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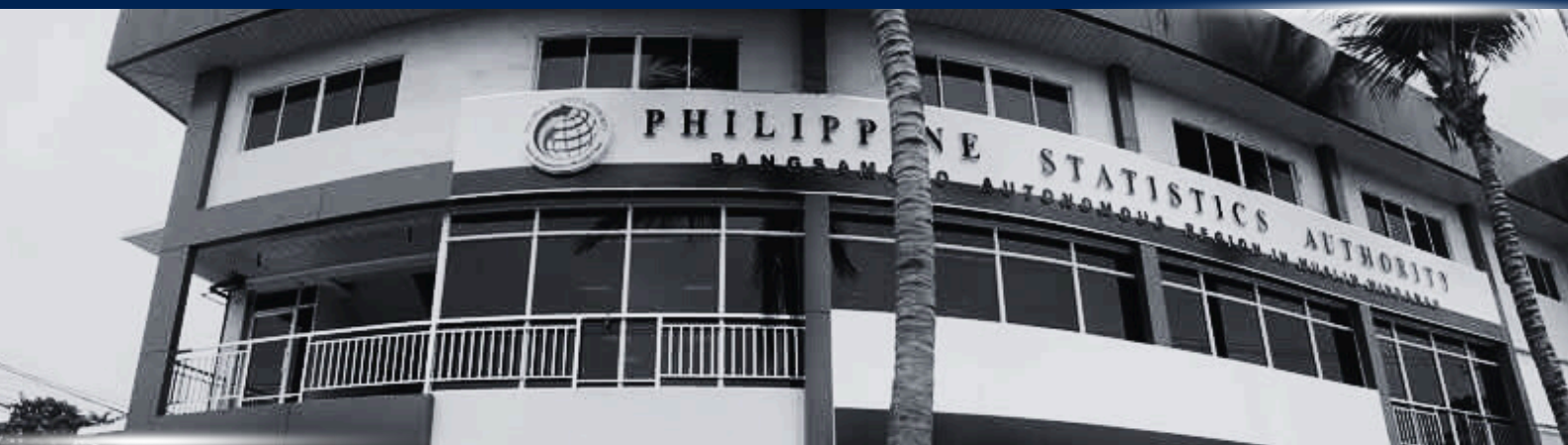
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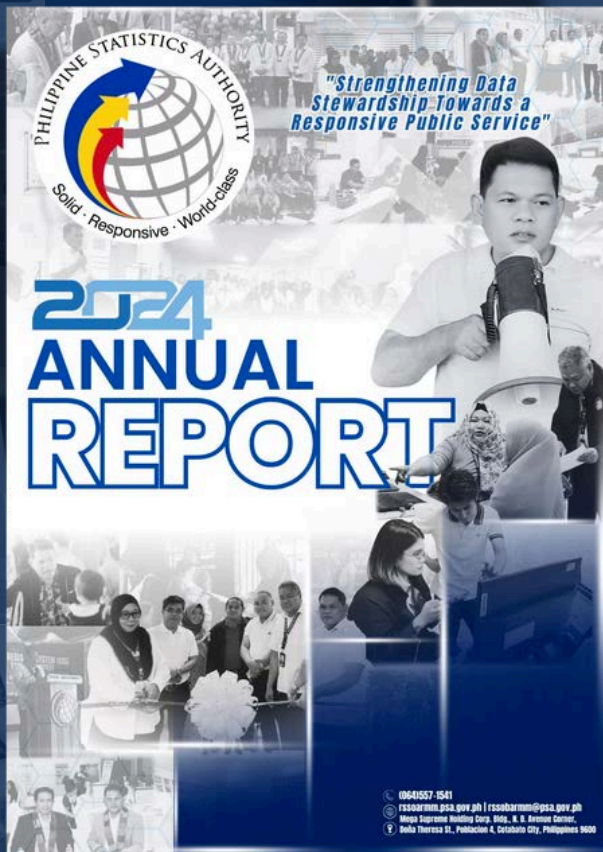
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# About the COVER



The Annual Report cover of PSA-RSSO BARMM embodies the indomitable spirit of resilience and commitment to excellence in data stewardship. It visually narrates the journey of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, highlighting our unwavering dedication to harnessing data as a catalyst for transformative public service.

Each element symbolizes the PSA-RSSO BARMM's collective efforts to empower communities guided by integrity, transparency, and adaptability through changes of time. As we face challenges, we stand firm in our mission to uphold the integrity of information, ensuring that every decision is informed, and every voice is heard.

Together, we forge a path toward sustainable progress and equitable development for all through solid, responsive, and world-class services.





# Regional Director's Corner

In our collective effort to fulfill our organizational mandates, PSA BARMM has made significant strides in delivering reliable and accurate statistical information to support evidence-based decision-making, providing efficient registration services and an inclusive identification system that promotes equitable development in the BARMM region.

One of the key achievements this year is establishing the first Provincial Civil Registry System (CRS) outlet in Tawi-Tawi. This initiative aims to ease constituents' previously demanding and costly journey by traveling to Zamboanga City to obtain essential civil registry documents. Additionally, we have successfully registered approximately 2,917,878 individuals, equivalent to 91.79 percent of our total target for the Philippine Identification System, and completed the enumeration for the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS roll-out, which will provide comprehensive disaggregated data at the grassroots level.

Furthermore, PSA BARMM actively engages in international dialogues. Our participation in the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Implementing Guidance on Inclusive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems provided a valuable platform to share insights on the region's civil registration progress and best practices. We also witnessed the ceremonial signing of the Exchange of Notes between the Government of Japan and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which aligns with the Project for Promoting Digital Birth Registration of the Population at Risk of Statelessness in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, as approved by the Government of Japan. In addition, we have reached a significant internal milestone by obtaining ISO 9001 Certification—not only for the Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) but also across the Provincial Statistics Offices (PSOs) in the Bangsamoro region. This accomplishment reflects our dedication to quality management and our ongoing commitment to delivering services that meet international standards.

As we present our 2024 Annual Report, we take great pride and humility in acknowledging the collective efforts of the RSSO and PSOs in the region. It is through this shared commitment that we have achieved these milestones. However, we recognize that the pursuit of excellence is an ongoing journey. Our focus remains on sustaining these achievements and driving further advancements in areas that require improvement. We are committed to maintaining our position as a strong, responsive, and world-class government statistics office.

**ENGR. AKAN G. TULA, MPA**  
OIC- Regional Director  
Philippine Statistics Authority- BARMM



# ABOUT US



## MANDATE

PSA shall primarily be responsible for the implementation of the objectives and provisions of RA1062, RA 11055, and RA 11315.

It shall plan, develop, prescribe, disseminate, and enforce policies, rules and regulations, and coordinate government-wide programs governing the production of official statistics, general purpose statistics, civil registration services, and inclusive identification system.

It shall primarily be responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, community-based statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems, and compilation of national accounts.



## VISION

Solid, responsive, and world-class authority on quality statistics, efficient civil registration, and inclusive identification system.



## CORPORATE PERSONALITY

Professional      Innovative  
Responsive      Strategic  
Motivated



## MISSION

Deliver relevant and reliable statistics, efficient civil registration services and inclusive identification system for equitable development towards improved quality of life for all.



## CORE VALUES

Integrity  
Transparency  
Adaptability

## QUALITY POLICY

*We,*

the Philippine Statistics Authority, commit to deliver relevant and reliable statistics, efficient civil registration services and inclusive identification system to our clients and stakeholders.

We adhere to the United Nation's Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the production of quality, general-purpose statistics.

We commit to deliver efficient civil registration services and inclusive identification system in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations, and other statutory requirements.

We endeavor to live by the established core values of the PSA and adopt the appropriate technology in the development of our products and delivery of services to ensure customer satisfaction.

We commit to continually improve the effectiveness of our Quality Management System towards equitable development for improved quality of life for all.



# HIGHLIGHT OF ACTIVITIES

**JAN**

Ceremonial MOA Signing between PSA and MSSD for the Implementation of CBMS in BARMM

**FEB**

CRS Outlet Launching in Tawi-Tawi

**MAR**

BARMM's Civil Registration Efforts Spotlited at Asia-Pacific Workshop on Inclusive CRVS Systems

**APR**

PSA BARMM together with CRCSO facilitate the Training on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS 101) in BARMM

**MAY**

PSA BARMM Spearheads Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair in Tawi-Tawi

**JUN**

Ceremonial Signing of the Exchange of Notes between the Government of Japan and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**JUL**

PSA BARMM RSSO is now ISO 9001 Certified!

**AUG**

Public Registration for Children Aged 1 to 4 for the National ID

**SEP**

PSA BARMM Celebrates 11th Anniversary

**OCT**

Second Level Training on the Implementation of CAPI and Data Processing System for Quarterly Aquaculture Survey

**NOV**

The 28th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ)

**DEC**

2025 Regional Planning Workshop (RPW)



# **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

2024





**JANUARY**







In photos: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director and Atty. Raissa H. Jajuri, Minister of MSSD during the MOA signing for the Implementation of CBMS in BARMM on 24 January in Cotabato City.

A ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Philippine Statistics Authority of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA-BARMM), led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, and the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD), led by Atty. Raissa H. Jajuri, for the implementation of the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), held on 24 January in Cotabato City.

The ceremonial signing and turnover of a check amounting to PhP 72,520,000.00 were witnessed by the Chief of the Statistical Operation and Coordination Division (SOCD) Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja; and four Chief Statistical Specialists of the five Provincial Statistical Offices: Mr. Naldo G. Pandaliday of

## Ceremonial MOA Signing between PSA and MSSD for the Implementation of CBMS in BARMM

Maguindanao, Mr. Mahmur H. Sarail of Basilan, Engr. Medzhor A. Tan of Sulu, and Mr. Masil H. Mohammadsha of Tawi-Tawi. Finance and budget key officials of the RSSO and PSOs across the region, along with key officials from MSSD, including Atty. Mohammad Muktadir A. Estrella, Bangsamoro Director-General, MSSD, and Jamal M. Ali, Chief Planning Division, MSSD, were also in attendance.

MSSD, a regional agency mandated to develop, implement, and coordinate social protection and poverty-reduction solutions, concludes the "*Listahanan*," its national poverty database program, with the full implementation of the 2024 CBMS rollout. With this MOA, MSSD will gain access to this information, establishing a strategic alliance between PSA and MSSD to provide accurate data and identify target beneficiaries where government services are needed the most.



In photos (left) Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director (in gray jacket); Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD (in white polo); Mr. Naldo G. Pandaliday, CSS Maguindanao with the Provincial Focal Persons during the NICTH survey training from 23 to 26 January in Cotabato City.

PSA BARMM led by OIC-Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula conducted the training on the National Information and Communications Technology (NICTHS) Household Survey from 23 to 26 January in Cotabato City.

Participants included provincial focal persons from PSA Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi, along with RSSO BARMM support staff. The training was facilitated by Central Office personnel, including Ms. Christine S. Ariola, Mr. Robin Almario, Ms. Alyssa Casis, Mr. Carlo A. Garcia, Mr. Nurjehad Mohamad, and Ms. Melanie S. Mohammad.

## PSA BARMM Conducts Training for National ICT Household Survey

In his opening remarks, OIC-RD Tula highlighted the rapid evolution of technology and its impact on different generations, emphasizing the importance of ICT in the government's policy reform agenda, particularly in digital transformation and enhanced connectivity.

The NICTHS, aligned with the National ICT Statistics Roadmap, aims to track key household and individual ICT indicators. The 2023 survey will generate updated benchmarks, especially relevant given the surge in ICT use during the pandemic. Data gathered will inform evidence-based policies and programs for ICT advancement in the country.

PSA BARMM encourages public participation, particularly from sampled households, and assures confidentiality of information in accordance with the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 and the Data Privacy Act.



