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### PSA-ISABELA CONDUCTS COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM PRE-TEST ORIENTATION IN STA. MARIA ISABELA

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The Philippine Statistics Authority is mandated to implement the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Act or known as Republic Act No. 11315. The CBMS is a tool for developing and implementing poverty-relief initiatives that are specialized, targeted, and sensitive to the requirements of each community sector.

In preparation for the nationwide rollout of the CBMS in 2022, the Philippine Statistics Authority will conduct a CBMS pretest in Santa Maria, Isabela, the LONE pilot area in the Cagayan Valley region.



An orientation on the said conduct of pretest was held in August 18, 2021 at the Municipal Gymnasium in Santa Maria, Isabela, in collaboration with the Municipal Government of Santa Maria, Isabela. The objective of this orientation is to present the CBMS data collection instrument and methodology, including how to accomplish the CBMS Barangay Profile Questionnaire (BPQ) online utilizing the PSA-developed Computer-Assisted Web Interview (CAWI) Application.

Forty (40) barangay chairmen and secretaries from the different barangays of the abovementioned municipality attended the said orientation. Ms. Paz Buenaventura from PSA-Community-Based Statistics Service (PSA-CBSS) and the Department of Local Government (DILG) Regional Office 02 participated in the orientation via zoom conferencing.

Mr. Efren T. Balagasay, LGU CBMS Focal Person, expressed his gratitude to all attendees for coming to the CBMS orientation and for responding

to their invitation. PSA-Isabela Chief Statistical Specialist Julius M. Emperador in his message applauded Municipal Mayor Hilario G. Pagautan for his enthusiastic support. In response, the Local Chief Executive thanked PSA for allowing the LGU to take part in the CBMS Pilot Test. He also guarantees the PSA his whole cooperation in this endeavor.



In her inspirational message, Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada expresses her heartfelt thanks to Mayor Pagautan for embracing the challenge of being the Pilot Area for CBMS.

PSA– Regional Office's Statistical Operations and Coordination Division Chief Engr. Girme M. Bayucan, Statistical Specialist II Ma. Juby Agbayani, Sheryll Elaine S. Rigua, and PSA-Isabela SSII Thelma G. Castillo conducted the formal orientation. An open forum was held in which questions were automatically encoded online and answered by the central office. All questions were taken into account and responded to in a timely manner.

Engr. Girme M. Bayucan expressed his gratitude to all of the attendees, as well as LGU officials and personnel, in his closing remarks. He emphasized the importance of anticipating a successful CBMS Pilot test.

  
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