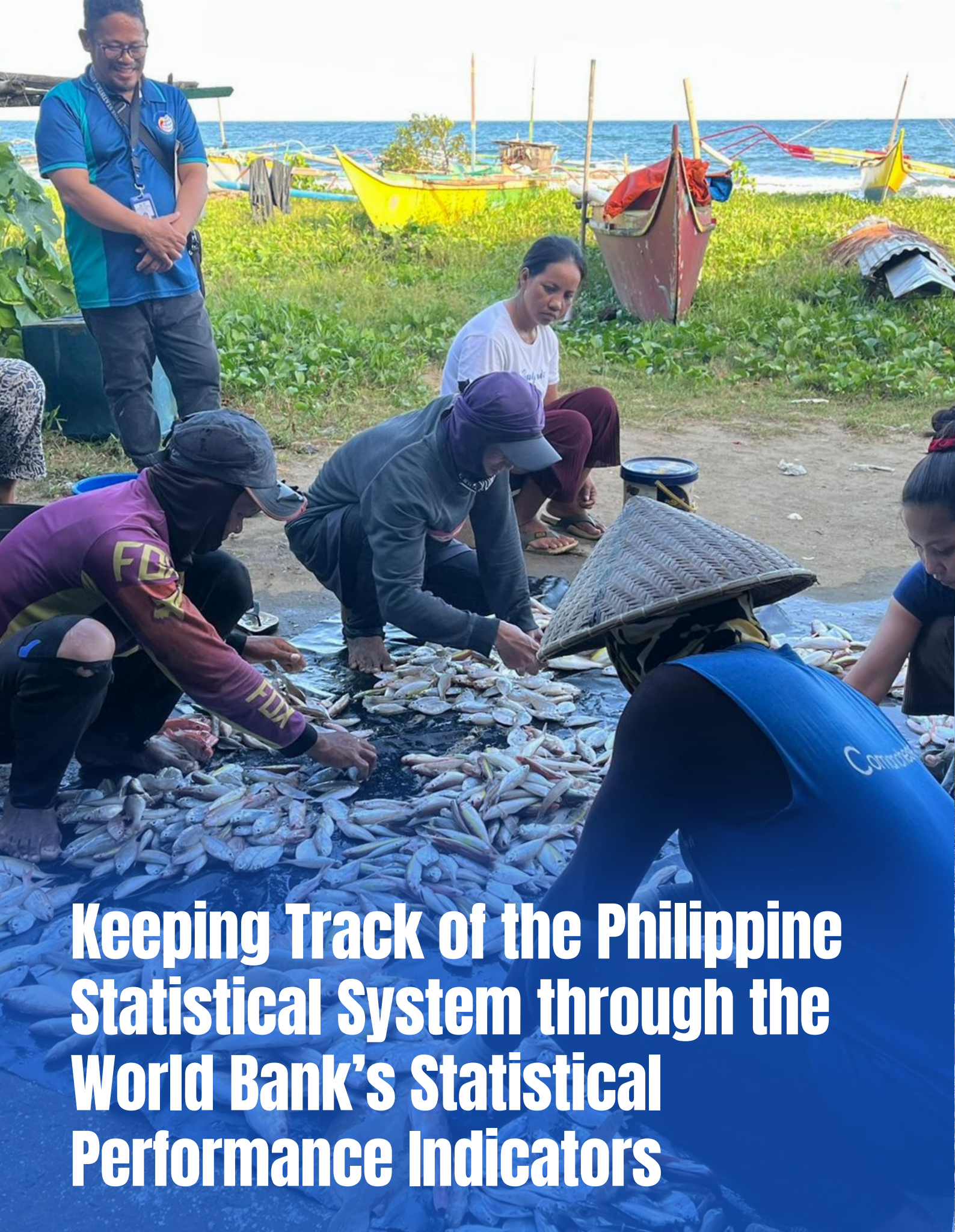
Together, let us move forward with renewed determination to build a PSA that is truly resilient, agile, and future-fit, one that remains a trusted institution in the service of the Filipino people.



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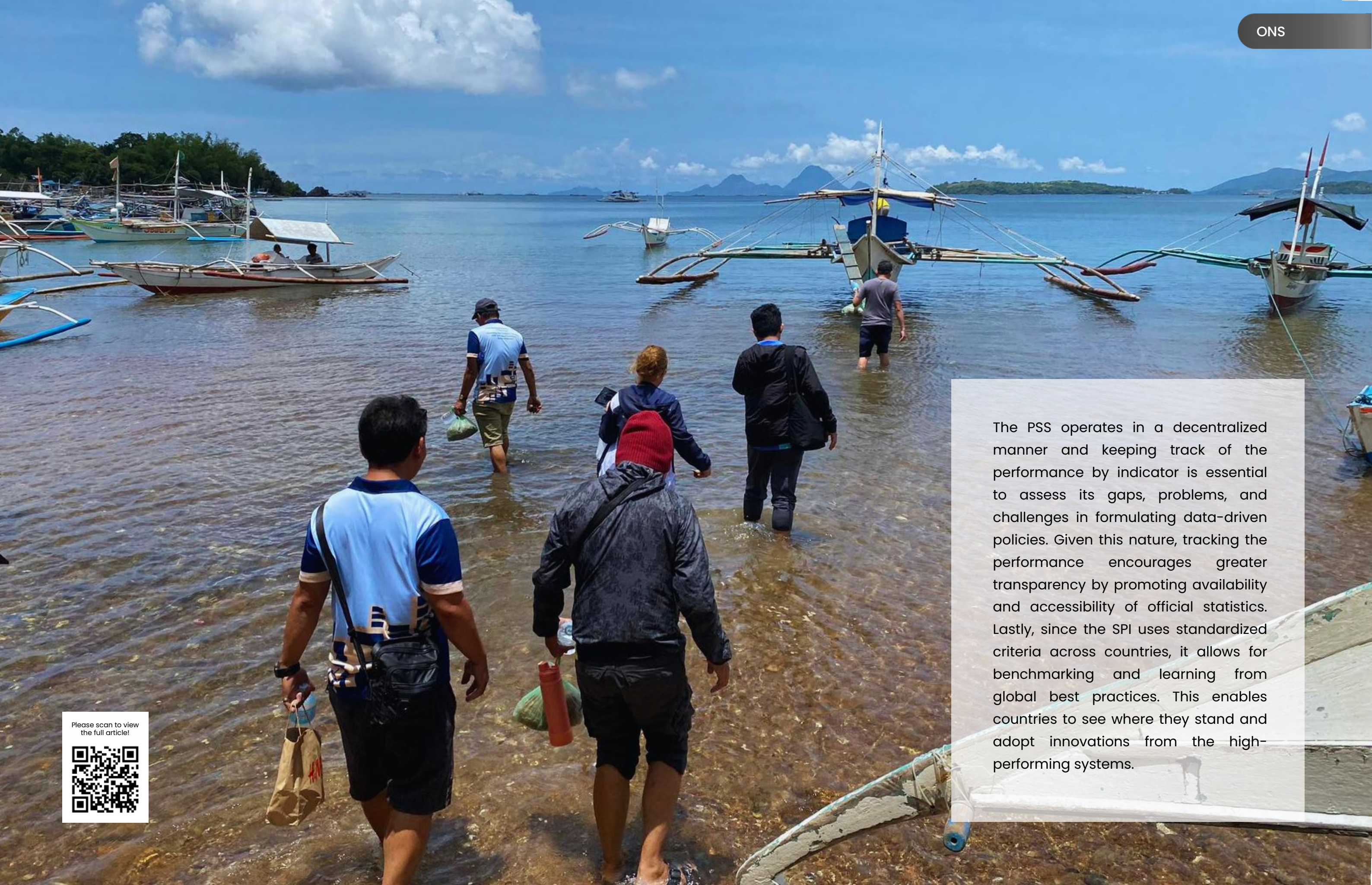


Keeping Track of the Philippine Statistical System through the World Bank's Statistical Performance Indicators

The World Bank has developed the SPI which measures the capacity and maturity of national statistical systems by assessing the use of data, the quality of services, the coverage of topics, the sources of information, and the infrastructure and availability of resources. It is a framework composed of five pillars, 22 dimensions, and 51 indicators to assess the maturity of national statistical systems around the world.



