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...PSA-RSSO 2 joins Palawan on PPA Training/Workshop

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) as the central statistical authority of the Philippine government collects, compiles, analyzes and publish statistical information relating to the country's economic, social, demographic, political affairs and general activities and condition of the people. Republic Act (RA) 10625, Art. 5 states that PSA is primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems and compilation of national accounts. In order to monitor the behaviour of our economy, there must be a reliable system of national accounts and this could be through estimation of the country's annual and quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and annual Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP).



One of the objectives of RA 10625 is to support decentralization through the establishment of the statistical data necessary to service the statistical needs of the local development planning. The PSA envisions the possibility through the Provincial Product Account (PPA) among provinces. Two provinces were chosen as pilot based on land area, Palawan being the largest and Batanes as the smallest.

To introduce an initial move for PPA, pilot provinces undergo the following activities: Training/Workshop on the Assessment of Data Towards the Compilation of the Provincial Product Accounts of Palawan conducted on February 15-17, 2017 at The Legend Hotel, Puerto Prinsesa City, Palawan. Among the invited participants were PPA key players of PSA-RSSO2 personnel headed by the Regional Director (RD) Marilyn T. Estrada, OIC-Division Chief of SOCD Mary Jane C. Cabauatan, PSO Ramil G. Abad and Supervising Statistical Specialist Jesusa V. Noblejas of Batanes. Resource speakers were Deputy National Statistician (DNS) Josie B. Perez, Assistant National Statistician Vivian R. Ilarina and selected division chiefs and sector specialists of the Macroeconomic Accounts Service.

The 2-day activity focused on discussions of the concepts, methodology, available data, data gaps including possible agency sources for every sector of the economy. A workshop on perception of economic performance of Palawan was undertaken and was compared with preliminary indicators of the province. The final workshop delved on assessment of data available in Palawan. The output on the workshop were matrices on available data, data gaps and matrix of proxy indicators.

DNS Perez advised that as an initial move for Batanes, PSA-RSSO 2 personnel can set meeting with the Municipal Planning and Development Officers including the Provincial Planning and Development Officer of the province. RD Estrada suggested an orientation program in Batanes within March or April this year to duplicate the same activity for the PPA.