The Philippine Statistics Authority Services Office II (PSA -RSSO II) bagged second place for Statistical Operations Category, one of the major awards during the PSA 7th Anniversary cum PSA Awards on 12 September 2020 via Webex.

The provincial offices in the region likewise clutched awards. The Most Improved Province was awarded to the Provincial Office of Batanes. Quirino Provincial Statistics Office garnered the 9th Best Provincial Statistics Office and 3rd Best Civil Registration Services Award. Similarly, the Provincial Office of Cagayan hit the 5th Best Civil Registration Services Award.

At the end of the celebration in the Region, Regional Director Regional Marilyn T. Estrada thanked all her staff for their unyielding services in providing quality general purpose Statistics. “Thank you very much for the men and women of PSA for your tireless dedication, these blessings are a team effort of the Regional and Provincial Statistics Office,” RD Estrada said.

The PSA Awards is conducted annually to give credit to Regional and Provincial offices with outstanding performance.

Over 5,000 Hired CPH Enumerators Visited Households on Cagayan Valley
PSA-RSSO II Conducts Virtual Press launching of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing
PSA-Quirino Conducted Motorcade for the 2020 Census of Population and Housing
CPH 2020 Launching in the Province of Quirino
PSA RSSO II Conducts On-Boarding for its Newly Hired PhilSys Coordination Teams
PhilSys Cagayan Valley Now Ready for Pre-Registration Process
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Over 5,000 hired enumerators started visiting every household last September 1, 2020 for the collection of population and housing characteristics including demographic, socioeconomic and cultural characteristics of every households in Region 02. Even barangay characteristics and Institutional Living Quarters (ILQ) will be enumerated as well.

The first day of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) ran smoothly except for some areas under lockdown due to increasing number of COVID-19 cases. The Census Team reassured the public that their field personnel are properly equipped with personal protective gears and sanitation kits to make sure that they will not be infected of any virus. Likewise, they are all advised to always observe physical distancing to avoid contamination of respondents.

Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada encouraged every constituent in Cagayan Valley Region to willingly support and participate in the said census as the information gathered will be the basis of our policymakers to craft plans, programs and projects for the nation, especially this time that we are faced with difficult and unique situations.

In addition the director assured that the data gathered in the 2020 CPH shall be held with utmost confidentiality. Moreover, on the part of respondents, they are obliged to give truthful and complete answers to statistical inquiries as stated in Paragraph 1 of Section 27 of RA 10625.

The Census of Population and Housing will run until September 30, 2020.

Sama na, Census na!
The Philippine Statistics Authority Regional Statistics Services Office II (PSA-RSSO II) conducted a virtual Press Launching on 26 August 2020 via Zoom to enable support from the local media and promote the conduct of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing which starts on 01 September 2020.

Regional Director (RD) Marilyn T. Estrada asked the support from the media and gave the importance of the 2020 CPH, “the upcoming Census of Population and Housing aims to provide government planners, policy makers, and administrators with population and housing data on which to base their social and economic development plans, policies, and programs as media entities we are asking for your support to disseminate its importance in our local community.” RD Estrada said.

On the other hand, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region 2 and Regional Census and Coordinating Board (RCCB) Chairmain, Dionisio C. Ledres, Jr. which was represented by Senior Economic Development Specialist, Lillian Marasigan lauded the PSA in its operational procedures amidst the pandemic “I laud the PSA’s efforts in coming up with different approaches to address the limitations brought about by the pandemic. We appreciate the work that our hardworking colleagues in the PSA have put in place to ensure that the 2020 CPH will push through this year despite this pandemic. I urge everyone to cooperate and participate in the 2020 CPH,” Ledres shared.

Governors and City Mayors from the Region also pledged their support through Audio Visual Presentation (AVP). Some of their representatives were present and delivered their speech virtually.

RD Estrada emphasized during the virtual conference with the media and some RCCB members that they will abide with the protocols set by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF). “If the IATF recommends us to postpone the enumeration in some critical areas, we will definitely abide by it,” RD Estrada said.

Meanwhile, Office of Civil Defense Director and Local IATF Chairman Dante D.Balao shared some slides emphasizing the rules and protocols on community quarantine.

RD Estrada thanked the IATF Chair and shared that the health and welfare of more than 5000 enumerators hired are top priority. The office enrolled them in insurance policies and they were also provided face masks, face shields and sanitation kits which will be used during enumeration, “during our series of training we advised them to habitually maintain physical distancing and to not proceed with the enumeration in critical areas,” RD Estrada added.

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She also highlighted that the office will certainly not visit an enumeration area classified especially when it is on lockdown. “The office will have to wait for the go signal of the local barangay officials before we proceed with the enumeration,” Estrada assured the media and the members of the RCCB.

Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS), Engr. Girme M. Bayucan added that the 2020 Census will not be limited in paper and pencil interview, household head and members can also be accounted through phone call interviews or through accomplishing the self-administered questionnaire forms.