## AFP Conducts Coordination Meeting with PSA BARMM

In a significant step towards enhanced collaboration and cooperation, Major Edward G. Meim, Deputy G7, and Major Michel Angelo U. Diquiatco, Deputy G3, led a delegation from the Armed Forces of

Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC-Regional Director (gray suit) and Mr. Edward Dona, Chief SOCD receiving guest from the AFP headed by Major Edward G. Meim, Deputy G7, and Major Michel Angelo U. Diquiatco, Deputy G3 and staff

the Philippines (AFP) in a coordination meeting with Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC-Regional Director, and Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division on 11 January, held at the PSA BARMM Regional Statistical Service Office in Cotabato City.

During the meeting, AFP delegation and PSA BARMM key officials discussed potential areas of collaboration, emphasizing the importance of leveraging each organization's expertise for the benefit of the region.

The coordination meeting between the AFP delegation and PSA BARMM reflects a commitment to cooperation and joint efforts for the betterment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. Finally, the exchange of ideas for future initiatives sets the stage for a meaningful partnership between the military and statistical authorities in the region.

## Social Responsibility: Simultaneous Clean-up Drive in Barangay Poblacion IV, Cotabato City

Philippine Statistics Authority in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA BARMM), led by OIC-Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula, successfully conducted a simultaneous clean-up drive today, 13 January, in collaboration with the leadership of Barangay Martinez, Poblacion 4, Cotabato City.



RSSO BARMM personnel during the Simultaneous Clean-up Drive on 13 January in Cotabato City.

The activity was actively participated by the personnel and staff of Office of the Regional Director (ORD); Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division (CRASD), Statistical Operation and Coordination Division (SOCD). Participating personnel also paid courtesy visit to Ms. Ragina L. Ayunan, Barangay Chairwoman, before properly opening the activity.

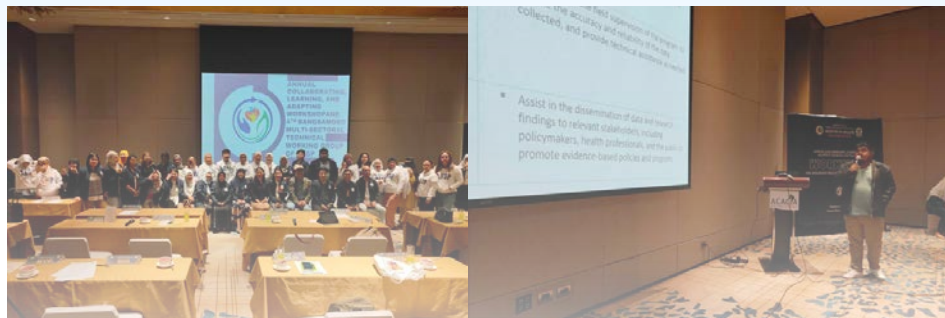
The primary purpose of this collective effort is to promote environmental awareness and encourage community participation in maintaining the cleanliness and beauty of the barangay.

The simultaneous activity covered streets and alleys in the barangay, encompassing various Puroks, offices, and institutions within the area. Given that the PSA BARMM office is situated in the aforementioned barangay, its active participation strengthens the sense of community engagement among residents.



## PSA BARMM Participates in the Adolescent Health and Development Program in Davao City

PSA-BARMM had the privilege of actively participating in the Annual Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting Sessions and the Bangsamoro Multi-Sectoral Technical Working Group (BMSTWG) Meeting focusing on the Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP), held from 15 to 18 January in Davao City.



*Photo opportunity during the Annual Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting Sessions and the BMSTWG Meeting focusing on the Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP), held from 15 to 18 January in Davao City*

The event commenced with a message of support that set the tone for the gathering, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in enhancing adolescent health services in the Bangsamoro region. Participants were welcomed warmly, with acknowledgment given to representatives from various sectors, including the Department of Health (DOH), National Youth Commission (NYC), and the Department of Education (DepEd), reflecting the multi-sectoral approach crucial to the program's success.

The workshop and meeting aimed to foster collaboration among stakeholders and review past accomplishments while planning for future initiatives. The first day featured an overview of the CLA Planning Workshop, emphasizing the significance of open discussions and sharing insights to enhance program implementation. The accomplishments of the AHDP in 2023 were presented, detailing the achievements and progress made in providing health services to adolescents across the region.

As the event concluded on January 18, the participants left with renewed motivation and a clear roadmap for the AHDP. The PSA-BARMM's active involvement in this significant event not only reflects its commitment to data-driven decision-making but also emphasizes the importance of collaborative efforts in achieving health outcomes for the youth in the Bangsamoro region.

## PSA BARMM Holds Regional Budget Preparation Workshop for FY 2025

In preparation for a reliable and relevant budget for Fiscal Year 2025, the Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) BARMM conducted a Regional-based Budget Preparation Workshop from 23 to 25 January held in Cotabato City.

The workshop brought together key personnel from the RSSO BARMM and its Provincial Offices to collaboratively develop a detailed and justified budget proposal. Participants engaged in discussions and planning sessions to accurately assess the financial resources needed to support the region's statistical programs and initiatives. This collaborative approach ensures that the budget reflects the specific needs



*Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, PSA BARMM together with the Chiefs of CRASD, SOCD and PSOs and Finance Personnel during the 2025 Regional Budget Preparation Workshop from 23 to 25 January in Cotabato City.*

and priorities of the BARMM region, contributing to the effective implementation of PSA's mandate. The workshop aimed to ensure that the budget is aligned with the agency's strategic objectives and supports the delivery of timely and accurate statistical information to stakeholders.

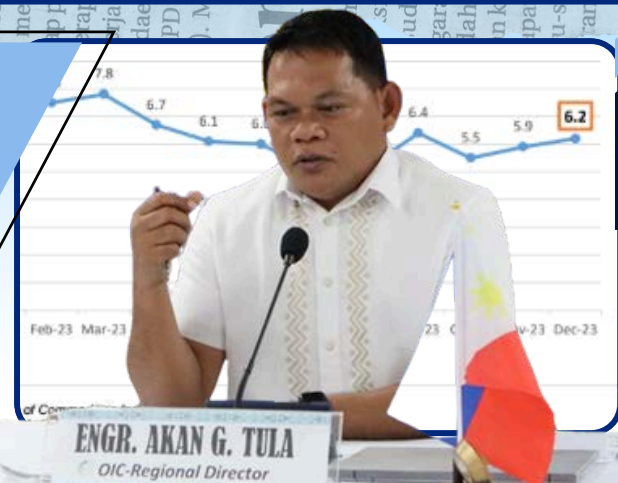


## BARMM Inflation Rate Rises to 6.2 Percent in December 2023

PSA BARMM held a hybrid press conference on the region's inflation rates for December 2023, led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, on 22 January in Cotabato City and simultaneously live-streamed via the PSA BARMM's official Facebook page.

Accordingly, the region experienced a slight increase in its inflation rate for December 2023, reaching 6.2 percent. This figure is up from 5.9 percent in November 2023 but remains slightly lower than the 6.3 percent recorded in December 2022.

The press conference was attended by media representatives, CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices, and representatives from key government entities including the Philippine National Police - Police Regional Office BAR (PNP-PROBAR), Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE), Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management (MFBM), Ministry of Trade, Investments, and Tourism (MTIT), and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Cotabato Branch.



Right Photo: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the BARMM Inflation Report for December 2023 held on 22 January in Cotabato City



OIC- RD Akan G. Tula, during the Consultative Workshop on the Improvement of Registration in BARMM in Zamboanga City

## PSA BARMM Facilitates Consultative Workshop on the Improvement of Registration in BARMM

Philippine Statistics Authority Civil Registration Service (PSA CRS), in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation (CDCF), and with the support of PSA BARMM Registration Officers, conducted a crucial Consultative Workshop on improving Registration in BARMM from 29 to 31 January in Zamboanga City.

Key figures at the event included Deputy National Statistician Clemente S. Manaog, MNSA, and PSA BARMM officials led by Engr. Akan G. Tula. The workshop saw active participation from City/Municipal Local Civil Registrars (C/MCRs) from across BARMM, representing Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi. Also in attendance were Municipal Health Officers, Shari'ah Circuit Court Registrars, and personnel from the MSSD and CRMC, highlighting the collaborative nature of the initiative.

The workshop's primary objectives were to pinpoint the major issues affecting the completeness, quality, efficiency, and timeliness of registration processes, including the registrant experience. Participants explored ways to enhance Local Government Unit (LGU) involvement in birth, marriage, and death registration, and worked to develop targeted strategies to address the identified challenges. Ultimately, the goal was to create a comprehensive roadmap for improved registration processes through strengthened partnerships with relevant stakeholders.



In photos are PSA Central, Regional, and Provincial Personnel during the Consultative Workshop on the Improvement of Registration in BARMM held in Zamboanga City







## PSA BARMM Launches CRS Outlet in Tawi-Tawi

PSA RSSO BARMM headed by OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula, together with Masil H. Mohammadsha, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA Tawi-Tawi launched the Civil Registry System Tawi-Tawi Outlet on 01 February in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi.

Philippine Statistics Authority is committed to achieving 99.5 percent birth registration coverage by the end of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Decade this year.

While the PSA achieved 96.6% registration in 2020, approximately 1.2 million Filipinos remain unregistered. Through the PhilSys Birth Registration Assistance Project (PBRAP), 209,000 birth certificates have been issued.

In BARMM, 185,000 individuals are unregistered, with 22,000 birth registrations facilitated so far. Tawi-Tawi Vice Governor Sali expressed the provincial government's full support for PSA's initiatives, acknowledging the financial and geographical challenges faced by residents in obtaining civil registration documents. He pledged to propose resolutions encouraging local chief executives and civil registrars to intensify registration efforts.

Coinciding with the launch of the CRS outlet, which offers same-day release of personal documents (birth, marriage, certificate of no marriage, and death certificates) free of charge, the PSA also kicked off the month-long celebration of the 34th Civil Registration Month, themed "CRVS: The Future of Seamless Services."



In photos from Left: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC-RD of PSA BARMM, Usec. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, NSCRG of PSA, and Hon. Al-Syed A. Sali, Vice-Governor of Province of Tawi-Tawi during the launching program of CRS Tawi-Tawi Outlet on 01 February in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi.

FEBRUARY

## PSA BARMM Conducts Second Level Training on 2024 Crops Production Survey

The Philippine Statistics Authority Regional Statistical Services Office Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA RSSO-BARMM) conducted the Second Level Training for the 2024 Crops Production Survey from February 12 to 14 in Cotabato City. Led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC-Regional Director, and Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division, the training involved several key facilitators including Ms. Marilou A. Gorospe and other administrative and statistical specialists. The program commenced with a prayer and welcome remarks, emphasizing the training's importance.

The training covered various topics, with sessions led by Ms. Gorospe on survey concepts and definitions, and Ms. Wahid on duties and responsibilities alongside survey operations. The second day included reviews and practical sessions on data review and application installations. The final day featured discussions on the Data Processing System (DPS) and hands-on exercises.





# RSCom Holds First Regular Meeting for CY 2024



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director presiding the RSCom's First Regular meeting of 2024 on 14 February in Cotabato City.

The Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council's Regional Statistics Committee (RSCom) convened its first regular meeting in Cotabato City, led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA-BARMM).

Tula highlighted the importance of data in regional development and the RSCom's role as the primary data resource for BARMM, advocating for evidence-based planning to promote sustainable and inclusive growth.