In 2023, the Philippines received an overall score of 85.2 out of 100, an improvement from its 2022 score of 84.0. This marks continued progress in strengthening the country's statistical capacity, maintaining its position as second at the ASEAN level, next to Singapore.



The PSS operates in a decentralized manner and keeping track of the performance by indicator is essential to assess its gaps, problems, and challenges in formulating data-driven policies. Given this nature, tracking the performance encourages greater transparency by promoting availability and accessibility of official statistics. Lastly, since the SPI uses standardized criteria across countries, it allows for benchmarking and learning from global best practices. This enables countries to see where they stand and adopt innovations from the high-performing systems.

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Statistical Quality in Motion: PSA's Strategic Push for a Resilient and Future-Fit Statistical System through the Philippine Statistical Quality Assurance Framework

In a world where trust in data is both essential and elusive, the PSA stands firm in its mission to institutionalize statistical excellence through the PSQAF. More than a compliance tool, the PSQAF serves as a national blueprint for transparency, accountability, and statistical excellence, anchored in the UN NQAF and the ACSS CoP. Developed through rigorous self-assessments and collaborative engagements, it embeds quality across the PSS. Milestones such as the unveiling of the UN FPOS Marker and the PSQAF technical training and workshop marked a turning point in the governance of official statistics. As the development of the PSS-wide PSQAF begins in 2026, the PSA positions itself not only as the country's statistical authority but also as a custodian of data integrity, affirming that quality is a living and evolving commitment to the Filipino people.







RSSO I receives Level II Recognition for Philippine Quality Award Regionalization Program

The RSSO I received Level II Recognition under the PQA Regionalization Program during its awarding ceremony on 17 February 2025 held in the City of San Fernando, La Union. RD Atty. Sheila O. De Guzman and PQA RFP RO IV Zenaida L. Garcillan received the trophy and certificate of recognition.



RSSO I successfully underwent the rigorous evaluation process and thorough deliberation by the RCC-SPE and was able to become one of the five distinguished organizations from Ilocos Region that were honored with the Recognition for Proficiency in Quality Management (PQA Level II). The PQA, known as the highest level of national recognition for exemplary organizational performance is given to organizations in the private and public sectors that excel in quality, productivity, and business performance.

This recognition is a true testament to RSSO I's commitment to upholding a quality management system, competitiveness and excellence in its services for the betterment of the people.



Bridging Borders with Statistics: PSA hosts 7th BIMP-EAGA SDWG Meeting in Davao City

The PSA, through International Cooperation Unit and RSSO XI, hosted the 7th Meeting of the BIMP-EAGA Statistics and Database Working Group from 16 to 17 July 2024 in Davao City. The meeting gathered regional leaders and experts to advance initiatives such as the BIMP-EAGA Statistical Information Brief, sub-regional database updates, and the development of a Core Indicator System. This collaboration underscores the PSA's commitment to building a resilient, agile, and future-fit statistical system, supporting data-driven policy and economic growth within the ASEAN sub-region.



The event also highlighted the vital role of accurate and timely statistics in monitoring progress and shaping strategies for sustainable development, while strengthening partnerships among Brunei, Indonesia, and Malaysia. By hosting this meeting, the PSA reinforced its proactive role in regional cooperation, ensuring that data continues to empower communities and advance regional goals.

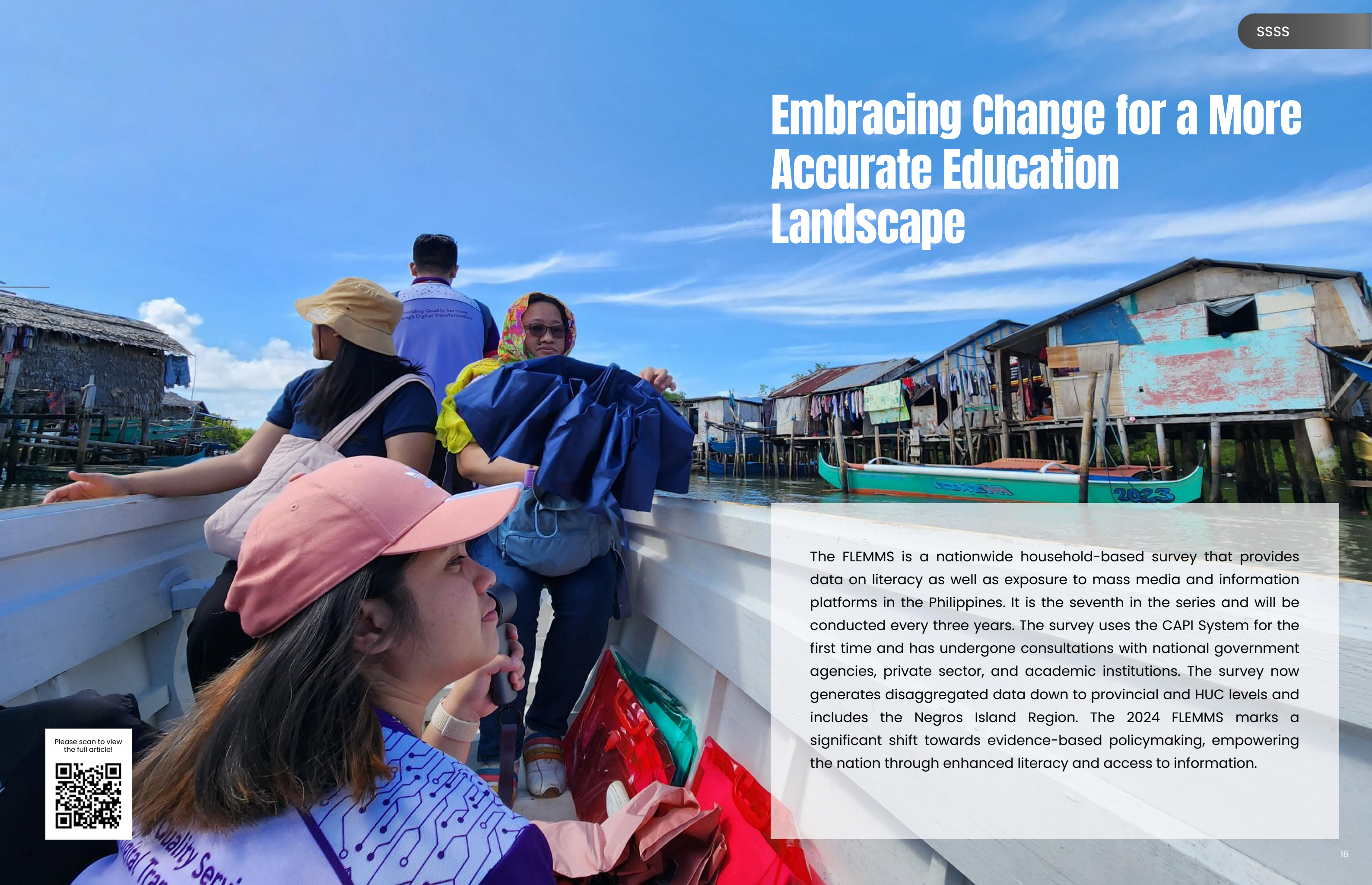
Empowering a Data-Driven Future: Highlights from the 2024 Regional Data Festival and Student-Faculty Conference