In his closing remarks, CSS Bayucan urged the media and its co-members in the RCCB to help disseminate the value of census in nation building and promote it to their friends and family to increase participation in the census and make sure that every Filipino in the Cagayan Valley region will be fully accounted. Also present to show their support in the upcoming census were Counselors Karina S. Gauani and Grace B. Arago who represented Mayor Jefferson P. Soriano of Tuguegarao City.

PSA-Quirino conducted motorcade for the 2020 Census of Population and Housing

PSA-Quirino conducted motorcade for the 2020 CPH from the Municipality of Diffun to Nagtipunan on August 28, 2020.
CSS Cherry Grace D. Agustin led the launching of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) on August 25, 2020 through online video conference (zoom).

The launching was attended by the Provincial Governor Hon. Dax E. Cua together with the member of the Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC) and Provincial Census Coordinating Board (PCCB).

CSS Agustin also disseminated the launching of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) on August 5, 2020 at 92.1 DWQP FM Capitol Hills, Cabarroguis, Quirino.
To ensure the effective and efficient roll-out of the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) to its Regional and Provincial Registration Offices, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Regional Office II conducted a one (1) day On-boarding/orientation for its newly hired Registration Officers I, and Administrative Assistants II last July 16, 2020 at Pulsar Premier Suits, Buntun Highway, Tuguegarao City. The newly hired employees will form the PhilSys Coordination Teams (PCTs) of the Region and provinces.

Regional Director (RD) Marilyn T. Estrada welcomed the coordination teams of the Regional and Provincial PCTs to PSA family. RD Estrada shared that she insisted the conduct of the said on-boarding to make them feel welcomed and belonged. “Welcome to the PSA Family, we hope that with this On-Boarding, each team will be equipped with some of the basic information regarding PhilSys,” RD Estrada said. I do not want to deploy each team and coordinate with the Local Government Units (LGUs) without fully imbibing the details/importance of the project to the community," RD Estrada said.

On the other hand, PhilSys Alternate Spokesperson Ma. Isaandra N. Miguel shared some of the basic information regarding PhilSys such as its background, scopes and objectives and the meaning of the PhiSys logo.

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After that, RD Estrada reported on the status of the PhilSys Implementation. She shared that the PhilSys Registry Office (PRO) is completing the procurement of the last component of the major blocks of the PhilSys which is the System which is the System Integrator (SI). She also discussed the estate of other blocks.

Besides, as adherence to the new normal set of rules the agency adjusted and revised its registration strategies and targets which will now focus on registering 5 Million low-income household heads for this year. This is a commitment to maximize its impact on emerging social protection programs being implemented by the government. Consequently, CAO Adduru discussed the specific duties and responsibilities for the Registration Officers I and Administrative Assistants II.

Lastly, Engr. Girme M. Bayucan, Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) Chief congratulated the newly hired personnel, “you are very lucky and blessed, because out of a hundred applicants you’ve proved and have been given the chance to work with PSA.” Bayucan said. He reminded them to live by the PSA Core Values and do their job effectively and efficiently to provide quality service for the general public.

The activity was also attended by the Chief Statistical Specialists/or their representative of the five provinces.

PhilSys Cagayan Valley now ready for Pre-Registration process

Three days before the start of pre-registration of 5 million low income households to the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) kicks-off its implementation via press conference to its project partners.

Sec. Karl Kendrick Chua of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Usec. Claire Dennis Mapa of PSA and Usec. Dennis F. Villorente of the Department of Information and Technology (DICT) answered questions from the media and stakeholders.

Usec. Mapa shared that the pre-registration process will start on 12 October 2020 at 664 Cities and Municipalities of 32 provinces which was identified as low risk of COVID19 transmission. He further explained that the registration process was divided into two steps the pre-registration which will commence on Monday, October 12,2020 and end at December 2020 and the Registration process which will start by the end of November. “This strategy is done in light of the COVID19 outbreak to reduce exposure of the registrants and the registration officers,” Mapa said.

He further stated the PhilSys Pre-registration (PR) teams are now ready and equip with the knowledge and tools in order to successfully register all their registrants in the database.

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As for Cagayan Valley Region, Cagayan and Isabela provinces were part of the provinces who will initially conduct the pre-registration and registration processes. PSA Provincial Provinces of Cagayan and Isabela are already done with its PhilSys Pre-registration Provincial Level Training on September 28 to October 03, 2020.

183 attendees which were composed of Registration Officers II (Supervisor) and Registration Officers I (Enumerators) divided in two batches attended the said trainings of PSA Cagayan. While 188 attended the trainings for PSA Isabela.

The PhilSys task force participants cascaded the manual of operational procedures when it comes to pre-registration process on field and the ways to use KoboCollect app in the tablets provided to them.

Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada encouraged its field personnel to be zealous in the given duties and responsibilities to them. She also shared the status of implementation of PhilSys to them. “The success of the implementation of PhilSys will not be possible without you as our Registration Officers and Enumerators.

We hope that you will do your job properly, adhere to the procedures of the manual and comply with the health protocols ordered by DOH and the IATF,” Estrada said.