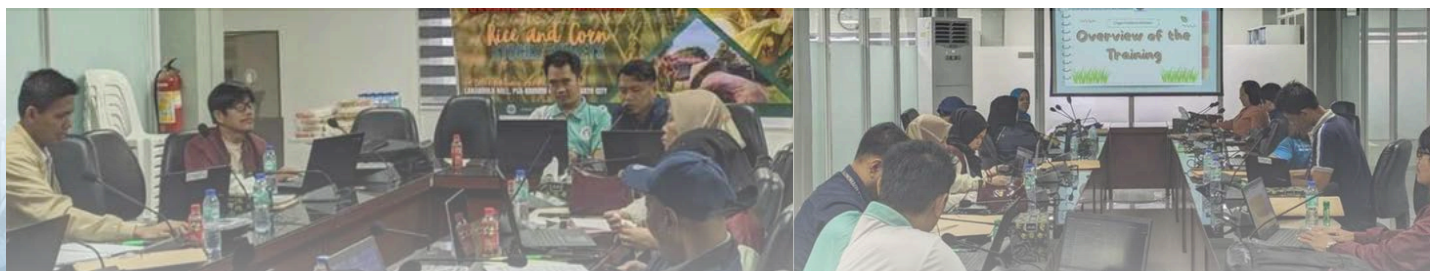
The committee approved three resolutions: encouraging attendance at PSA-BARMM's monthly inflation press conferences, supporting the annual Development Policy Research Month in September, and adding the Bangsamoro Information and Communication Technology Office (BICTO) as a committee member. Discussions included enhancing business permit reporting, analyzing poverty statistics for the first half of 2023, and reviewing the Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS). Attendees included representatives from various regional agencies and organizations, emphasizing collaborative efforts in data management and policy development.

## PSA -BARMM Conducts Training on Enhanced Rice and Corn Stocks Survey

PSA-RSSO-BARMM successfully held its Second Level Training on the 2024 Rice and Corn Stocks Survey (RCSS) from 15 to 17 February in Cotabato City.

The training focused on the Enhanced RCSS: Household (RCSS:H), a monthly survey assessing rice and corn stock inventories in farming and non-farming households nationwide. The enhanced version, implemented in January 2023, uses the same sampling design as the previous RCSS:H but with improved estimation procedures and a new sampling frame for non-farming households derived from the 2020 Census of Population and Housing. The survey covers all Philippine provinces, including the NCR.

Participants included PSA-RSSO-BARMM and Provincial Statistical Office personnel, along with resource speakers from the PSA Central Office. The RCSS generates rice and corn stock inventories for the household sector at regional and national levels, enabling comparisons with previous periods. Data from the household, commercial, and government sectors are used for national accounts estimation and are crucial inputs for planners, policymakers, and stakeholders in the agriculture sector, including NEDA, NFA, and DA.

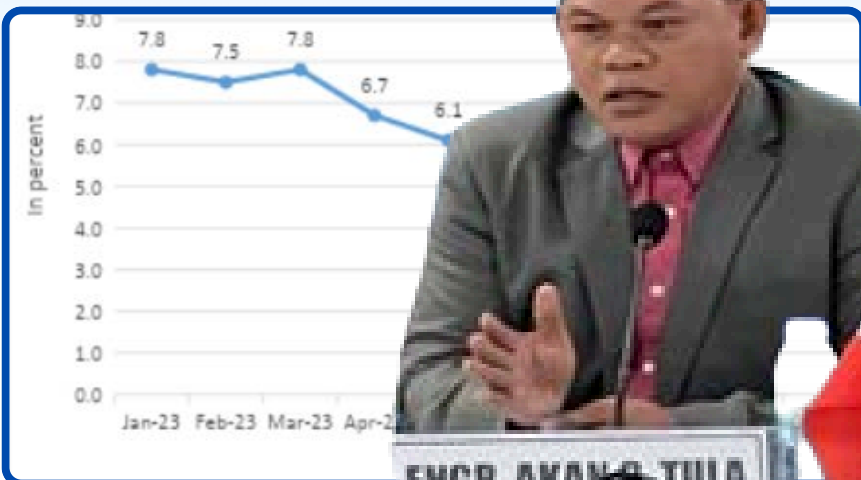


Action photos taken during the conduct of Second Level Training on the Rice and Corn Stock survey held from 15 to 17 February in Cotabato City.



# BARMM Inflation Decreases to 4.2 Percent in January 2024

On 16 February, PSA BARMM, led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, held a press briefing in Cotabato City to announce the region's inflation report for January 2024. The report highlighted a notable decline in the BARMM inflation rate, which fell to 4.2 percent from 6.2 percent in December 2023, marking a significant slowdown in price increases compared to the 7.8 percent recorded in January 2023.



Right Photo: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the BARMM Inflation Report for January 2024 held on 16 February in Cotabato City

Engr. Tula provided detailed insights, revealing that Maguindanao had the highest inflation rate in the region at 8.0 percent, down from 11.0 percent in December. Sulu experienced an inflation rate of 2.1 percent, while other provinces reported lower rates: Basilan (0.2%), Lanao del Sur (1.7%), and Tawi-Tawi (6.3%). Cotabato City also saw a decrease in its inflation rate to 2.3 percent, down from 2.8 percent the previous month.

The briefing was attended by media representatives, CPI Focal Persons from Provincial Statistical Offices, and officials from various government agencies, including PNP-PROBAR, MOLE, MFBM, MTIT, and the BSP Cotabato Branch, both in-person and online via Google Meet.

## Awarding of the 712 Certificates of Live Birth (COLBs) in SECPA under BRAP to Sibutu, Tawi-Tawi

PSA BARMM led by the OIC-Regional Director Akan G. Tula together with Hon. Mayor Nur-Fitra Ahaja awarded the 712 Certificates of Live Birth (COLBs) in SECPA to the beneficiaries of the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) in the island municipality of Sibutu, Tawi-Tawi on 02 February.

The Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) of Sibutu headed by Civil Registrar Fadzmar G. Muyong is one of the LCROs in Tawi-tawi that registered the greatest number of Muslim Filipinos under the BRAP initiative. Muslim children and adults, Indigenous People, and Filipinos in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas benefited from the free delayed registration process and out-of-town registration of the PSA in partnership with the LCROs.



In photos: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC RD, and Mayor Nur Fitra Ahaj during the awarding of COLBs to the beneficiaries of BRAP in Tawi-Tawi on 02 February.



## PSA BARMM Joins the Commemoration of the World Hijab Day

As a region with a predominantly Muslim community, the Philippine Statistics Authority in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA-BARMM), participated in the commemoration of the "World Hijab Day" on 01 February held in Cotabato City.

In adherence to Section 3, Article III of RA 11054, which mandates the Bangsamoro Government to ensure and support the preservation and enrichment of Bangsamoro culture, MP Diamila Disimban-Ramos principally authored Resolution No. 162, which promotes the preservation of Bangsamoro culture. This resolution aligns with Senate Bill No. 1272 and House Bill No. 5693, both aiming to declare February 1 as National Hijab Day. Similarly, on June 24, 2021, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament adopted Resolution No. 131, backing Senate Bill No. 2081 and House Bill No. 8249, which advocate for National Hijab Day and promote a better understanding of the hijab in Muslim tradition.

Resolution 131 highlights that while Muslim women observe Hijab Day daily, a national recognition would raise public awareness, emphasizing that the hijab is a symbol of faith, devotion, and identity, not just a piece of cloth. The noble initiative primarily aims to encourage women of all religions and backgrounds to wear and experience wearing hijab for a day; and to educate and spread awareness as to why hijab is worn. Hence, the celebration is rooted in advocacy for religious freedom, cultural diversity, and women's empowerment.



Photo opportunity with various stakeholders who participated in the Region-Wide Commemoration of the World Hijab Day 2024 held on 01 February in Cotabato City



Ms. Baiko M. Baladsal taking oath for her promotion as Statistical Analyst facilitated by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director held on 07 February in Cotabato City

## Oath Taking

The Philippine Statistical Authority - Regional Statistical Services Office in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao conducted an Oath-Taking Ceremony on 07 February in Cotabato City. Facilitated by the HR team and emceed by Julhain P. Kamaong, the ceremony began with an invocation by Registration Officer IV Delson A. Yusop.

Administrative Officer IV Noraisa E. Nur and Human Resource Head acknowledged and administered the oath for the promoted employees, led by the OIC Regional Director. Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula shared a special message, celebrating Baiko's promotion and encouraging a fearless embrace of new experiences.

Julhain P. Kamaong, Administrative Aide VI, delivered the closing remarks, commending Baiko's dedication and sharing motivational words. The message resonated with the collective spirit of perseverance, reminding everyone to keep climbing towards their goals.

In conclusion, the oath-taking ceremony not only marked a significant milestone for Ms. Baiko but also celebrated the dedication and hard work of individuals contributing to the success of the Statistical Operation and Coordination Division in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. The event echoed a spirit of encouragement, growth, and commitment to excellence within the Philippine Statistics Authority.





**MARCH**





## PSA BARMM's Civil Registration Efforts Spotlighted at Asia-Pacific Workshop on Inclusive CRVS Systems

The Philippine Statistics Authority, Regional Statistical Services Office of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (RSSO-BARMM), led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, attended the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Implementing Guidance on Inclusive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) System with a focus on Forced Displacement, Statelessness, and Children on the Move, conducted from 18 to 21 March held in Bangkok, Thailand.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director facilitating during the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Implementing Guidance on Inclusive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) System conducted from 15 to 18 March in Bangkok, Thailand.

The event saw participation from various countries within the Asia-Pacific region, as well as international entities such as the United Nations and organizations like the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Throughout the workshop, attendees engaged in discussions and shared best practices related to CRVS systems, with a particular emphasis on addressing challenges linked to forced displacement and statelessness. The collaborative efforts aimed to strengthen regional capacities in capturing vital data for individuals impacted by displacement and statelessness, ultimately contributing to more inclusive and comprehensive statistical systems across the Asia-Pacific region.

## PSA BARMM Joins National Women's Month Kick-Off Celebration

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) BARMM joined the vibrant Kick-Off Ceremony for National Women's Month, held on 08 March in Cotabato City. The event brought together women leaders, advocates, and community members to celebrate women's achievements and contributions.

The ceremony began with a parade featuring employees from various BARMM agencies and organizations, including Maguindanao del Norte delegates. Under the theme "WE for Gender Equity and Inclusive Society: Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas; Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!" the event emphasized gender equity and inclusivity in building a new Bangsamoro.

Bangsamoro Women's Commission (BWC) Chairperson Bainon G. Karon highlighted the 9.12 percent increase in the 2022 GAD Fund utilization, demonstrating the government's commitment to gender equity and women empowerment. A message of solidarity and support from Vice President and DepEd Secretary Sarah Duterte-Carpio, read by a host, emphasized continued efforts in promoting gender equality.



RSSO BARMM personnel attended during the National Women's Month Kick-Off Celebration on 08 March in Cotabato City.



# PSA BARMM Conducts National Women's Month Opening Program

In line with the 2024 National Women's Month (NWM) Celebration, PSA BARMM launched its program for the month-long celebration on 04 March held in Cotabato City.

To set the tone of the activity, Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD initiated giving each female employee and staff, including On-the-Job Trainees a rose, as a tribute signifying appreciation and respect for their contributions not only in the household but also in their chosen careers.

In a virtual message, Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, emphasized the vital role of women in society and reflected on the historical mistreatment of women. As the theme for the 2024 NWM focuses on gender



RSSO BARMM personnel receiving flowers during the National Women's Month Opening Program on 04 March in Cotabato City.

equality and an inclusive society, the program launch was a significant step toward promoting these ideals in the region.

Additionally, RD Tula playfully advised men to appreciate women's qualities and encouraged them to recognize and value the contributions of women in their lives' significant contribution. at the Shiekh Makdum Hall, PSA BARMM, Cotabato City, with a focus on promoting gender equality and wellness. The theme for this year's celebration is "WE for gender equality and inclusive society," with a sub-theme of "Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!"

## NWM's Opening Salvo Cum Launching of Search for Biggest Loser and Biggest Gainer

PSA BARMM kicks off the month-long celebration of the 2024 National Women's Month on 01 March in Cotabato City.