The 2024 RDF-SLC and 25th SFCon on Statistical Sciences gathered 420 participants from 17 to 18 October 2024 at the PSA Headquarters in Quezon City. Co-hosted by the PSA-SLC, which includes the RSSO NCR, RSSO IV-A, RSSO MIMAROPA, and RSSO V, and in partnership with UPSS, the event celebrated the power of data in driving good governance, youth empowerment, and sustainable development. Keynotes from PSA leaders and members of the academic community underscored the need for data literacy, accessibility, and cross-sector collaboration

Highlights included the PSA's Data Enclave platform, 16 insightful parallel sessions, and creative competitions, such as Infographics and Data Reporting. These activities demonstrated how data can be transformed into powerful narratives for public understanding. The event concluded with a strong call for sustained partnerships and innovation, inspiring attendees to champion a data-driven culture in their institutions and communities.

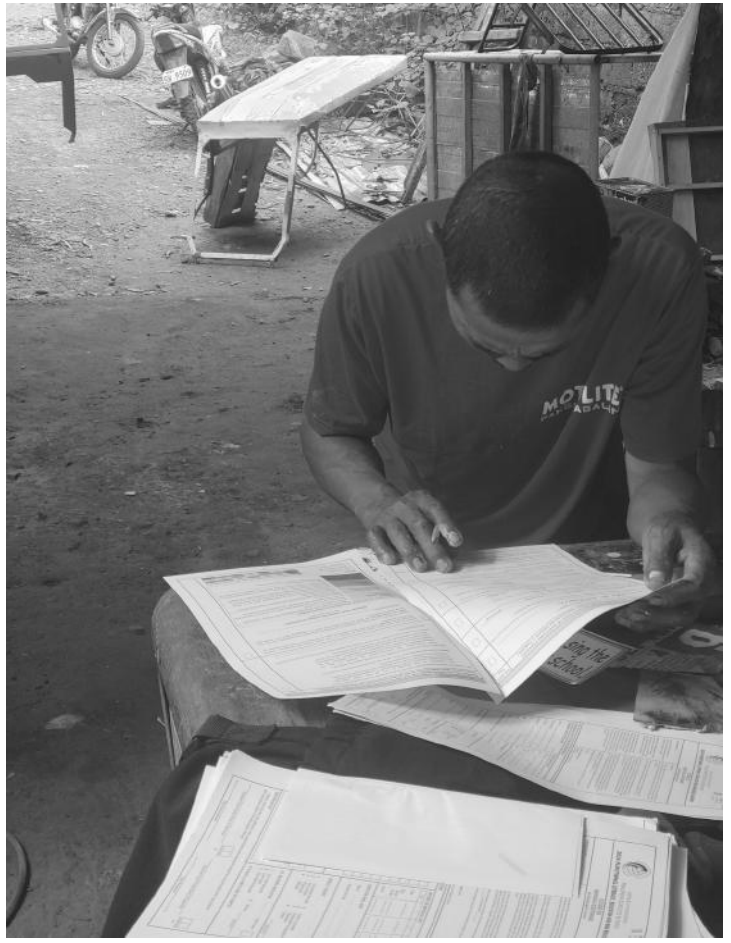
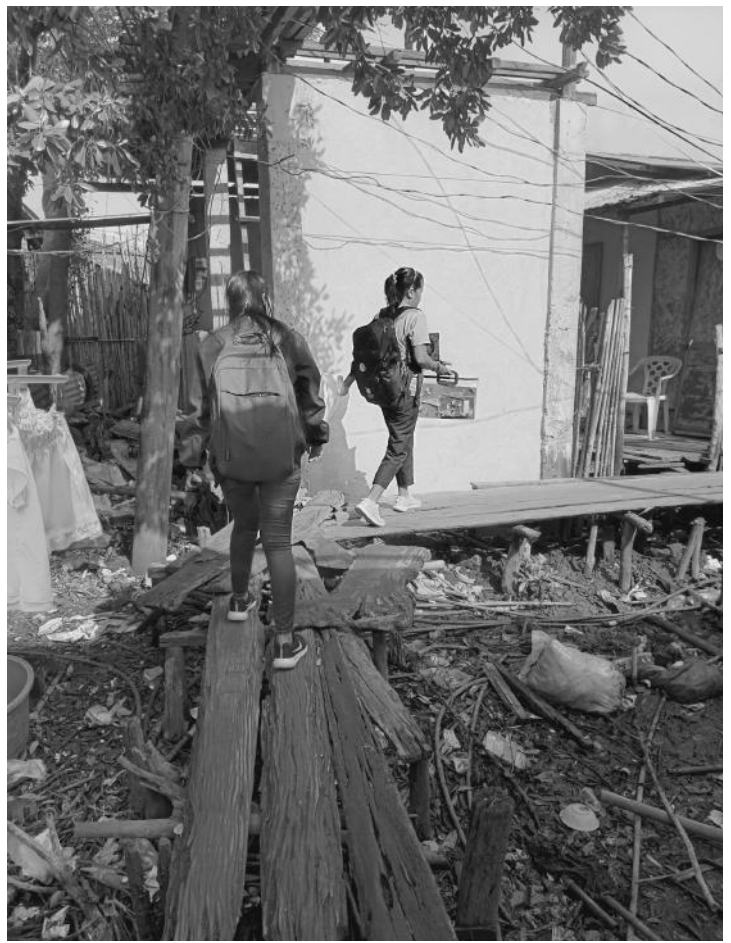
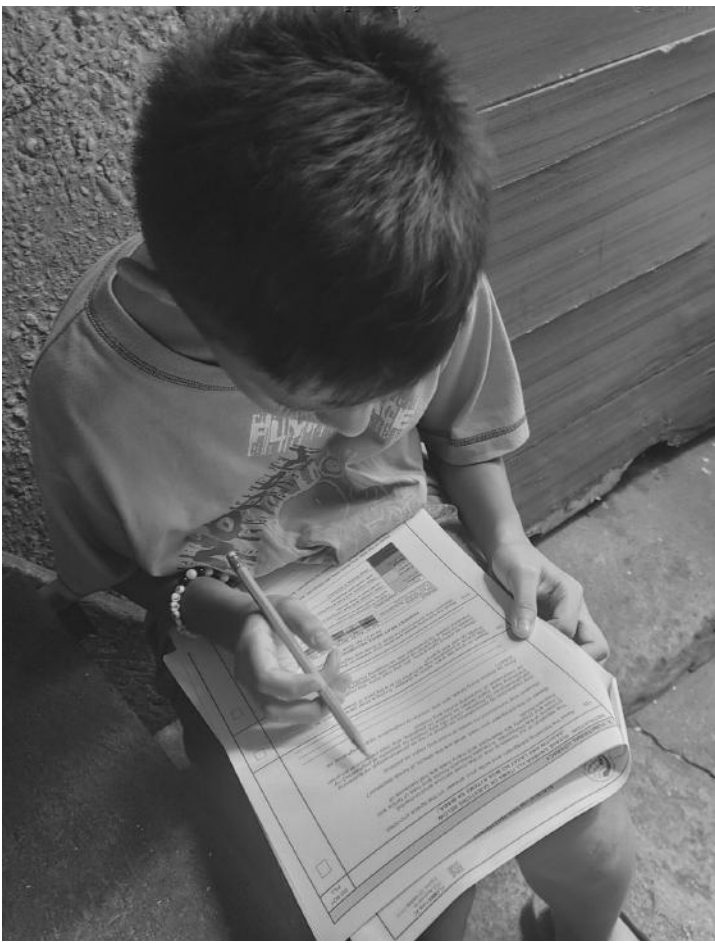


