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PSA BARMM Conducts Mobile Registration to Strengthen National ID Registration in the Region

HIGHLIGHTS:

- MOBILE REGISTRATION TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL ID REGISTRATION IN THE REGION
- REGIONAL BUDGET PREPARATION WORKSHOP FOR FY 2026
- FIRST REGIONAL DATA REVIEW FOR 2023 CENSUS OF PHILIPPINE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
- SECOND LEVEL TRAINING ON THE 2025 RICE AND CORN STOCKS SURVEY: HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL

The Philippine Statistics Authority in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA BARMM) is intensifying its efforts to accelerate the National ID registration across the region, particularly in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs). As a key strategy, the PSA BARMM has successfully conducted a field visit to the island province of Sulu from January 27 to 30, 2025, marking the inauguration of a series of mobile registration drives.

PSA BARMM team met with Sulu Governor, Hon. Abdusakur M. Tan to discuss strategies for enhancing registration rates in remote areas. Receiving strong support for the National ID program, CSS Tan discussed the current status of National ID registration in the province and explore ways to enhance registration efforts, particularly in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs). Recognizing the importance of the National ID program. Governor Tan, expressed their commitment to support the PSA in intensifying registration efforts across the province.
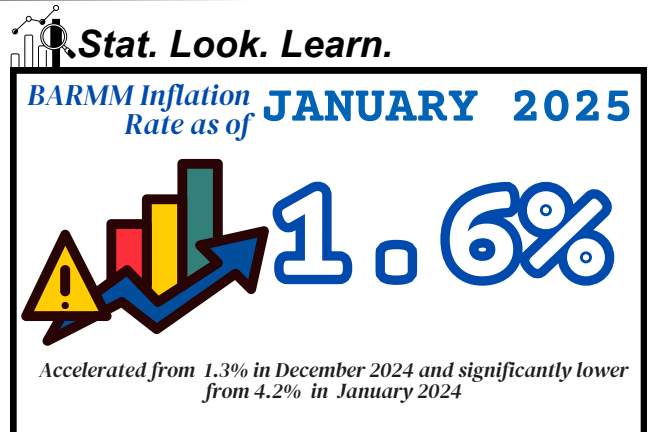
Additionally, a coordination meeting with the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD-Sulu) was conducted to streamline beneficiary registration for the upcoming Family Development Session (FDS) activity.

For the period of January 2025, PSA BARMM registered a total of 3,327 individuals for the national ID. One of the key strategies to achieve the target registration rate to conduct house-to-house registration, especially in municipalities with registration rates below 70% compared to their population.

The headline inflation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao accelerated to 1.6 percent in January 2025. This represents an increase from the 1.3 percent recorded in December 2024. However, the January 2025 figure is significantly lower than the 4.2 percent inflation rate observed in January 2024.

Across the region, Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao saw increases in their respective inflation rates compared to the previous month. Conversely, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, and Cotabato City, an Independent Component City (ICC), reported lower inflation rates in January 2025 than in December 2024.

As of January 2025, the Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in BARMM stood at PhP 0.79.

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BARMM Inflation Rate as of JANUARY 2025

1.6%

Accelerated from 1.3% in December 2024 and significantly lower from 4.2% in January 2024

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PSA BARMM Conducts Regional Budget Preparation Workshop for FY 2026

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA-BARMM) conducted an important Regional Budget Preparation Workshop on January 20-21 in Cotabato City. Led by OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula, the workshop aimed to facilitate the development of budget proposals from the five BARMM provinces. Provincial Statistical Officers, bookkeepers, and various statistical staff actively participated in the event, which included presentations on key sectors such as General Administrative Services, Censuses and Surveys, Civil Registration, and Statistical Coordination.

Focal persons from the RSSO provided essential guidance throughout the workshop, ensuring that discussions were focused on achieving accurate and comprehensive budget allocations.
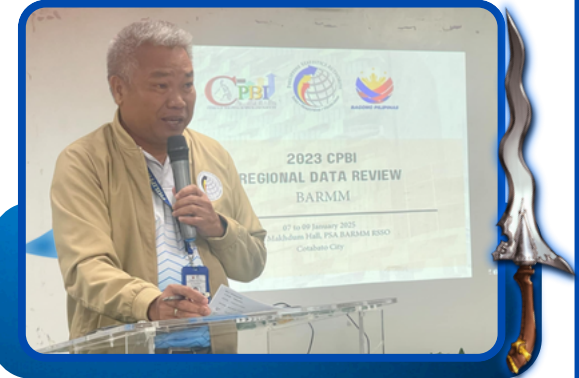
Participants addressed critical concerns, including the high transportation costs in island areas, the necessity for detailed documentation of travel expenses, accurate computation of Contract of Service Worker (COSW) wages, and comprehensive insurance coverage for vehicles and equipment. The workshop served as a valuable platform for in-depth discussions and clarifications related to budget allocations, including the proper inclusion of locally funded Projects/Activities/Programs (PPAs).

PSA BARMM Holds Regional Data Review for 2023 Census of Philippine Business and Industry

PSA BARMM conducted its Regional Data Review for the 2023 Census of Philippine Business and Industry (CPBI) from January 07 to 09, 2025, in Cotabato City.

The review aimed to analyze regional establishment data, identify economic trends, and ensure the accuracy of the CPBI, which provides critical insights into the region's business landscape.

Key officials, including Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director and Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of SOCD emphasized the importance of data credibility and thorough scrutiny. Participants were encouraged to collaborate and ensure the data's reliability for informed decision-making. The CPBI, conducted every five years, is vital for measuring and comparing economic growth. This review marks a significant step in enhancing the quality of statistics produced by PSA BARMM for regional and national development.

PSA BARMM Conducts Second Level Training on the 2025 Rice and Corn Stocks Survey

PSA RSSO BARMM successfully completed the three-day Second Level Training on the 2025 Rice and Corn Stocks Survey: Household and Commercial held from 14 to 16 January in Cotabato City. Representatives from Basilan, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi participated in the training, facilitated by Samid R. Masukat, Statistical Analyst of RSSO-BARMM, Abdullah D. Guro, Statistical Analyst of PSA-Lanao del Sur and Norhanna B. Ong, Assistant Statistician of Maguindanao del Norte.

The training focused on the monthly Rice and Corn Stocks Survey, which assesses national and sub-national rice and corn inventories in households and commercial sectors. This survey, implemented in January 2023, provides crucial data for monitoring stock levels and is released monthly by the PSA.

OIC-RD Tula acknowledged the participants' dedication and the resource persons' expertise in enhancing survey skills. The survey aims to generate vital data for national and sub-national assessment of rice and corn stock inventories.

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*The preliminary result of the BARMM's **Labor Force Survey** revealed that Employment Rate in October 2024 was **96.5%** slightly lower than the 96.7% employment rate in October 2023.*