Additionally, the search for the "Biggest Loser and Biggest Gainer", blood pressure monitoring and wellness dance program were introduced to promote health and wellness, which will take place every Friday throughout the celebration.

Employees have been encouraged to wear any shade of purple every Friday as a symbol of wealth, nobility, luxury, and power, historically associated with the fight for gender equality and International Women's Day on March 8.

Furthermore, the winner of the Philippine Commission on Women's Musik Juana Songwriting Contest in 2021, "Ikaw ay Ginto", was performed by the RSSO staff in honor of women's achievement.



Ms. Niya A. Alimoden of RSSO BARMM during the weigh-in for the search of the Search for Biggest Loser & Biggest Gainer on 01 March in Cotabato City.



## PSA BARMM Launches Hijab Donation Drive & Lecture on Self Defense

PSA BARMM initiated a program to promote charitable works and empower women through a Hijab Donation Drive and Self-Defense Training during Ramadan on 08 March 2024 in Cotabato City.

Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM, led the initiative to launch a Hijab Donation Drive and provide training on self-defense for women in the region. The program aims to promote charitable works during Ramadan by distributing headscarves to less fortunate women in selected Islamic schools in Cotabato City.

The donation drive embodies the spirit of giving and compassion central to the holy month of Ramadan, as BARMM personnel generously donated headscarves to support the initiative. In addition to promoting charitable works, the program also focuses on the empowerment of women by providing training on basic self-defense skills.

Recognizing the importance of women's safety and confidence, PSA BARMM emphasized the significance of acquiring self-defense skills, which not only enable women to protect themselves but also enhance their confidence and positively influence their personality.



RSSO staff practicing self-defense tricks during the lecture on basic self-defense skills on 8 March in Cotabato City.



OIC-Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula, Sheikh Mohammad T. Pangca, Senior Administrative Assistant, and Sheikh Talal A. Sabpa, Youth Development Officer 1 of the BHRC during the ceremonial ribbon-cutting of Photo Exhibit on 15 March at PSA BARMM, Cotabato City.

## PSA BARMM Collaborates with BDI to Conduct Islamic Symposium & Launches Data Exhibit

As a region with a predominantly Muslim community, PSA BARMM conducted an Islamic Symposium and organized an Islamic Symposium and launched a photo exhibit on 15 March in Cotabato City to celebrate National Women's Month, with a focus on showcasing "Women in Action" from diverse activities.

The event featured images of women engaged in various PSA-related activities, along with infographics presenting data on women's empowerment, including statistics on land ownership and homeownership in BARMM.

The event was actively the participated by Sheikh Mohammad T. Pangca and Sheikh Talal A. Sabpa from the Bangsamoro Darul Ifta, who discussed the Wisdom of Fasting and the Rulings of Ramadan, respectively. Their insights were timely as Ramadan approaches, emphasizing the principles of righteousness and spiritual reflection in line with the teachings of Islam.

The photo exhibit revealed that 57.6 percent of women in BARMM own land alone or jointly, while 25.4 percent own a house alone or jointly with their spouses, showing a higher percentage compared to the national average. However, only 8.9 percent of women in BARMM have and use a bank account, reflecting the cultural orientation of Muslim Filipinos.



## PSA BARMM Launches “Serbisyong Legal Para kay Fatima” Free Legal Assistance Program

PSA BARMM launched its Free Legal Assistance Program entitled “*Serbisyong Legal Para kay Fatima*” on 19 March held in Cotabato City. The initiative was part of the various activities lined up for the month-long celebration of the 2024 National Women’s Month Celebration.

The activity was in collaboration with the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC) attended by Heads of Promotion and Protection Division, Atty. Alladin S. Tamama, CPA, and Atty. Mumar Ali G. Succor, respectively.

The program provided free legal services to forty individuals, primarily clients of the Civil Registry System (CRS) Cotabato City outlet which caters to requests on birth, marriage, and death certificates. The activity also extended assistance to beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4P’s) in line with the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) verification campaign, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) at the PhilSys Fixed Registration Center situated at the ground floor of the PSA BARMM office.

The program provided free legal services to forty (40) individuals, primarily clients of the Civil Registry System (CRS) Cotabato City outlet. Additionally, the initiative aimed to address the legal concerns of Bangsamoro constituents absolutely free, as part of ongoing efforts to make government services more accessible to the people.

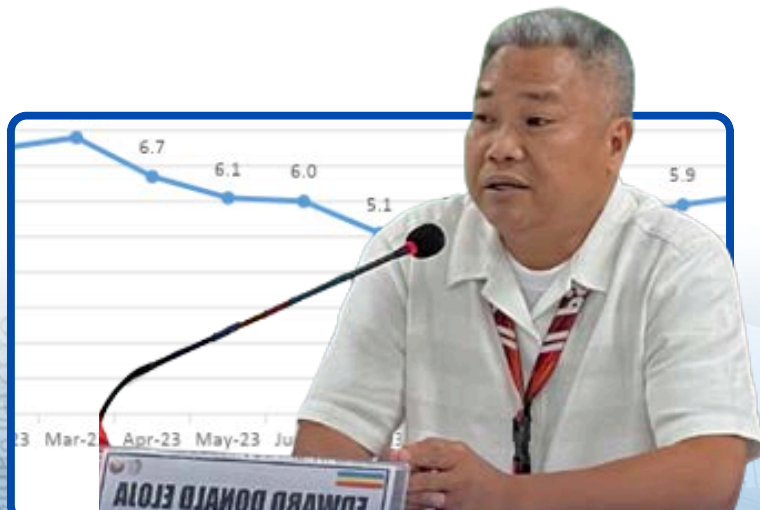


Action photo taken during the Launching of “*Serbisyong Legal Para kay Fatima*” Free Legal Assistance Program in collaborations with the BHRC for PSA clientele on 19 March in Cotabato City.

## BARMM Inflation Rate Bounces to 5.3 Percent in February 2024

Following a decline in January, the BARMM region's inflation rate climbed back up to 5.3 percent in February 2024. This represents an increase from 4.2 percent in January, though it remains lower than the 7.5 percent recorded in February 2023. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief Statistical Specialist of the Statistical Operation and Coordination Division, announced this through a press conference held on March 13 in Cotabato City. The conference was attended both physically and virtually via Google Meet by media representatives, CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices, and representatives from various government ministries, offices, and agencies.

CSS Eloja delivered a detailed presentation on the February inflation data. While Maguindanao maintained the highest inflation rate at 8.0 percent, several other areas also saw increases. Basilan's inflation rose to 3.2 percent, Lanao del Sur remained at 1.7 percent, and Sulu reached 4.5 percent. Cotabato City, an Independent Component City, also experienced a rise in inflation, moving from 2.3 percent in January to 3.1 percent in February. Tawi-Tawi was the only province to see a decrease, with its inflation rate falling to 5.6 percent.



Right Photo: Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD during the BARMM Inflation Report for February 2024 held on 13 March in Cotabato City



## PSA BARMM and MSSD Join Forces to Ensure Accurate Identification of 4Ps Beneficiaries

Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) partners with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to deliver PhilSys registration services to Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries during Family Development Sessions (FDS) nationwide.



Action photo taken during the month-long registration of Cotabatenos of 4Ps Beneficiaries at the Fixed Registration Center, PSA BARMM, Cotabato City.

Furthermore, PSA BARMM through Philippine Identification System's Fixed Registration Center (FRC) is consistently carrying out authentication and Step 2 registration for PhilSys of MSSD 4Ps beneficiaries under the Family Development Session in Cotabato City. In general, collaborations between PSA and MSSD aim to improve data collection and analysis, enhance service delivery, and ensure more effective implementation of social welfare programs.

PSA BARMM is continuously conducting authentication and Step 2 registration for PhilSys (Philippine Identification System), focusing on participants of the Family Development Session, particularly 4Ps beneficiaries.



Mr. Malcolm C. Queyquep, Internal Auditor V and company during the conduct of Work Audit in RSSO BARMM from 20 to 22 March at the Lakandula Hall, PSA BARMM, Cotabato City.

## RSSSO-BARMM Undergoes Internal Management Audit

PSA BARMM conducted a comprehensive three-day work audit in the Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) BARMM from 20 to 22, March in Cotabato City.

The work audit began with an Entry Conference, attended by Malcolm C. Queyquep, Internal Auditor V; Ralph Anthony T. Ranases, Internal Auditor III; Jason N. Moran, Rachele S. Puno, and Karen L. Catugas, Internal Auditor I.

During the conference, transparency, cooperation, and open communication were emphasized as crucial elements for thoroughly understanding RSSO BARMM's operations.

The subsequent days of the audit focused on the Work Audit Proper, which involved a meticulous review of various documents such as employee lists, procurement plans, payroll records, and project monitoring reports spanning from 2021 to 2023. Special attention was given to procurement activities, remittance receipts, and digital certificate approvals. The work audit concluded with an Exit Conference on the third day, emphasizing stakeholder engagement and confidentiality to ensure a comprehensive evaluation of management practices and identification of areas for improvement within RSSO BARMM. Overall, the process prioritized transparency and cooperation to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations.



## Second Level Training on the 2023 CPBI and 2023 IOS-PBI



PSA BARMM conducted the 2023 Census of Philippine Business and Industry (CPBI) and the 2023 Input-Output Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (IOS-CPBI) which was attended by the CPBI provincial focal persons from 18 to 22 March in Cotabato City.



*Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD with Mr. Nestor P. Fajardo, Statistical Specialist II of the Industry Statistics Division (ISD); Mr. Jason R. Villena, Statistical Analyst from the SICSD during the joint opening program for the CPBI and IOS-PBI Second Level Training from 18 to 22 March at the PSA BARMM, Cotabato City.*

It was facilitated by Mr. Nestor P. Fajardo, statistical Specialist of the Industry Statistics Division and Mr. Jason R. Villena, Statistical Analyst of the Service and Industry Statistics Division. Ms. Baiko M. Baladsal, Statistical Analyst of the RSSO BARMM also served as facilitator and resource person in the training.

The CPBI aims to collect and generate information on the levels, structure, performance, and trends of economic activities of both formal and informal establishments across the entire country for the year 2023. Meanwhile, the purpose of the 2023 IOS-PBI is to collect detailed information on the revenue, expense, and inventory by-products of businesses and industries covered in the CPBI.

The IOS-PBI will be conducted in 2024 as a rider to the CPBI, providing additional data to build input structures and construct the distribution of output required for the compilation of the Supply and Use Table (SUT) and Input-Output Table. This marks the ninth iteration of the I-O survey series conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority.



*Photo opportunity with Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD and the training participants taken during the Second Level Training on Cereals Production Survey held from 18 to 22 March in Cotabato City.*

## Second Level Training on Cereals Production Survey

The Second Level Training on Cereals Production Survey was successfully conducted by PSA RSSO-BARMM led by Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) from 18 to 22 March in Cotabato City.

Samid R. Masukat, Administrative Aide IV and regional alternative focal person, and Surna T. Alano, Supervising Statistical Specialist of PSA Basilann and provincial focal person facilitated the training.

The discussions included hands-on operations on data processing systems and open forums for participants to address any issues related to data collection. Ms. Aquessa L. Macud, Senior Statistical Specialist and regional focal person encapsulated key learnings and offered encouragement. The activity concluded with the ceremonial awarding of certificates marking the successful completion of the five-day training endeavor.







# Training on CRVS 101 in BARMM



*Photo opportunity taken with the PSA CRSCO and LCRs during Training on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS 101) held from 15-17 April in Davao City.*

PSA-BARMM, in partnership with the PSA Civil Registration and Central Support Office (CRSCO), conducted a Training on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS 101) from April 15 to 17 in Davao City. This initiative, funded by the CDC Foundation and Bloomberg Philanthropies, aimed to enhance civil registration systems in the BARMM region of the Philippines, in line with the CRVS Decade's goals of promoting rights and good governance.