Embracing Change for a More Accurate Education Landscape



The FLEMMS is a nationwide household-based survey that provides data on literacy as well as exposure to mass media and information platforms in the Philippines. It is the seventh in the series and will be conducted every three years. The survey uses the CAPI System for the first time and has undergone consultations with national government agencies, private sector, and academic institutions. The survey now generates disaggregated data down to provincial and HUC levels and includes the Negros Island Region. The 2024 FLEMMS marks a significant shift towards evidence-based policymaking, empowering the nation through enhanced literacy and access to information.

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Supervision of the conduct of 2024 FLEMMS in Palawan.



Empowering Through Data: Gender Statistics Dissemination on Women's Month



Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan invited RSSO X to conduct a data dissemination forum on Gender Statistics. RSSO X held a data dissemination forum on gender statistics on 21 March 2025 as part of the National Women's Month Celebration of the Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan in Cagayan de Oro. The activities supported the sub-theme of the celebration, *"Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas,"* which focuses on empowering women and delivering essential services to the public.

The forum aimed to present the latest gender statistics in Northern Mindanao, promote the PSA data channels, strengthen communication of statistical terms, and bring access to essential services through the National ID registration for 0 months old and above. University President Fr. Marz P. Tan emphasized in his opening message the importance of data-driven decision-making in advancing gender equality. He also highlighted the opportunities that offers to deepen our understanding of the roles, contributions, and challenges faced by both women and men in society.

Meanwhile, a presentation on the Overview of Women and Men in Northern Mindanao, highlighting key statistics and insights, was discussed by selected PSA staff. Other products and services of the PSA were also presented during the forum. It was participated by representatives of regional line agencies, students, faculty, and staff of Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan.



BARMM participates in the 1st Bangsamoro Development Policy Research Forum

In celebration of the 22nd Development Policy Research Month, the RSSO BARMM participated in the 1st Bangsamoro Development Policy Research Forum held on 25 September 2024 in Cotabato City. Organized by the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority, the forum aimed to promote evidence-based policymaking and identify key research areas aligned with BARMM's Enhanced 12-Point Priority Agenda and the 2nd Bangsamoro Development Plan (2023-2028). RSSO BARMM contributed by delivering a message of support from OIC-RD Engr. Akan G. Tula, who presented the 2023 Official Poverty Statistics, and by participating in policy discussions on poverty reduction in BARMM.

Additionally, a data exhibit showcased PSA's services alongside other regional agencies. Likewise, the Ministry of Trade and Investment and The Moropreneur, Inc. displayed locally made products to promote tourism and investment in the region. The event reaffirmed RSSO BARMM's commitment to supporting development through accurate, timely, and relevant data for informed policymaking in the Bangsamoro region.

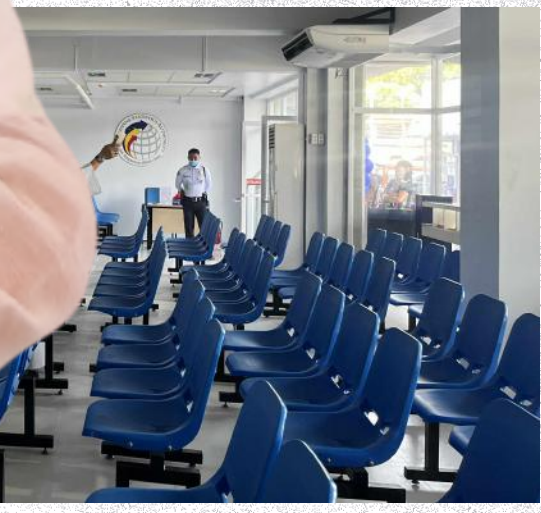


Negros Island Region Rekindled: The Fiery Birth of the RSSO Negros Island Region as Mount Kanlaon meets Isla Del Fuego

All these efforts reflect the region’s commitment to data-driven governance, despite the absence of a permanent office—signaling a bold and vibrant future for the newest PSA regional office.

The creation of the NIR through RA 12000 on 11 June 2024 united Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, and Siquijor into one administrative region, igniting the establishment of the RSSO NIR. The year 2025 marked a significant beginning, starting with the designation of CSS John F. Campomanes as Interim RD, by PSA Undersecretary Mapa, and followed by a series of firsts, including the release of NIR’s initial Gross Regional Domestic Product and Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure data, literacy statistics, and the ceremonial launch of an LGU-operated CRS outlet.

RSSO NIR continued to expand its reach through mobile CRS across the region and inaugurated new facilities such as the PSO Negros Oriental. It also conducted foundational surveys like the Labor Force Survey, Family Income and Expenditure Survey, and the Quarterly Survey of Philippine Business Industry, and organized its first Mid-Year Performance Review.





Integrating the National ID to Transform Service Delivery

The PSA has made significant strides in its effort to integrate the National ID and its authentication services to more Relying Parties in the government and private sector.

In making services more accessible, transactions more streamlined and secure, and identity verification more reliable and efficient, the use of National ID authentication services is helping transform the delivery of services to Filipinos.





RSSO IX promotes the National ID Authentication Services to the Local Government of Zamboanga City

The RSSO IX promoted the National ID Authentication Services to the Local Government of Zamboanga City as part of its commitment to enhancing service delivery and digital transformation. PSA officials and personnel met with the city's IT and HR leaders to present the salient features of RA 11055, showcase various formats of the National ID, and demonstrate the e-Verify authentication service.

This initiative highlights the benefits of the National ID Authentication System, emphasizing its role in facilitating secure and efficient identity verification. The service aims to assist LGUs in streamlining public transactions, and improving the delivery of essential services and enhancing accessibility for all citizens.

By integrating the National ID Authentication Services, the LGU can ensure accurate beneficiary targeting, reduce instances of fraud, and enhance transparency in service delivery. This collaboration underscores the National ID's potential to transform governance and simplify interactions between citizens and public institutions.



LGU Tublay leads CAR in Digital Identity Verification with National ID Integration

RSSO CAR signed a contract with the Municipality of Tublay, Benguet, making Tublay the first LGU in CAR to integrate National ID Authentication Services into its systems. DNS Rosalinda P. Bautista and Mayor Armando I. Lauro led the ceremonial signing, formalizing the collaboration at Tublay’s Municipal Gym in Barangay Caponga. This integration enables Tublay’s Registry of Barangay Inhabitants to perform real-time identity verification using National ID authentication services, significantly modernizing local transactions and public service delivery.

In her message, DNS Bautista emphasized the strategic role of LGUs in operationalizing digital reforms that reach the grassroots.

