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# PSA BARMM Reports 2.7% Economic Growth in 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- PSA BARMM REPORTS 2.7% ECONOMIC GROWTH IN 2024
- PSA-BARMM CONDUCTS CONSTRUCTION SECTOR FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION
- PSA BARMM HOSTS 5-DAY MOBILE CIVIL REGISTRATION IN DATU PIANG, MAGUINDANAO DEL SUR
- BARMM INFLATION RATE AS OF APRIL 2025

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in BARMM held a news conference to report the 2024 Region's Economic Performance on April 22, 2025. Led by OIC- Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula, the event gathered government officials, media, academics, and civil society stakeholders to discuss the region's economic outlook.

The event opened with a warm welcome from Chief Statistical Specialist Edward Donald F. Eloja, who highlighted the importance of the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) and Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure (GRDE) as key indicators of economic health. He emphasized that these figures reflect the region's progress and challenges, made possible through collaboration among various sectors.

National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Usec. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD, delivered an inspiring message via an audio-video presentation, stressing that regional data like GRDP and GRDE are essential tools for policymakers. "Reliable data guides development strategies and fosters transparency," he stated, congratulating PSA-BARMM and stakeholders for their dedication to producing the 2024 report.

Engr. Tula presented the report's highlights, revealing a modest 2.7% growth in GRDP at 2018 constant prices. Construction led the sectors with a 26.0% increase, followed by professional services and healthcare. The region's exports also surged, with imports of goods and services rising by 67.7% and 14.9%, respectively, signaling increased international engagement.

Per capita GRDP and household consumption grew by 1.0% and 1.9%, reaching P56,643 and P65,282, respectively, indicating improving income and spending among residents. Tula urged all sectors to support ongoing data collection efforts, underscoring the vital role of accurate data in policymaking.

The regional report was complemented by remarks from BPDA Director Melanie M. Indar, who emphasized continued development efforts. Health sector representative Dr. Kadil Sinolinding Jr. highlighted the importance of health data for effective planning. The PSA also awarded Lamsan, Inc. for its contribution to regional industry surveys.

A fruitful open forum followed, focusing on agriculture challenges, especially the impact of climate change on farmers' yields and market prices. Regional officials discussed ongoing efforts to promote climate-resilient farming, diversified crops, and better market access.

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### what is it?

This is a system implemented in the Philippines that uses a technology-based approach to collect, process, and validate data at the local level. This data is used for planning, program implementation, and impact monitoring at the local level, empowering communities and enabling more targeted interventions.

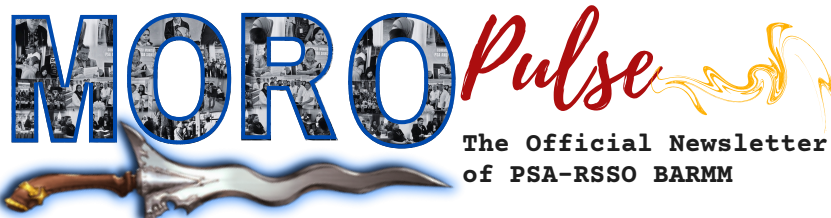
- A. Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS)  
B. Commodity Flow Survey (CFS)  
C. Labor Force Survey (LFS)

SMSO: A. CBMS

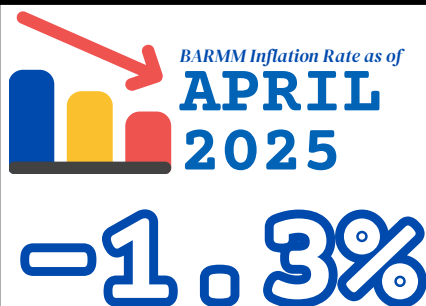
B. CFS - is a new initiative by the PSA aimed at collecting quarterly data on the movement of commodities from one province to another via road transport. It complements the existing Domestic Trade Statistics (DTS), which focuses on air and water transport.

C. LFS - a nationwide survey that collects data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. The LFS is conducted regularly, either on a quarterly or monthly basis, to provide data on employment, unemployment, and underemployment in the Philippines.





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Decelerated to negative 1.3% in April 2025 that is significantly lower than 0.2% in March 2025

The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) registered a headline inflation of -1.3 percent in April 2025. In March, the inflation rate was recorded at 0.2 percent. In comparison, the inflation rate in April 2024 was higher at 6.3 percent. Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Cotabato City, an Independent Component City (ICC), showed lower inflation rates compared to their previous month's rates. While Tawi-Tawi posted higher inflation rates than in the previous month.

The downtrend was primarily driven by the decrease in the index Food and non-alcoholic beverages which decreased at -3.0 percent in April 2025 from -0.7 percent in the previous month. Another contributor to the down trend of inflation was the Restaurant and Accommodation Services sector, which also decreased at 1.4 percent. For food commodities, inflation decreased to -3.4 percent in April 2025 from -0.9 percent in the previous month. In April 2024, inflation of food items was higher at 7.6 percent.

Meanwhile, the Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) is at PhP 0.80 as of April 2025.

## PSA-BARMM Conducts Construction Sector Focus Group Discussion

On April 22, 2025, PSA-BARMM successfully conducted a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) centered on the construction sector at the PSA BARMM headquarters. The event was led by OIC-RD Engr. Akan G. Tula and aimed to gather valuable insights from key stakeholders.

The discussion brought together municipal engineers and local building officials from Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, and Cotabato City, with additional participation from stakeholders in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi via online platforms.

The primary goal was to update and verify data related to construction activities, including project duration, types, costs, locations, materials used, and common challenges faced.

Participants also discussed current assessment methods and explored potential improvements to obtain more accurate economic data. This initiative is crucial for refining regional policies, supporting economic planning, and recognizing construction's significant contribution of 2.2% to BARMM's GDP.



## PSA BARMM Hosts 5-Day Mobile Civil Registration in Datu Piang, Maguindanao del Sur

From April 21 to 25, 2025, PSA RSSO BARMM successfully held a five-day mobile civil registration service in Datu Piang, Maguindanao del Sur, led by OIC-Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula.

The activity aimed to bring vital registration services to remote areas of Bangsamoro Region. The team served 490 clients and processed 807 transactions, including civil registry documents. Some residents queued overnight to ensure their inclusion. The Municipal Civil Registrar and team facilitated the activity to ensure smooth and orderly operations with Philippine Marines providing security.

Hon. Mayor Victor Samama expressed the full support of the LGU during the visit, with PSA key officials, including Dr. Noronisa D. Macadadaya. The event highlights PSA's commitment to serving underserved communities through strong LGU cooperation.



		
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