The training engaged Local Civil Registrars (LCRs) and Shari'ah Circuit Courts (SCC) from Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, and the Island Provinces of Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi. Director III Clemente S. Manog and Engr. Marizza B. Grande highlighted the importance of knowledge sharing and the relevance of the training for the BARMM region.

Over three days, participants gained insights into vital registration processes, including birth, marriage, and death registrations, as well as legal frameworks like RA 9048 and RA 11596. The training also covered topics such as divorce, marriage dissolution, and conversion to Islam, equipping attendees with essential skills to improve civil registration services in their communities.

## Exit Conference with Partners by IDEALS for its project Magpakilala, Magparehistro



*Photo opportunity taken during the Exit Conference with Partners was conducted by IDEALS for its project "Magpakilala, Magparehistro" held on 04 April in Cotabato City.*

On 04 April, an Exit Conference with Partners was conducted by IDEALS for its project *Magpakilala, Magparehistro*, Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants, or ALIAS DC. ALIAS DC is a civil registration project funded by the European Union in the Philippines, the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Misereor, and The Asia Foundation, and is implemented by IDEALS. Its aim is to provide legal identity and promote peace-building in the Bangsamoro region.

PSA BARMM, headed by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC RD, as one of the partners in implementing the project, also attended the event held at EM Manor Convention Hall in Cotabato City.



## Appreciation Training on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) 2012 Central Framework



Photo opportunity taken during the Appreciation Training on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) 2012 Central Framework held from 02 to 04 April in Cotabato City.

The Philippine Statistics Authority Regional Statistical Services Office for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA RSSO-BARMM) successfully held an Appreciation Training on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) 2012 Central Framework from 2 to 4 April in Cotabato City.

The training, led by OIC-Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula and Chief SOCD Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, featured facilitators from the PSA Central Office, including Chief Statistical Specialist Ms. Virginia M. Bathan and her team.

The event attracted representatives from various BARMM ministries and agencies, such as the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MENRE), Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR), and the National Irrigation Authority-Maguindanao (NIA), along with academic representatives from Notre Dame University and Cotabato State University. Key topics discussed included the fundamentals of Environmental Accounting, the SEEA 2012 Central Framework, and related asset accounts.

Additionally, resource persons from other regions shared their experiences in environmental accounting, fostering a collaborative environment where participants expressed their eagerness to contribute to the successful establishment of environmental accounts in BARMM.

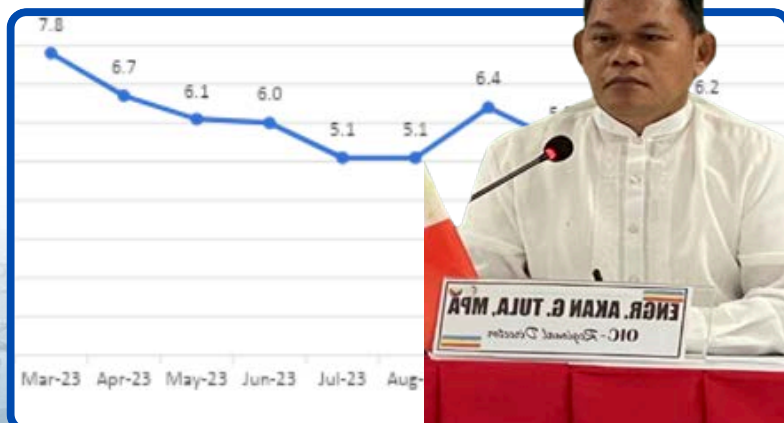
## BARMM Inflation Rate moderates to 5.0 Percent in March 2024

BARMM region recorded its inflation rate slightly decreased to 5.0 percent in March 2024, down from 5.3 percent in February, this figure is also lower than the 7.8 percent inflation rate recorded in March 2023.

PSA BARMM released the March 2024 inflation data on 08 April during a live online press conference held via Google Meet. Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, and Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief-SOCD, spearheaded the event. Ms. Baiko M. Baladsal, CPI

Focal Person and Statistical Analyst, facilitated the conference, while Ms. Sittie Hapsa D. Maganaka served as the moderator.

OIC Regional Director Tula presented the detailed inflation data. While Maguindanao continued to have the highest inflation rate at 8.9 percent, Basilan (3.8%) and Lanao del Sur (4.5%) also saw increases. Cotabato City, an Independent Component City, experienced a rise to 3.7 percent from 0.4 percent.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the BARMM Inflation Report for March 2024 held on 08 April in Cotabato City



# Training on Mastering Data Management: A Guide to Google Sheets and MS Excel



Photo opportunity taken during the Training on Mastering Data Management: A Guide to Google Sheets and MS Excel held from 16 to 18 April in Cotabato City.

PSA BARMM successfully conducted a three-day training on Mastering Data Management: A Guide to Google Sheets and MS Excel, spearheaded by the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI) on 16-18 April in Cotabato City.

This was spearheaded by Engr Akan G. Tula, OIC-Regional Director of RSSO- BARMM, respectively, the Regional focal person, Ms. Melanie S. Mohammad. It was facilitated further by the Resource persons from (PSRTI) Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute, Mrs. Jazel Ann R. Raper.

The Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI), under the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), plays a crucial role in developing statistical methodologies to support national development. Recently, a training program titled "Mastering Data Management: Google Sheets and MS Excel" was held for members of the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC), which includes representatives from various government agencies in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). OIC-RD Engr. Akan G. Tula expressed gratitude for this timely initiative aimed at enhancing data management skills among RSC members.

Participants received comprehensive training in effective data management, analysis, and presentation, focusing on the powerful spreadsheet applications of Google Sheets and MS Excel. Feedback from attendees, particularly from BARMM-READI, highlighted the depth of knowledge gained, while OCM-TMS shared insights on the challenges and best practices in data management. Chief SOCD Eloja concluded the session by thanking the participants and acknowledging the valuable contributions of PSRTI's resource persons. This training reflects PSRTI's commitment to equipping RSC members with essential skills to meet regional data management needs effectively.

## Coordination Meeting with MILG and UNDP

PSA BARMM led by OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula conducted a meeting with the Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the Philippines on 2 April held in Cotabato City.

The meeting primarily aimed to discuss possible collaborations on the activities conducted by both offices. OIC-RD Akan discussed the 2024 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) operations and its timelines, the PhilSys implementation, and as well as Civil Registration initiatives particularly the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP).

On the other hand, the MILG shared its digitalization initiative on improving public service delivery through its Localizing e-Governance for Accelerated Provision of Services (LeAPS) program. The LeAPS program, a partnership between the MILG and the UNDP, includes functions on birth registration.



Photo opportunity with Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director and Ms. Fausiah R. Abdullah, Director of Operation Management Services of MILG during Coordination Meeting with MILG and UNDP on 02 April in Cotabato City.



## 2023 BARMM Economic Performance News Conference Cum Data Dissemination



Photo opportunity with Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director and Ms. Rohanisa N. Rashid, Chief Economic Development Specialist of the BPDA during the the 2023 BARMM Economic Performance News Conference Cum Data Dissemination on 25 April in Cotabato City.

PSA Regional Statistical Services Office BARMM successfully conducted the news conference on the 2023 Report on the Economic Performance of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) held on 25 April in Cotabato City. The news conference, as highlighted by Usec. Claire Dennis S. Mapa in his message, primarily aims to present the performance of the regional economies in 2022 through the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) and Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure (GRDE) and is being conducted simultaneously in all 17 regions in the country.

The 2023 Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) and Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure (GRDE). The meeting focused on potential collaborations between offices regarding various initiatives, primarily led by OIC-RD Akan. Key topics included the 2024 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) operations, the implementation of PhilSys, and civil registration efforts, notably the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP). The economic performance of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) showed a growth rate of 4.3 percent in 2023, a decline from the previous year's 6.6 percent. The region's GDP reached approximately 292.2 billion pesos, indicating a positive trend despite the slowdown.

BARMM, predominantly service-oriented, ranked 16th among the 17 regions in the Philippines, with a per capita Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) of P58,217, an increase from PhP 56,970 in 2022. However, its per capita Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HFCE) of PhP 66,419 fell short of the national average of PhP 136,247. Ms. Rohanisa N. Rashid from the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Office emphasized the significance of understanding these economic indicators for regional development planning. She highlighted the need for continued efforts in industry growth, infrastructure improvement, and human capital development, while addressing socio-economic disparities to ensure inclusive growth.

## Synchronized Flag Raising Ceremony with the Central Office

On 22 April, PSA RSSO BARMM and PSA Central Office had its first-ever synchronized flag raising ceremony. It was spearheaded by OIC - Regional Director, Engr. Akan G. Tula. It was the first time the Central Office joined with the regional office or even a provincial office. The program started by opening prayers, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, then Panunumpa ng Kawani ng Gobyerno and lastly, PSA Vision Mission and Quality Policy. There was also a morning exercise thru a Zumba dance participated by everyone.

Amidst the spirit of unity, OIC - RD thanked everyone sincerely for being part of this special and momentous day and to all personnel who made this Synchronized Flag Raising possible and how important they were to this big event. This marks a new start for this event will soon happen again every quarter of the year.



(Left photo) RSSO BARMM employees led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the Synchronized Flag Raising Ceremony with the Central Office on 22 April via hybrid set up. (Right photo) Virtual photos during taken during the activity.



## SKIA Student Completion OJT Stint at PSA



Photo opportunity taken during the the conduct Completion Ceremony of the On-the-Job Trainee from Sultan Kudarat Islamic Academy (SKIA) on 26 April in Cotabato City.

PSA BARMM marked a significant occasion on 26 April, with the Completion Ceremony for On the-Job Trainees from Sultan Kudarat Islamic Academy held on 28 April in Cotabato City. The ceremony served as a testament to the dedication and growth of the trainees.

The event commenced with a warm message from the OIC-Chief CRASD, Noronisa D. Macadadaya PhD, emphasizing the importance of practical experience and the contributions of the trainees to the field. Dr. Macadadaya expressed hope that the skills acquired during their time at PSA RSSO would pave the way for success in their future endeavors, whether in employment, further education, or other opportunities.

Moreover, Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula shared insightful remarks, urging the trainees to view their time at PSA as more than just a requirement but as an opportunity for personal and professional growth.

He emphasized the importance of embracing challenges, seeking guidance from experienced mentors, and persisting in the face of failure. Engr. Tula encouraged the trainees to remember the lessons learned and to aim high as they embarked on their respective paths. A representative from the On-the-Job Trainees then took the stage to reflect on their experiences. Expressing a mix of joy and sadness, they expressed gratitude to all who had supported them throughout their training period.

## PSA RSSO BARMM Conducts Training for April 2024 Labor Force Survey

PSA RSSO BARMM successfully conducted a three-day training session for the April 2024 Labor Force Survey (LFS) from 25-27 March in Cotabato City. The training was attended by various Provincial and Regional Focals.

The training on the 2023 Geo-enabled Master Sample for Household-based Surveys began on 25 March, led by Ms. Mariffie Ayob, Statistical Specialist II. She provided insights into the Master Sample as an efficient sampling frame and discussed Update Codes for Secondary Sampling Units and the GeoMS App's functionality. The importance of the Labor Force Survey (LFS) was highlighted, along with the scheduled fieldwork period from 8-30 April.

On the second day, Ms. Sittie Hapsa D. Maganaka, Assistant Statistician, covered LFS questionnaire sections, focusing on demographic and economic characteristics, the updated occupational classifications, and sections addressing tourism, unpaid work, and hunger.

Ms. Aquesa L. Macud, who presented Field Operations Guidelines, including the effective sample size for the BARMM Region. The training concluded with remarks from Edward Donald F. Eloja, emphasizing the significance of LFS for policymaking and the vital role of Statistical Researchers in data collection.