She underscored that the authentication services not only support more streamlined operations but also complement the PSA’s broader mandate of delivering quality official statistics and inclusive identity systems. Meanwhile, Mayor Lauro mentioned in his message that *“The implementation of National ID Authentication will allow us to better serve our constituents while ensuring the security and reliability of every transaction.”*

This undertaking represents a pivotal advancement in strengthening collaboration between national and local governments and lays the foundation for a smarter, technology-driven approach to public service delivery.

Under the agreement, the Municipality of Tublay will implement the National ID Authentication Services, enabling secure, reliable, and efficient verification of individual identities in their transactions with the local government.



Across Borders and Barriers: The Field Heroes Behind the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS

In 2024, the PSA conducted the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS, a collaborative initiative to update population statistics and social protection registries, while supporting local governments in creating evidence-based, community-specific programs. Beyond its technical objectives, the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS showcased the PSA's strong culture of teamwork, volunteerism, and resilience. Personnel from the central, regional, and provincial offices collaborated to ensure the successful nationwide rollout of data collection and processing.

To strengthen human resource and logistical support in designated areas, PSA personnel and enumerators volunteered to assist operations beyond their home provinces. Embracing the spirit of bayanihan, they helped address fieldwork needs, often under challenging conditions.

This collective effort enabled the PSA to overcome operational hurdles and deliver timely, high-quality data essential for local development planning and SDG monitoring – underscoring the value of cross-office collaboration and a shared commitment to public service.

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Interviews for the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS were conducted in various settings, reflecting personnel's flexibility and dedication to gather accurate data without disrupting respondents' daily lives.





Highlighting the Role of CBMS in Achieving SDGs at the 2025 Philippine Population Association International Scientific Conference

The PSA, through RSSO V, participated in the 2025 Philippine Population Association International Scientific Conference held on 07 March 2025 at Bicol University, Legazpi City. With the theme “Education and Population Dynamics: Shaping the Future of Societies,” the event gathered researchers and policymakers to explore the role of data in addressing development challenges.

RD Cynthia L. Perdiz, CESO V, served as a resource person and highlighted the CBMS as a vital tool for tracking local progress toward the SDGs. Her presentation emphasized how CBMS supports evidence-based governance, poverty reduction, and disaster risk management through localized data. Updates on the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS initiatives were also shared, reinforcing PSA’s commitment to inclusive and data-informed development planning.



RSSO VI wins Top Honor for Best Convergence Response at Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair Agency Summit 2024

The RSSO VI received recognition for best convergence activity at the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair Agency Summit 2024, held from 19 to 21 August 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City. The summit gathered nearly 1,500 participants, including regional directors and heads from 75 national government agencies in 17 regions and central offices across the country.

During the Day 2 morning plenary, RSSO VI was awarded for its notable response to the Day 1 "Question of the Day": "How has your agency engaged in convergence programs with other agencies?" OIC-RD Nelida C. Amolar shared the PSA's field implementation of joint service delivery efforts with DSWD, DFA, and DOLE. These activities resulted in 173 Step 2 National ID registrations, the issuance of 453 National IDs in paper format, and 713 clients served for civil registry services.

This recognition highlights the agency's continuing support for convergence initiatives that bring services closer to the people.



Building the Future: The Philippines' Digital Transformation of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

The Philippines, through the PSA, reaffirmed its leadership in CRVS at the Third Ministerial Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, from 23 to 26 June 2025, where the CRVS Decade was extended to 2030. The delegation, led by PSA Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa, played key roles in ministerial and senior official segments, showcasing national initiatives in digitalization, inclusion, and data quality.

Highlights included the BRAP, which has served over 442,000 unregistered Filipinos, and efforts to register stateless persons, refugees, and nomadic groups. Digital advancements, such as eCRVS integration with the National ID System and archive digitization, were emphasized as tools for a resilient, inclusive CRVS. The conference underscored the country's commitment to "no one left behind" through innovation, partnerships, and rights-based approaches. As 2030 approaches, the PSA remains determined to lead regional progress, ensuring that every life is recorded, every person recognized, and every identity protected.



Beyond a Decade: The Philippines' Renewed Commitment to an Inclusive CRVS Future

The PSA is spearheading the digital transformation of the CRVS system to deliver faster, more secure, and more accessible services nationwide. Through innovations like the eCRVS system and the APCAS, the PSA streamlines workflows, enables real-time data capture, and reduces processing times.

The eCRVS, tailored to Philippine laws and processes, supports paperless transactions and seamless coordination among LCROs, health facilities, and communities, with pilot rollouts beginning in 2025. APCAS, already tested in 18 LCROs, has cut petition processing to under a month, enhancing efficiency and transparency. These initiatives, backed by strong cybersecurity and data privacy measures, ensure resilience against disasters, agility for policy shifts, and inclusivity for all citizens. The PSA's efforts mark a decisive leap toward a future-ready CRVS that safeguards identity and empowers every Filipino.

No One Left Behind: A Nationwide Mission to Give Every Filipino a Name and a Future

The PSA is advocating for an Executive Order mandating the registration of all unregistered births within one year of its effectivity. This nationwide initiative addresses the long-standing issue of unrecorded births, which hinders access to education, healthcare, employment, and legal rights. In partnership with key government agencies, LCROs, barangays, and community organizations, the PSA will conduct mobile registrations and set up Temporary Satellite Offices to reach underserved areas, including remote and marginalized communities.

The Executive Order aims to remove bureaucratic barriers, streamline processes, and ensure that every Filipino is officially recognized. This effort aligns with the PSA's vision of being resilient, agile, and future-fit: adapting services to meet people where they are and ensuring inclusivity in official records. By securing legal identity for all, the Executive Order strengthens social protection, empowers citizens, and lays the foundation for a more equitable and inclusive society.



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PSO Biliran marks a Milestone with the First PSA-Managed CRS Outlet in Naval

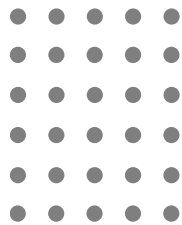
The PSA officially opened the first PSA-Managed CRS Outlet in PSO Biliran. The inauguration ceremony was held on 29 October 2024, led by PSA Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa, together with Honorable Gerard Roger M. Espina, ANS Marizza B. Grande, RSSO VIII RD Wilma A. Perante, CSS Renavil V. Cueva, Sheryl Ann A. Jamisola, along with other delegates from various PSA regional offices across the country.

The event featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, during which Governor Gerard Roger M. Espina received the first printed Certificate of Live Birth on SecPa issued at the new CRS outlet. This was followed by a Launching Program held at the Biliran Province State University Gym.



In his message, Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa emphasized the PSA's commitment to bringing civil registration services closer to the public, particularly in remote areas and municipalities disadvantaged by their distance from existing CRS outlets. He also announced the upcoming establishment of eight more PSA-Managed CRS outlets nationwide, with the main objective of improving accessibility to civil registration services.

Operating under the CRS-ITP2, the new outlet enables efficient management and issuance of civil registry documents. With this development, residents of Biliran and nearby municipalities can now conveniently access civil registration services at the PSA Provincial Office in Naval, Biliran.