Meanwhile, Sec. Chua assured the public that the agency is very committed in rolling out the project despite the threat of COVID19, PSA will still push through in registering the target household for this year and assured that the necessary safety protocols will be strictly observed during the nationwide conduct of pre-registration.
BIRTH ISSUANCE

Figure 1 shows the number of processed and issued birth certificates in CRS Tuguegarao Outlet during the 3rd quarter of 2020 with a total of 50,966 or a decrease of 42.33 percent compared to the previous year of the same quarter.

During the 3rd quarter of 2020, it was observed that the month of July had the highest processed applications with 22,125 requests.

MARRIAGE ISSUANCES

On Marriage issuances, CRS Tuguegarao Outlet received a total of 8,040 requests during the quarter of this year. Figure 2 shows that the requested documents declined by 42.72 percent compared to the same period of 2019. The month of July was observed to have the highest number of processed marriages with 3,014 applications.

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CENOMAR ISSUANCES

There were 12,604 processed and issued CENOMAR for the third quarter of 2020. The graph indicates an increase of about 14.86 percent from the 2019 figure of 10,973 issued CENOMAR. The month of July posted the highest processed CENOMAR at 5,374 applications.

DEATH ISSUANCES

A total of 2,281 requests for death certificates were issued during the third quarter of 2020 as shown in the graph below. Figure 4 indicates a decrease of about 8.61 percent from the 2019 figure of 2,496 issued death certificates.

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ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF AUTHORITY TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE (CRASM)

![Graph showing CRASM issuance]

Figure 5. Total Number of Processed CRASM: Tuguegarao City Outlet, July–September 2019-2020

The graph shows a total of 17 applications for CRASM were approved for the third quarter of 2020 compared to the same period of 2019 with 21 applications.

The month of August posted the highest number of processed CRASM for the quarter.

ANNOTATED CIVIL REGISTRY DOCUMENTS FOR DECENTRALIZED COPY ANNOTATION PROJECT (DeCAP)

DeCAP is a system that enables the Regional Serbilis Outlets to cater requests for copy issuance of annotated civil registry documents. This aims to reduce the processing time and ultimately bring civil registration services closer to the people. Annotations of civil registry documents affected by administrative proceedings such as Republic Act No. 9048, RA 10172, and Supplemental Reports will be filed, processed, annotated, and released by the Regional Serbilis Outlets.

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Regional Statistical Services Office II (PSA-RSSO2) joined in the Virtual Training on Feedback Preparation: Decap Implementation conducted by PSA Central Office on September 9-11, 2020 through Zoom. This Training aims to improve the feedback and coordination mechanism with clients and the C/MCRs and to address the increasing volume of transactions and reducing processing time thereby complying with Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Act of 2018 (RA 11032). The graph below shows the processed and approved annotations for the third quarter 2020. The month of August posted the highest number of approved petitions.

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Decentralized Solemnizing Officers Information System (DSoIS) Update for Q3

For this quarter there were 17 Solemnizing Officers who applied and renewed their Certificate of Authority to Solemnize Marriage (CRASM). All the applications were approved by the Regional Director.

For the month of September, only one (1) Solemnizing Officer applied. RO screened all supporting papers and endorsed it to the Regional Director for further review, verification and approval.

PSA-Isabela submitted the hard copy and soft copy of Solemnizing Officer’s application forms for September 2020.

One (1) application for Solemnizing Officer registration was received, processed and transmitted to the Regional Office. Status Report was prepared and e-mailed to Document Division on September 30, 2020. One (1) CRASM was released during the month.

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Inflation rate inched up to 2.9 percent in August 2020

Cagayan Valley’s annual headline inflation inched up to 2.9 percent in August 2020. Inflation in the previous month was pegged at 2.8 percent and in August 2019, 0.7 percent.

Following the same trend of the regional level, inflation in the provinces was also higher except for Nueva Vizcaya which posted slower annual gain of 3.4 percent. Among the provinces in the region, Batanes posted the highest inflation rate at 4.4 percent while Quirino remained lowest at 1.9 percent.

Contributing to the uptrend in the inflation this month can be noted to the increased annual rates of the following commodities:

- Food and non-alcoholic beverages, 1.4 percent;
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 15.6 percent;
- Clothing and footwear, 2.9 percent; and
- Transport, 15.1 percent.

On the other hand, the annual rates of increments were slower in the indices of housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 0.7 percent; furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house at 2.6 percent; recreation and culture at -0.6 percent; and education at 0.2 percent. The rest of the commodity groups retained their previous month’s annual rates.
CSS Engr. Cherry Grace D. Agustin delivers her welcome remarks stressing the importance of having a healthy body especially having this time of pandemic.

Provincial Health Officer (PHO) discussed some healthy tips having a healthy body

Group picture with CSS Agustin & PHO Luningning Rhodes and her staff

Christopher Jay T. Cariaga, Nutritionist of PLGU-PNC, discussed the 10 Kumainments
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