Virtual photo opportunity during the conduct of the Training for April 2024 Labor Force Survey held from 25 to 27 March in Cotabato City







## PSA BARMM Spearheads Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair in Tawi-Tawi

In line with popularizing the government services through the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair, Regional Statistical Service Office BARMM and PSO Tawi-Tawi actively engaged in providing civil registration services held from 23 to 24 May which aims to distribute a significant number of civil documents and facilitate PhilSys ID distribution southernmost frontier part of the country.

The recent event, led by Engr. Akan G. Tula and graced by Mr. Clemente S. Manaog, Deputy National Statistician, successfully processed over 180 civil documents, including birth and marriage certificates as well as Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR) requests. In addition, the team registered 52 individuals for the PhilSys program, although technical issues hindered the issuance of ePhilIDs. Informative fliers were distributed to educate attendees about the benefits of PhilSys registration.

The Birth Registration Assistance Program (BRAP) also played a vital role, providing Birth Certifications in Security Paper (SECPAs) to deserving recipients and facilitating their registration. The community's enthusiastic engagement contributed to the event's success, with Mr. Masil H. Mohammadsha, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA Tawi-Tawi, expressing gratitude to attendees for their participation. This initiative underscores the PSA's commitment to serving the Tawi-Tawi community and improving their access to essential documentation.



Photo opportunity with Clemente S. Manaog, MNSA, the Deputy National Statistician of CRCSD and Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the BARMM Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair held from 23 to 24 May in the Province of Tawi-Tawi.

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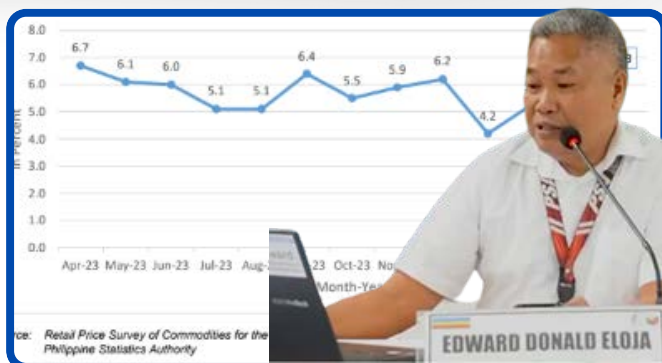
## BARMM Inflation Rate Rises to 6.3 Percent in April 2024

A press conference on the BARMM inflation rate for April 2024 was held on May 10 in Cotabato City, involving CPI Focal Persons from five Provincial Statistical Offices and representatives from various ministries. The headline inflation in BARMM rose to 6.3 percent in April 2024, up from 5.0 percent in March, while April 2023 saw a higher rate of 6.7 percent. Maguindanao recorded the highest inflation at 10.3 percent, followed by Basilan (4.9%), Lanao del Sur (5.3%), and Sulu (2.8%).

Cotabato City also experienced an increase to 4.4 percent. Tawi-Tawi was the only province with a decrease, falling to 2.2 percent. Food inflation surged to 7.6%, driven by rising prices in fish, vegetables, and ready-made food. Meanwhile, inflation rates for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased to 7.2 percent, and Clothing and Footwear to 3.1 percent, while Education and Financial Services remained unchanged.

The increase in the region's food inflation was mainly brought about by the higher indices for Fish and other seafood (ND) at 0.9 percent, Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas, and pulses (ND) at negative 1.7 percent, and Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND) at 5.0 percent.

Also contributing to the uptrend in the overall inflation during the period were the higher annual increments in the indices of the following food commodity groups as compared with their previous month's inflation rates.



Right Photo: Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD during the BARMM Inflation Report for April 2024 held on 10 May in Cotabato City



## PSA BARMM Conducts Briefing for work immersion trainees from Nahda Central Academy Inc.



Action photo during the conduct of the Completion Ceremony of the SHS Work immersion of Nahdah Central Academy Inc. held on 15 May in Cotabato City.

PSA-BARMM conducted a briefing for work immersion trainees from Nahda Central Academy Inc. Julhain P. Kamaong, Administrative Aide VI from Human Resources, welcomed the senior high school students and introduced them to the division chiefs and staff.

The presentation provided an overview of the agency, including its mission, vision, corporate values, and key policies for new employees. It began with Republic Act No. 10625, which reorganized the Philippine Statistical System and established the PSA by merging major statistical agencies.

The presentation explained the symbolism of the PSA's logo and detailed its vision to be a solid, responsive, and world-class authority on quality statistics and civil registration. The PSA's mission to deliver relevant and reliable statistics and services for equitable development was also highlighted. The corporate values of professionalism, responsiveness, innovation, strategic thinking, and motivation were emphasized. The presentation covered statistical operations, household and agricultural surveys, and civil registration services, as well as guidelines on working hours, attendance, leave privileges, and dress code policies. Teamwork, adaptability, transparency, integrity, and service orientation were also stressed.

## Consultative Workshop and Presentation of Community Assessment and Profiling (CAP) Framework

PSA BARMM participated in the consultative workshop and Presentation of Community Assessment and Profiling (CAP) Framework on 29 May 2024 at the Diamond Hall, Em Manor Convention, Cotabato City. The activity was designed to further enhance the CAP Framework and improve data collection for sustainable solutions as part of the joint project SEEDS for Peace in the Bangsamoro.



Photo opportunity during the conduct of the Consultative Workshop and Presentation of Community Assessment and Profiling (CAP) Framework held on 29 May in Cotabato City.

Initiated by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) with support from the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (UN-PBF), the workshop brought together various organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The focus was on strengthening community-driven interventions through effective CAP implementation.

Ms. Marilou A. Gorospe, Statistical Specialist II, actively participated in the workshop representing the Regional Statistical Service Office BARMM. The collective efforts of all stakeholders are essential in collecting critical datasets and information for solutions planning and operational decision-making, highlighting the commitment to sustainable displacement solutions and peacebuilding efforts in the region.



## 2022 CBMS Data Turnover Ceremony Maguindanao



The Regional Statistical Service Office of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, led by OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula and Provincial Statistics Office Chief Specialist Mr. Naldo G. Pandaliday, conducted a ceremonial turnover of the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data from May 2-14, in various municipalities in Maguindanao.

The event highlighted the strong partnership between the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and local government units (LGUs), emphasizing their commitment to community service. The 2022 CBMS data, featuring over 200 aggregated datasets, will aid in identifying beneficiaries and addressing the needs of Kabuntalan's residents. This collaboration aims to enhance data collection and support development initiatives, ensuring that no one is left behind.

As preparations for the 2024 CBMS-PopCen rollout begin, this milestone serves as a foundation for informed governance and impactful project planning, reinforcing the shared dedication to sustainable community development.

## 2024 QSPBI Second Level Training on Field Operations and Processing

PSA-BARMM conducted a two-day training session from 20-21 May 2024, focused on the 2024 Quarterly Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (QSPBI). Led by Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief Statistical Specialist, the event took place at the Shiekh Makhdom Training Hall. Participants included PSA-BARMM staff and focal persons from various provinces. The training emphasized the significance of the QSPBI in generating vital economic indicators, such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure (GRDE).

Mr. Lorenzo L. Bautista introduced the QSPBI, which surveys 6,000 establishments quarterly, and outlined the survey design and methodology. The first day included discussions on data collection instruments and operational processes, engaging participants in interactive learning. The second day focused on quality control, field editing, and the QSPBI-Monitoring and Tracking System, as well as the QSPBI Online Data Processing System.

This training ensured efficient data submission and processing, utilizing a user-friendly online interface for establishments to manage their survey information. The program concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Aquessa L. Macud, who highlighted the importance of the training in improving the quality and reliability of QSPBI outputs, thanking participants for their engagement throughout the sessions.



(Left photo) Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD delivering a message during the conduct of the 2024 QSPBI Second Level Training on Field Operations and Processing held on 20 to 22 May in Cotabato City.  
(Right photo) photo opportunity during the first day of the activity.





# JUNE





## Ceremonial Signing of the Exchange of Notes between the Government of Japan and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee

Engr. Akan G. Tula, the OIC Regional Director of the PSA-BARMM, attended and witnessed the Ceremonial Signing of the Exchange of Notes between the Government of Japan and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on 11 June held in Pasay, Metro Manila.

The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Endu Kazuya, Ambassador of the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines; Atty. Maria Ermina Valdeavilla-Gallardo, Head of the National Office, UNHCR Philippines; and Atty. Raissa H. Jajuri, Minister of the Ministry of Social Services and Development – BARMM.

Also present and delivered messages of support were Mr. Isidro Purisima, Senior Undersecretary of the Office of the President Advisor on the Peace Process and Unity; Mr. Paulito de Jesus, Assistant Head of the Department of Justice and the Stateless Persons Protection Unit; Mr. Gustavo Gonzales, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, UN-Phils; and Ms. Oyun Dendevnorov, Representative of UNICEF Philippines.

The activity was aligned with the Project for Promoting Digital Birth Registration of the Population at Risk of Statelessness in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, approved by the Government of Japan. This project aims to significantly enhance the resilience of marginalized populations, particularly the Sama Bajaus, unregistered children due to armed conflict and their families, and former combatants and their families, by improving their access to birth documentation.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM (standing first from the right) during the Ceremonial Signing of the Exchange of Notes between the Government of Japan and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee on 11 June held in Pasay, Metro Manila.

## RSCom Convenes 2nd Regular Meeting, Highlights BARMM's 2023 Economic Performance

The Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council (BEDC) successfully convened its Second Regular Meeting for CY 2024 at the Paragon Hotel and Restaurant, Cotabato City. Engr. Akan G. Tula, MPA, OIC-Regional Director of PSA BARMM, emphasized the importance of face-to-face meetings in his opening statement.

PSA-BARMM Chief SOCD, Edward Donald F. Eloja, presented the 2023 BARMM economic performance, revealing a 4.3 percent growth, slightly lower than the 6.6 percent in 2022. BARMM's GDP reached PhP 292.2 billion, with a per capita GRDP of PhP 58,217. Despite the slower growth, all sub-industries showed positive growth. The region ranked 16th nationwide in per capita GRDP.

Eloja also presented updates on the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), the Standard Industrial Classification, the 2023 1st Semester Official Poverty Statistics, and the upcoming 35th National Statistics Month.

Other key presentations included the 2023 updates on tourism and visitor arrivals in BARMM, and business name registrations. The BEDC also approved resolutions related to the CBMS and GRDP/GRDE focal persons. Engr. Tula concluded the meeting, expressing gratitude to all participants.



(Left photo) action photo taken during the the RSCom's second regular meeting of 2024 on 12 August in Cotabato City. (Right photo) Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director presiding the meeting.



# BARMM Inflation Rate Moderates to 5.9 Percent in May 2024

The press conference on the BARMM inflation rate for May 2024 was successfully conducted virtually on 10 June in Cotabato City. Participants online via Google Meet were CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) and representatives from various ministries, offices, and agencies.



Right Photo: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the BARMM Inflation Report for May 2024 held on 10 June in Cotabato City

The May 2024 headline inflation in BARMM decelerated to 5.9 percent from 6.3 percent in April 2024. Inflation in May 2023 was higher at 6.1 percent. Correspondingly, Maguindanao slowed down to 8.4 percent from 10.3 percent inflation. The province, however, posted the highest inflation rate among BARMM provinces. On the other hand, the different provinces posted higher movements of prices in May 2024: Basilan at 6.1 percent, Lanao del Sur at 5.7 percent, Sulu at 3.4 percent, and Tawi-Tawi at 2.9 percent. Cotabato City, an Independent Component City (ICC), also posted a higher inflation rate of 4.9 percent from 4.4 percent in April 2024.