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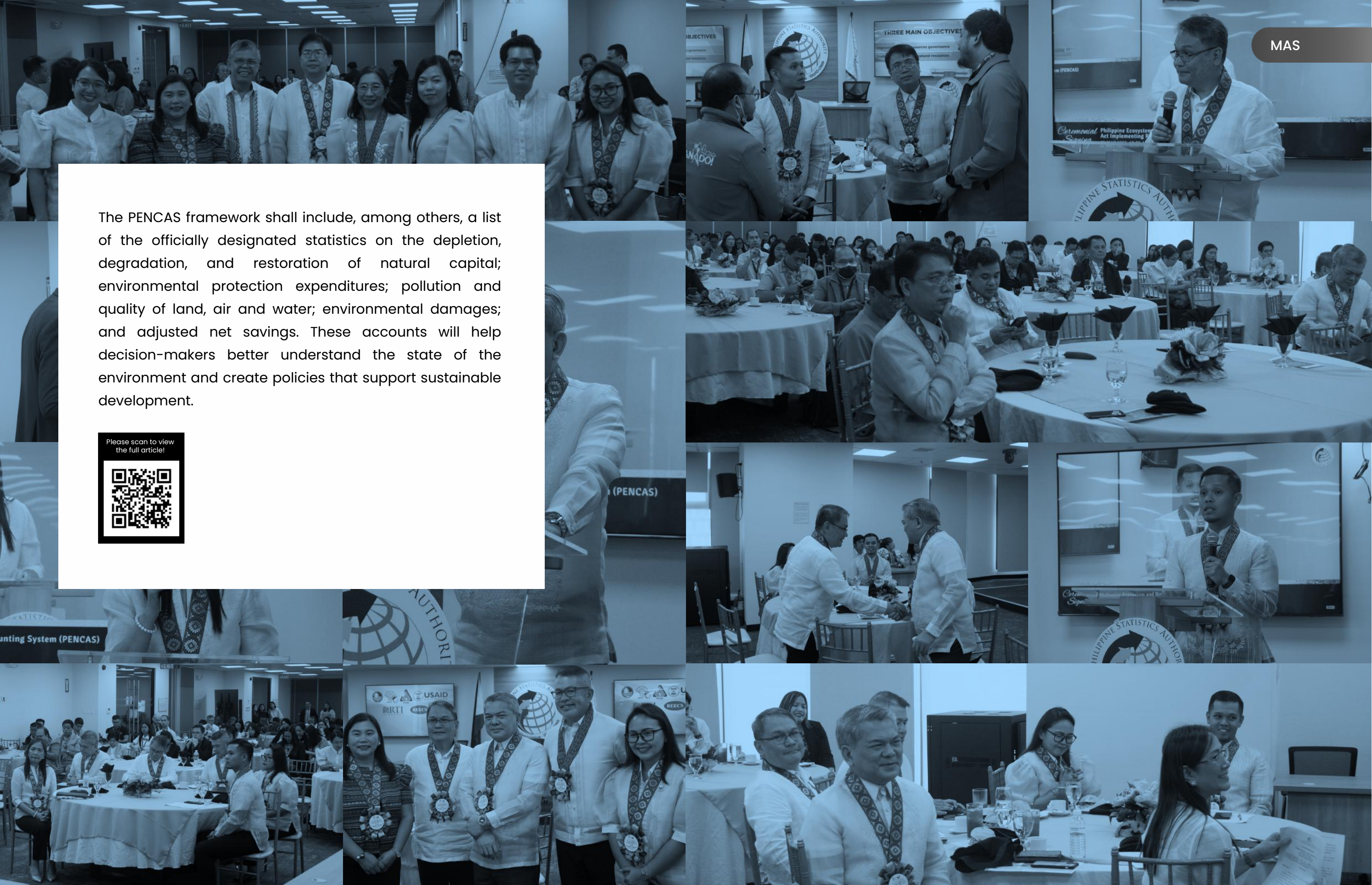


Recognizing Nature in Policy: PENCAS Act IRR formalizes Natural Capital Integration in National Planning

The IRR of RA 11995, otherwise known as the PENCAS Act, was officially signed on 22 May 2025 at the PSA Headquarters in Quezon City. This marked an important step in putting into action the country's commitment to integrating the value of ecosystems and natural capital into its national development planning and decision-making. The IRR establishes the institutional framework, responsibilities, methodologies, and procedures necessary to implement PENCAS, which adheres to internationally recognized environmental-economic accounting standards, particularly the UN-SEEA.

Under the IRR, the PSA will lead partner agencies in gathering, harmonizing, and reporting data on ecosystem services and natural resources. It also sets guidance for capacity-building, stakeholder participation, transparency, and data-sharing to ensure the accounts are scientifically sound, consistent, and policy-relevant. Through the implementation of PENCAS, the goal is to strengthen policies that balances economic growth with environmental sustainability and intergenerational equity.

The PENCAS framework shall include, among others, a list of the officially designated statistics on the depletion, degradation, and restoration of natural capital; environmental protection expenditures; pollution and quality of land, air and water; environmental damages; and adjusted net savings. These accounts will help decision-makers better understand the state of the environment and create policies that support sustainable development.





Driving Innovation: CISA Phase 2 FGD sparks Creative Dialogue

The RSSO VII, in partnership with the DTI, successfully conducted an FGD on the creative economy for the CISA on 26 November 2024 in Cebu City. The activity brought together key stakeholders from three creative fields: audio and audiovisual media, traditional cultural expressions, and design. This FGD is part of Phase 2 of the CISA project, which aims to improve how the creative economy is measured in the Philippines through the development of the PCESA.

During the FGD, participants were grouped based on their creative field to share insights on their industry's operations, challenges, and data needs. These group discussions also helped validate findings from the earlier phase of the project, including the definitions and scope of creative industries.

The feedback gathered in the activity will guide the improvement of the methods used to gather and analyze data, making the PCESA more accurate and useful. The successful FGD in Central Visayas highlights the importance of teamwork among government agencies and the creative community. As the CISA project moves forward, PSA and DTI continue their efforts to ensure that the creative sector is properly recognized for its role in both culture and the economy.





Empowering RSSO II Personnel through Statistical Capacity Building Harnessing the Microsoft Office Productivity Suite for Smarter Workflows



The RSSO II conducted a two-day Statistical Capacity Building on Microsoft Productivity Suite for its personnel from 28 to 29 November 2024 in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, as part of the 35th NSM celebration. With the theme *“Advancing Data and Statistics Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation,”* the training aimed to enhance the digital skills and knowledge of RSSO II employees, which are crucial for efficient statistical data analysis and management.



The program featured lectures from experts of Cagayan State University, covering modules on workplace productivity, statistical analysis, and digital transformation in data management. Discussions also included the use of Microsoft Office tools and PSA Standard Documents to support standardized, data-driven operations.

Through this capacity building activity, RSSO II reaffirmed its commitment to modernizing statistical practices and empowering its personnel to deliver high-quality, policy-relevant data.



From Sea to Farm to Slaughterhouse: Enhancing Agricultural Statistics for more informed decision-making

To support national development goals and food security, the PSA launched three major initiatives to improve agricultural statistics.

The first initiative focuses on improving the accuracy of seaweed production statistics. Seaweed farming remains a vital economic activity, contributing significantly to aquaculture output, employment, and export revenues. While seaweed is harvested fresh, it is often sold dried. The PSA currently uses a standard fresh-to-dried conversion ratio of seven to one. However, without localized ratios, estimates can vary across provinces, affecting national and local planning. To address this, a study was conducted in major seaweed-producing provinces through a two-phase approach: first, a survey gathered perceptions of local seaweed operators on the existing conversion ratio and their drying practices; second, actual observations of harvesting, drying, and selling were conducted.

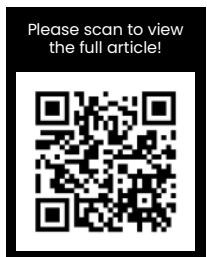
While survey results supported the current national ratio, field observations revealed differences in volume, price, seaweed variety, and drying methods. A repeat study will be conducted in two of the original provinces from the initial round, along with two additional provinces, to validate earlier findings and resolve data inconsistencies caused by irregular conditions during the initial data collection. The study aims to enhance data accuracy for use in future PSA surveys and policymaking.



The second initiative updates the definitions and conversion rates for livestock and poultry carcass and offal. Meat is a primary protein source in the country, and the use of parameters outdated since 1992 has led to inconsistent meat supply estimates. A multi-year project led by the TWG-LPS involved research, field visits, stakeholder consultations, and data collection. As a result, updated conversion rates now reflect local slaughter and consumption practices. These revisions, approved by the PSA Board in May 2025, will ensure more accurate supply estimates and inform better policy and business decisions.



The third initiative focuses on rice, the country's staple food. The MRR is used to convert palay into milled rice and was previously set at 65.4 percent. With industry conditions evolving, the PSA reassessed the MRR through facility visits, technical consultations, and data review. The study recommended adjusting the MRR to 63.0 percent, a revision approved by the PSA Board in 2024. This updated rate will improve the reliability of rice data, supporting better agricultural planning and food security strategies.





Casting a Wider Net: CALABARZON organizes TWG on Fishery Statistics



RSSO IV-A organized the TWG-FS to enhance the accuracy of fishery data in CALABARZON. Held on 26 May 2025, the first TWG-FS organizational meeting gathered 24 representatives from key agencies to address data issues and explore harmonization strategies for fishery data in the region. The TWG-FS serves as a platform for addressing issues, generating data, recommending improvements, and coordinating efforts to enhance fishery statistics in CALABARZON. This initiative reflects PSA’s commitment to building a resilient, agile, and future-fit statistical system through strengthened inter-agency collaboration.



Building on Data: RSSO MIMAROPA conducts Dissemination Forum on Construction Statistics

RSSO MIMAROPA conducted a Regional Data Dissemination Forum on Construction Statistics on 28 December 2024, in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro. The forum focused on presenting data from approved building permits across the MIMAROPA Region, providing key insights into the region's construction landscape. Attended by representatives from LGUs, particularly Business Permit and Licensing Officers, the event highlighted the role of construction statistics in guiding evidence-based planning and development.

CSS Dr. Ma. Leizl L. Magbojos opened the forum by emphasizing the importance of data as a strategic tool for sustainable growth.

RD Leni R. Rioflorido presented detailed analyses of construction statistics for 2023 and January to September 2024, covering the number, value, and floor area of approved constructions, disaggregated by structure type and province.

The forum underscored how construction statistics support policy formulation, investment planning, and urban development. By fostering collaboration between the PSA and LGUs, the event reinforced the commitment to data-driven governance and regional progress in MIMAROPA.





RSSO XII leads Pretest II for 2025 ULAFO-LMFLC in Sarangani and GenSan

RSSO XII, in partnership with NCS-CPCD, successfully conducted the Pretest II for the 2025 ULAFO-LMFLC from 19 to 23 May 2025. This field operation was carried out in selected municipalities in the Province of Sarangani and in General Santos City. Technical personnel from the NCS-CPCD, along with regional focal persons and enumerators, participated in the activity.

The pretest aimed to assess the end-to-end operational process, including data collection using the CAPI system and subsequent data processing. Field teams visited agricultural areas in the municipalities of Maasim, Kiamba, and Malungon in Sarangani Province, as well as sites in General Santos City. Marine fish landing centers in the municipalities of Maitum and Kiamba in Sarangani Province were also covered.

Findings from the pretest will play a vital role in refining the PSA's methodologies and tools, ensuring greater efficiency and accuracy ahead of the full-scale ULAFO-LMFLC implementation scheduled for nationwide rollout later this year.



Plugging the Gaps: How PLDS is Future-Proofing the Philippine Statistical Business Register



The PLDS-BRP is a strategic initiative led by the PSA to develop the country's SBR system. Launched in July 2024, the project aims to link administrative data from LGUs, particularly business permit records, to the PSA's LE. By shifting from traditional field listing to using existing LGU data, the PLDS-BRP provides a cost-effective and efficient model for regularly updating the Philippine SBR. The project involves structured coordination between the FO and CO, regional staff training, and the use of digital tools for data processing and validation. As of 30 June 2025, the PSA had processed over 2.5 million business unit records. The PLDS-BRP strengthens collaboration with LGUs, enhances data quality, and supports the agency's vision of a resilient, agile, and future-fit statistical system.



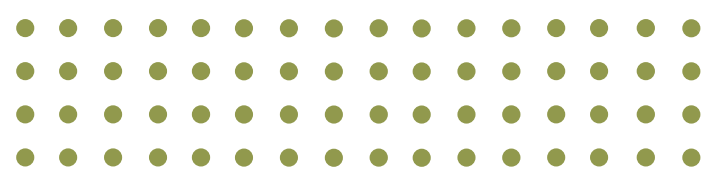
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Bridging Data and Social Good: RSSO Caraga Recognized as a Best Partner NGA in the 2024 PaNaTa ko sa Bayan Awards

RSSO Caraga was recognized as one of the Best Partner NGAs during the 2024 PaNaTa ko sa Bayan Awards held on 25 March 2025 at Butuan City. Organized by the DSWD XIII, the award honors institutions that have significantly contributed to the region's social welfare and development goals. RSSO Caraga was commended for its vital role in delivering timely, accurate, and transformative statistical, civil registration, and identification services that support DSWD programs.

OIC-RD Guillermo M. Lipio, Jr. received the award on behalf of RSSO Caraga, emphasizing the agency's commitment to public service beyond data collection—ensuring that information leads to meaningful, community-based action. The recognition highlights the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing poverty, disaster response, and social protection, proving that when data is used with compassion, it becomes a powerful tool for change.





RSSO III has long worked with the DENR in producing reliable and timely environmental statistics. One major achievement of this partnership was the release of the Land Asset Accounts in 2021 under the SEEA, which offered a full picture of land use and value in the region. The office also leads in the development of other environment-related data such as timber and water flow accounts, which are essential in planning for sustainable development. Beyond statistics, PSA also engages in environmental activities, such as the coastal and mangrove clean-up held in October 2024 at Balanga City Wetland and Nature Park. These efforts reflect PSA's commitment to not only data but also direct action in environmental protection.



DENR hails RSSO III as Environmental Champion

RSSO III was recognized as one of the 30 environmental champions during the first Gawad Kalikasan: Partners in Sustainability and Progress for a Greener Future held on 19 June 2025 in San Fernando City, Pampanga. The office received the Champion of Environmental Governance, Sustainable Development, and Ecological Protection Award for its active role in promoting environmental sustainability. CSS Arlene Z. Torrico accepted the award on behalf of RD Arlene M. Divino, joining other awardees from various sectors who have shown dedication to environmental protection.

More than just recognizing accomplishments, the Gawad Kalikasan aims to encourage collaboration across sectors to preserve the region's natural resources. It celebrates individual and collective efforts, promotes innovation, and fosters a shared responsibility in building a sustainable and climate-resilient future for Central Luzon.