In addition, for food commodities, inflation decreased to 7.0 percent in May 2024 from 7.6 percent in the previous month. In May 2023, inflation of food items was higher at 7.3 percent. The decrease in the region's food inflation was mainly brought about by the lower indices for Cereals and cereal products (ND) at 15.7 percent, Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND) at 2.0 percent, and Fruits and nuts (ND) at negative 3.7 percent.



Photo opportunity taken during the the conduct Completion Ceremony of the SHS Work Immersion of Nahdah Central Academy Inc. on 06 June in Cotabato City.

## Completion Ceremony of the SHS Work Immersion of Nahdah Central Academy Inc.

On 06 June, the PSA Regional Statistical Services Office - BARMM hosted a Work Immersion Completion Ceremony for eight trainees from Nahdah Central Academy Inc. The program, which took place from 6 to 16 May, involved the trainees working in various sections of the PSA office.

The ceremony, held at Lakandula Hall in Cotabato City, began with an opening prayer led by Julhain Kamaong, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and BARMM Hymn. OIC - Chief Administrative Officer Noronisa D. Macadadaya expressed gratitude to the trainees for their contributions. Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC - Regional Director, delivered a motivational speech, emphasizing the importance of the skills gained during the immersion and extending PSA's role beyond just birth certificates. The event concluded with the awarding of certificates and tokens to the trainees, and Nahdah Central Academy presented appreciation certificates to PSA officials. A photo session wrapped up the celebration.

During the latter part of the program, some trainees expressed their gratitude, highlighting the efforts and kindness of the staff and their supervisor during their time at PSA. They shared that they had learned a lot and enjoyed the experience. The ceremony concluded with closing remarks by Registration Officer IV, Delson Yusop.



# SLT on 2023 CPBI and IOS-PBI Data Processing



Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of the Second level Training on the 2023 CPBI and 2023 IOS-PBI Data Processing from 03 to 07 June in Cotabato City.

This is one of the designated statistical activities as per Executive Order (EO) No. 52, series of 1996 undertaken by the PSA which seeks to collect and generate information on the levels, structure, and trends of economic activities in the entire country. This statistical activity is conducted every five years by the PSA to collect and generate information on the levels, structure, performance, and trends of economic activities within the establishment in the country. Furthermore, it will serve as benchmark information for measuring and comparing national, regional, and provincial economic growth.

The 2023 CPBI will be the 17th in the series of economic censuses in the country while the 2023 IOS-PBI is the 9th of the Input-Output (I-O) survey series conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority. Ms. Melanie C. Estrada, Senior Statistical Specialist under the Economic Sector Statistics Service (ESSS); Ms. Mitzi Grace D. Alarcon, Statistical Analyst of the Service and Industry Census Division (SICD), PSA Central Office; and Ms. Baiko M. Baladsal, Statistical Analyst of the RSSO BARMM served as the resource persons in the training.

Also in attendance were the CPBI provincial focal persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi including hired data processors from Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao.



Photo opportunity with the representative of Department of Energy (DOE) taken during the conduct of the Second Level Training on the 2023 HECS from 10 to 14 June in Cotabato City.

## PSA BARMM Conduct SLT on 2023 Household Energy Consumption Survey

PSA - BARMM successfully conducted the Second Level Training on the 2023 Household Energy Consumption Survey (HECS) from 10 to 14 June 2024 at the Jehan Hall of Alnor Hotel & Convention Center in Cotabato City.

The five-day training, led by OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula and Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, was designed to prepare participants for the 2023 Household Energy Consumption Survey (HECS), which will take place from June 17 to July 19, 2024. Key figures included Mr. Teodoro M. Orteza and representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE)-Mindanao. The training participants comprised Provincial Focal Persons, Alternate Focal Persons, and Team Supervisors and Statistical Researchers. This fifth iteration of the HECS, initiated in 1989, aims to update data on household energy consumption, practices, and attitudes, following the last survey in 2011. The findings will inform energy policies and programs. PSA-BARMM emphasized adherence to Field Operation Guidelines and health protocols, ensuring confidentiality of respondents' information under relevant Philippine laws.



# Community Legal Service



Mr. Delson A. Yusop, Registration Officer IV delivering a lecture during the conduct of the Community Legal Service: Kaalamang Legal Para sa Makabagong Bangsamoro held on 10 June in South Upi, Maguindanao del Sur.

The Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC), Maguindanao del Sur Provincial Office, joined forces with the Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office (BAGO) for an event titled "Community Legal Service: Kaalamang Legal Para sa Makabagong Bangsamoro", the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) BARMM invited as Resource Speaker as Lecturer represented by Mr Delson A. Yusop, Registration Officer IV in South Upi, Maguindanao del Sur on June 10, 2024.

Atty. Mohammed Al-Amin M. Julkipli of BAGO, followed by a message of support from Commissioner Archie U. Buaya, MPA of BHRC. The Commissioner emphasized that *"hindi napapag-usapan ang human rights, pag hindi napapag-usapan ang indigenous peoples rights"* (human rights are not fully discussed if indigenous peoples' rights are not included).

Attorney Johaira E. Sanggoyod of BAGO provided the audience with the background of the activity. Mr. Delson A. Yusop of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-BARMM delivered a comprehensive lecture on the prerequisites and correct procedures for registering births and marriages for indigenous peoples.

Following the discussion on birth and marriage registration, Atty. Alladin S. Tamama of BHRC gave a detailed lecture on Republic Act No. 9262, which prohibits violence against women and their children, and Republic Act No. 11596, which forbids underage marriage.

The Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs team also attended the event, offering free Certificates of Tribal Membership and Certificates of Tribal Marriage. In the afternoon, BAGO and BHRC provided free legal consultations and notarized simple documents for the participants at no cost.

JUNE







# ISO Certification Unveiling in RSSO BARMM



RSSO BARMM celebrated a significant milestone on 01 July, with the unveiling and thanksgiving for their ISO 9001 certification and the inauguration of their Regional Bids and Awards Committee (RBAC) Room in Cotabato City. OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula emphasized that the ISO certification, also achieved by the Provincial Statistics Offices of Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur, was the result of a long and meticulous process, reflecting PSA BARMM's commitment to delivering quality government services. He stressed the importance of sustaining these achievements and continuously improving service delivery, aligning with government mandates for quality management and efficient public service.

On the other hand, the inauguration of the RBAC Room supports the Government Procurement Reform Act of 2023, aiming to enhance administrative and general service operations through a robust Quality Management System (QMS).

The event was attended by officials from the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), Bangsamoro Information Office (BIO), and various PSA BARMM divisions, highlighting the collaborative effort behind these accomplishments. Further ISO 9001 certifications were also celebrated in PSA BARMM Tawi-Tawi and PSA Maguindanao in separate events, reinforcing the regions commitment to quality.

This initiative, rooted in Administrative Order No. 161 and Executive Order No. 605, reinforces the organization's dedication to reducing bureaucratic red tape as mandated by Republic Act No. 9485.



## BARMM Inflation Rate Moderates to 5.3 Percent in June 2024

The press conference on the BARMM inflation rate for June 2024 was successfully conducted by PSA BARMM led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director on 09 July in Cotabato City. Participated were the CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) as well as representatives from various ministries, offices, and agencies.



Right Photo: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the BARMM Inflation Report for June 2024 held on 09 August in Cotabato City

The headline inflation in BARMM decelerated to 5.3 percent in June 2024, down from 5.9 percent in May 2024. In comparison, the inflation rate in June 2023 was higher at 6.0 percent. Consequently, the provinces with lower inflation rates were: Basilan at 5.7 percent, Lanao del Sur at 4.8 percent, and Maguindanao at 6.9 percent.

Conversely, the province that experienced a higher rate of price movement was Tawi-Tawi, with inflation increasing to 4.6 percent from 2.9 percent. Meanwhile, the Sulu province registered a steady inflation rate of 3.4 percent from May 2024. Meanwhile, Cotabato City, an Independent Component City (ICC), posted a lower inflation rate of 4.3 percent in June 2024, down from 4.9 percent in May 2024.

Additionally, inflation for food commodities decreased to 6.0 percent in June 2024 from 7.0 percent in the previous month. In June 2023, inflation of food items was higher at 7.4 percent. The decrease in the region's food inflation was mainly brought about by the lower indices for Cereals and cereal products (ND) at 13.7 percent.

The conference was attended by CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) and representatives from various ministries, offices, and agencies in the BARMM regional government.



(Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of the 2024 Population and Census and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) Regional Press Launch on 11 July held in Cotabato City)

## PSA-BARMM Launches 2024 POPCEN-CBMS with Regional Press Conference

On 11 July, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, held the regional press launch for the 2024 Population and Census and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) in Cotabato City, which was also live-streamed on Facebook.

The event aimed to promote the mid-decade statistical activity and garner public support, featuring messages from BARMM officials, including Chief Minister Alhadj Murad B. Ibrahim and representatives from various ministries. The launch included a ceremonial lighting of the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS signage, marking the official operation period from July 15 to September 15, 2024.

The collected data will enhance community development and update social program beneficiaries. The event also showcased cultural performances, highlighting the talents of the Moro ethnic group, and was attended by representatives from various ministries, NGOs, and stakeholders.



## PSA-BARMM Engages Community Through “Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas”

The Philippine Statistics Authority - Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA BARMM), headed by OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula, in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Cotabato City led by Regional Head Mr. Fryan Abkilan, and Bangsamoro Information Office (BIO), conducted the “Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas”, a nationwide simultaneous Facebook live-streaming event, on 23 held in Cotabato City.

This initiative was guided by the Presidential Directive (PPBM-2024-850), which aims to engage regional communities in dialogues about the administration’s accomplishments and future plans, enhancing public understanding and engagement with government programs at the grassroots level. It also fulfills President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s directive for all departments to promote their activities and operations across all regions, demonstrating a proactive and citizen-centric government service.

Media personalities from local media outlets in Cotabato City and neighboring towns attended the event, reflecting the commitment of the government and stakeholders to transparency and accountability. The event emphasized the importance of community engagement in advancing the nation’s agenda.



Photo opportunity and action photo taken during the launching of “Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas” in PSA BARMM with PIA on 21 July in Cotabato City.



Virtual photos during the Joint Flag Raising Ceremony with PSA Central Office and Synchronized with BARMM Provincial Offices on 01 July in Cotabato City.

## Joint Flag Raising Ceremony with PSA Central Office and Synchronized with BARMM Provincial Offices

RSSO BARMM and the PSA Central Office held their second Joint Flag Raising Ceremony on 01 July in Cotabato City. The event marked a significant milestone as it was only the second time the Central Office participated in a ceremony with a regional or provincial office.

Moreso, the ceremony was historic as the BARMM hymn was played for the first time at the PSA Central Office during a flag-raising. Building on this initiative, the PSA Central Office plans to expand future ceremonies to include all PSA Regional Offices in the next Quarterly Joint Flag Raising Ceremony.

This initiative aims to foster greater unity and collaboration among PSA offices nationwide, creating a more cohesive and integrated organization. The expanded participation is expected to strengthen inter-office bonds and highlight the shared commitment to the organization.

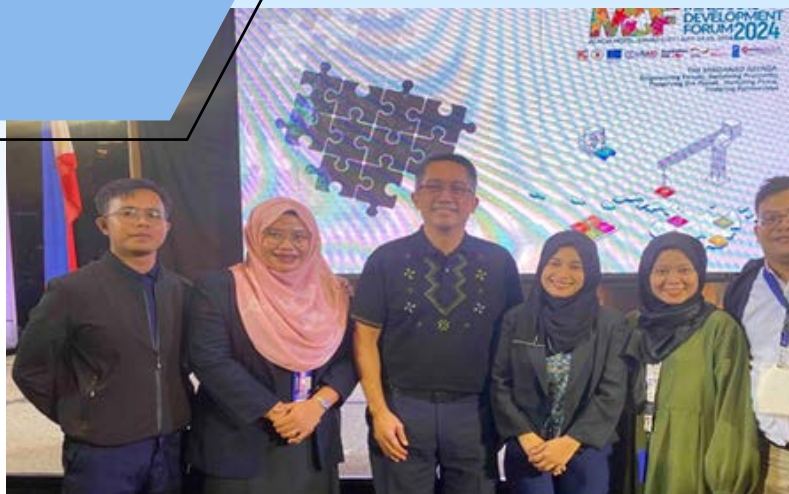


## PSA-BARMM Participates in Mindanao Development Forum 2024

PSA-BARMM participated in the Mindanao Development Forum 2024, held from July 24 to 25 July held in Davao City. The forum was co-organized by the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) and the Office of the Special Assistant to the President, in collaboration with several international partners.