One Team, One Goal: DEPDev Sports Festival 2025 Brings Agencies Together

The 2025 Inter-DEPDev Sports Festival brought together employees from DEPDev and its attached agencies for a vibrant, month-long celebration of camaraderie, healthy competition, and team spirit. Held throughout June, the event was organized by the employee associations of DEPDev and its attached agencies and officially kicked off at the PSA Grounds.

More than just a sports festival, the event fostered deeper connections, promoted health and wellness, and reinforced unity across the DEPDev family. After weeks of friendly yet spirited competition, the PSA emerged as the overall champion—adding a memorable highlight to an already inspiring celebration.







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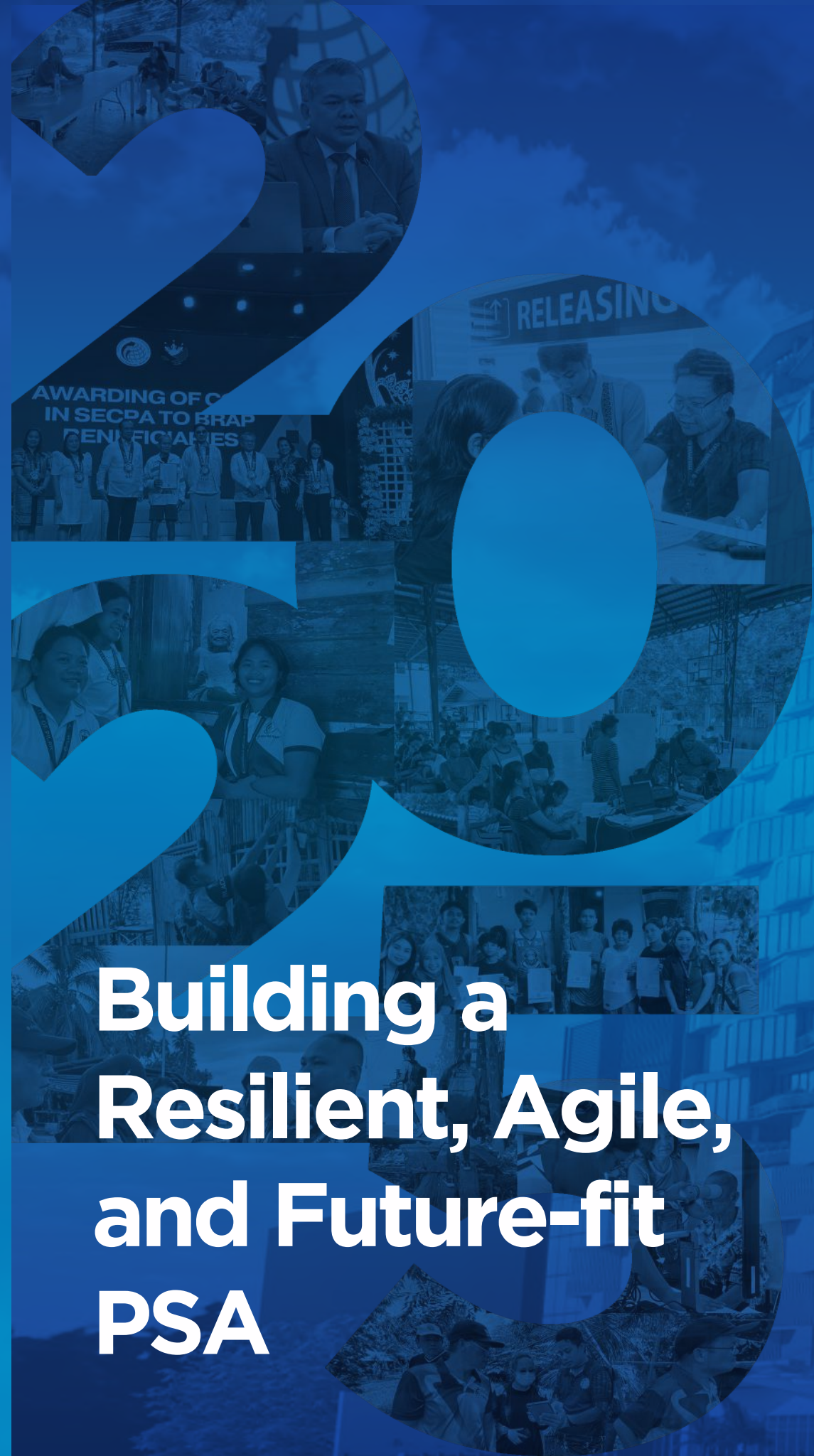
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AIS	Agricultural Indicator System	LTOMES	Licensed to Operate Meat Establishments
APCAS	Administrative Petition for Correction Automated System	MRR	Milling Recovery Rate
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	NCS	National Censuses Service
BARMM	Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	NIR	Negros Island Region
BCD	Bureau of Competitive Development	NQAF	National Quality Assurance Framework
BIMP-EAGA	Brunei Darussalam Indonesia Malaysia Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area	PCESA	Philippine Creative Economy Satellite Account
BRAP	Birth Registration Assistance Project	PENCAS	Philippine Ecosystem and Natural Capital Accounting System
CAPI	Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing	PLDS-BRP	PSA-LGU Data Sharing for Business Register Project
CAR	Cordillera Administrative Region	POPCEN-CBMS	Census of Population and Community-based Monitoring System
CBMS	Community-Based Monitoring System	PQA	Philippine Quality Award
CISA	Creative Industries Satellite Account	PSA	Philippine Statistics Authority
CO	Central Office	PSIC	Philippine Standard Industrial Classification
CPCD	Census Planning and Coordination Division	PSQAF	Philippine Statistical Quality Assurance Framework
CRS	Civil Registration Service	PSS	Philippine Statistical System
CRS-ITP2	Civil Registry System-Information Technology. Project Phase II	QAqS	Quarterly Aquaculture Survey
CRVS	Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	RA	Republic Act
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DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	RDF	Regional Data Festival
DEPDev	Department of Economy, Planning, and Development	RFP	Regional Focal Person
DFA	Department of Foreign Affairs	RSSO	Regional Statistical Services Office
DNS	Deputy National Statistician	SBR	Statistical Business Register
DOLE	Department of Labor and Employment	SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
DSWD	Department of Social Welfare and Development	SEAA	System of Environmental-Economic Accounting
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry	SECPA	Security Paper
eCRVS	electronic Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	SFCon	Student-Faculty Conference
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	SKI	Survey of Key Informants
FGD	Focus Group Discussion	SLC	South Luzon Cluster
FLEMMS	Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey	SPI	Statistical Performance Indicators
FO	Field Office	SS-SSD	Standards Service-Statistical Standards Division
FS	Fishery Statistics	SUA	Supply and Utilization Accounts
GSBPM	Generic Statistical Business Process Model	SWG	Special Working Group
HUC	Highly Urbanized City	TWG	Technical Working Group
IACAFS	Interagency Committee on Agriculture and Fishery Statistics	TWG-FS	Technical Working Group on Fishery Statistics
IRR	Implementing Rules and Regulations	TWG-LPS	Technical Working Group on Livestock and Poultry Statistics
LCRO	Local Civil Registry Office	TWGCS	Technical Working Group on Crops Statistics
LE	List of Establishments	ULAFO	Updating of List of Agricultural Farm Operators
LGU	Local Government Unit	UN	United Nations
LMFLC	Listing of Marine Fish Landing Centers	UNSD	United Nations Statistics Division
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