The forum served as a vital platform for dialogue, collaboration, and innovation, bringing together diverse sectors to drive sustainable socio-economic development in Mindanao.

A key highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MinDA and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), formalizing their partnership to advance green growth strategies and policies in Mindanao, focusing on sustainable development, environmental conservation, and social inclusivity.



*Photo opportunity taken with MinDA Chairperson Leo Tereso Magno during the closing ceremony of the Mindanao Development Forum 2024 held on 25 July in Davao City.*

## PSA-BARMM Kicks Off 50th National Nutrition Month with a theme “Nagkakaisang Bangsamoro”

PSA BARMM commemorated the 50th National Nutrition Month with a kick-off event themed "Nagkakaisang Bangsamoro, Sa Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat" on 08 July held in Cotabato City. This year's theme emphasizes the national nutrition plan as the guiding framework for nutrition action, highlighting the need to raise awareness of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), especially at the barangay level.

The plan, based on a theory of change, requires wider dissemination across all communities. National Nutrition Month has been observed annually since 1974 by Presidential Decree 491, the Nutrition Act of the Philippines.



*Photo opportunity taken during National Nutrition Month Kick-Off Opening 08 July in Cotabato City.*

Ms. Macadadaya stressed the importance of nutritious food for overall well-being and productivity, highlighting the annual celebration of Nutrition Month as a reminder to prioritize healthy eating.

PSA BARMM officials emphasized the importance of healthy eating habits and collective efforts to achieve optimal nutrition for all Bangsamoro citizens.



## PSA BARMM Conducts Outreach Program for Senior Citizens



Action photos and photo opportunity taken during outreach program for Senior Citizens as part of the commemoration of the National Nutrition Month on 31 July in Cotabato City.

PSA BARMM, led by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director meaningfully conducted an Outreach Program dedicated to Senior Citizens on 19 July held at the Covered Court, Barangay Martinez Poblacion 4, Cotabato City. The activity aligned with the month-long celebration of the 50th Nutrition Month, with the regional theme: *"Nagkakaisang Bangsamoro sa Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat."*

To introduce the social services offered by the PSA, Mr. Bolkiah Dumama, Registration Officer III, discussed key points of the Philippine Identification System and solicited figures on the number of senior citizens who have not registered yet. He committed to deploying PhilSys kits in the Barangay to accommodate residents, especially seniors. In addition, Mr. Delson A. Yusop introduced the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) and gathered information on the number of senior citizens among the attendees who do not have birth certificates in the Security Paper (SECPA). Identified seniors were advised to coordinate with the LGU on the processes to avail of birth certificates in security paper for free.

## PSA-BARMM Celebrates Nutrition Month with Healthy Cooking Demonstration

In observance of the 50th National Nutrition Month, themed *"Nagkakaisang Bangsamoro sa Nutrisyong Sapat para sa Lahat"* (United Bangsamoro, Adequate Nutrition for All), the Philippine Statistics Authority – Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA BARMM) hosted a cooking demonstration on 31 July held in Cotabato City.

Spearheaded by Ms. Cheriemae S. Guillermo, Statistical Analyst of the CBMS, the demonstration showcased a variety of vegetable and fish dishes, emphasizing healthy and nutritious meal options. The menu included boiled vegetables, *"law-uy,"* seaweed and cucumber salad, grilled milkfish and tilapia (*"inihaw na bangus"* and *"tilapia"*), a *Meranao* dish called *"pudzan"* as an appetizer, yellow rice (*"Kuning"*), and tropical/seasonal fruits. All dishes were meat-free. The event was attended by Regional Statistics Service Office personnel and staff.

The activity emphasized the importance of a healthy diet and affordable food, showcasing healthy, fresh ingredients, colorful and nutrient-rich meals, portion control, and mindful eating. It also highlighted the benefits of consuming less processed foods, enhancing social bonds, and promoting cultural appreciation.

This activity was one of the most awaited and anticipated among the month-long activities prepared during Nutrition Month along with come Wellness Activities such as blood pressure monitoring, weight monitoring, blood sugar screening, Zumba exercises and free massage.



Action photo taken during the communal meal prepared by the RSSO staff as part of the commemoration of the National Nutrition Month on 31 July in Cotabato City.



## PSA-BARMM Holds Successful “Gainer and Loser” Competition for Nutrition Month

PSA BARMM held its “Gainer and Loser” competition held on 31 in Cotabato City, as part of its Nutrition Month celebrations. The highly anticipated event showcased the importance of healthy eating habits and physical fitness, promoting the significance of a balanced diet and regular exercise for overall well-being.

Wadzna Kani emerged victorious in the “Gainer” category, demonstrating exceptional dedication to a nutritious meal plan and regular physical activity. Kani’s commitment to a healthy lifestyle resulted in significant improvements in physical health and served as an inspiration to other participants.

Fidelluddin U. Gayanandang won the “Loser” category, showcasing remarkable perseverance in pursuing a healthier lifestyle. Despite facing challenges, Gayanandang’s dedication to positive changes in diet and exercise led to significant improvements in overall well-being.

The competition highlighted the positive impact of incorporating nutritious foods and physical activity into daily routines, ultimately leading to improved health and well-being. Kani and Gayanandang exemplified the transformative power of healthy habits, inspiring others to prioritize their health.



Photo opportunity during the awarding of medals to the winners for the search of the Biggest Loser and Gainer on 31 July in Cotabato City.



Photo opportunity during the closing ceremony of the 2024 National Nutrition Month celebration on 31 July in Cotabato City.

## PSA-BARMM Concludes Successful 50th Nutrition Month Celebration

PSA BARMM successfully concluded its month-long commemoration of the 50th National Nutrition Month held on 31 July in Cotabato.

The Ministry of Health-Nutrition Division was represented by Ms. Bai Norolnabila B. Belongan, Nutritionist Dietician II, and Ms. Mohannie A. Tabara, Senior Health Associate, who discussed the 50th Nutrition Month theme, healthy tips for diabetic and hypertensive diets, cancer prevention, and the “Pinggang Pinoy” concept.

In his opening message, Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of the Statistical Operation and Coordination Division, emphasized the importance of good nutrition and moderation, especially given busy lifestyles and reliance on processed foods. He highlighted that proper nutrition is essential for maintaining health, improving productivity, and enhancing overall quality of life.

The event included an awards ceremony for the “Biggest Loser” and “Biggest Gainer” competition participants, recognizing their commitment to healthy lifestyles. Hygiene, first aid, and dignity kits were also distributed. Ms. Rufaidah T. Ibrahim, Accountant III, delivered the closing message, thanking everyone for their participation and emphasizing the importance of continuing good nutrition practices beyond the month-long celebration.



# PSA RSSO BARMM Holds Mid-Year Performance Review in Tawi-Tawi



(Left photo) action photo during the 2024 at Mid-Year Performance Review from 22 to 24 July in Bongao, tawi-Tawi. (Right photo) Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director delivering a keynote message to set the tone of the activity.

## PSA RSSO BARMM Strengthens Collaboration and Charts Course for Remainder of 2024 at Mid-Year Performance Review

PSA BARMM successfully conducted its Mid-Year Performance Review from 22 to 24 July, in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi. The event served as a platform for Key Personnel from across the region to evaluate their accomplishments during the first half of 2024 and strategize for the remainder of the year.

The review focused on evaluating first-semester accomplishments, identifying challenges and solutions, and refining work programs for the second semester. Participants included staff from the Office of the Regional Director (ORD), Statistical Operation and Coordination Division (SOCD), Civil Registration and Administrative Division (CRASD), and the Provincial Statistical Offices of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

Key themes included the importance of timely budget processing and tracking, collaborative problem-solving, and resilience. Participants shared best practices and innovative approaches to improve service delivery. The review also emphasized the value of unity and teamwork within the organization.

The event featured presentations from each province and division, outlining their achievements and future plans. Discussions centered on identifying and overcoming obstacles, as well as leveraging successful strategies. The Office and Regional Action Plans (ORAP and RRAP) were reviewed, updated, and revised. Financial and physical accomplishments of major Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs) were also presented, along with catch-up plans.

A fellowship night provided an opportunity for attendees to network and strengthen relationships, further fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

The Mid-Year Performance Review served as a crucial step in ensuring the continuous improvement and effectiveness of PSA RSSO BARMM's services, setting the stage for a coordinated and impactful second half of 2024.





# AUGUST





# PSA BARMM Urges Public to Register Children Aged 1 to 4 for the National ID



Action photos and photo opportunities taken during the conduct of National ID Registrations for children's ages 1-4 throughout the month of August in the BARMM region.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) has intensified its "Rehistro Bulilit" initiative to register children aged 1-4 under the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys).

This program aims to guarantee that all Filipinos, regardless of age, can access national identification, thereby easing transactions and improving service access. Collaborating with local government units (LGUs) and community leaders, the PSA is enhancing the registration process in local areas.

As of August 31, 2024, Basilan province reported 359,350 PhilSys registrations and issued 260,533 electronic PhilIDs (ePhilIDs), with 7,290 new registrants in August alone. The campaign, launched on August 29, 2024, in Barangay Darugao, focuses on registering children in the targeted age group. The PSA is also coordinating with the Provincial Ministry of Interior and Local Government to discuss PhilSys strategies and provide essential services.

To reach remote communities, the team initiated "PhilSys ON-BOAT" registrations, particularly targeting Badjao communities. Registration events were held across various municipalities, including in schools and barangays, despite challenges such as transportation difficulties. The dedicated team strives to ensure no community is overlooked in this vital registration effort.

## BARMM Inflation Rate Rises to 5.7 Percent in July 2024

The press conference on the BARMM Inflation Rate for July 2024 was successfully conducted on 12 August in Cotabato City.

The headline inflation in BARMM accelerated to 5.7 percent in July 2024, higher from 5.3 percent in June 2024. In comparison, the inflation rate in July 2023 was lower at 5.1 percent. Subsequently, in July 2024, the provinces with lower inflation rates were: Basilan at 5.6 percent, Lanao del Sur at 4.7 percent, and Maguindanao at 6.7 percent.

Conversely, the provinces that experienced a higher rate of price movement were Sulu at 4.8 percent from 3.4 percent in June 2024 and Tawi-Tawi, with inflation increasing to 6.2 percent from 4.6 percent. Meanwhile, Cotabato City, an Independent Component City (ICC), posted a higher inflation rate of 5.3 percent in July 2024, and a high of 4.3 percent in June 2024.

Additionally, inflation for food commodities increased to 6.4 percent in July 2024 from 6.0 percent in the previous month. In July 2023, inflation of food items was the same at 6.4 percent. The increase in the region's food inflation was mainly brought about by the higher indices for Cereals at 18.8 percent and rice at 19.1 percent.

Participants online via Google Meet were CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) as well as representatives from various ministries, offices, and agencies.



Right Photo: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the BARMM Inflation Report July 2024 held on 12 August in Cotabato City



# RSCom Holds 3rd Regular meeting for CY 2024

The Regional Statistics Committee (RSCom) held its third regular meeting of 2024 on 12 August in Cotabato City, focusing on preparations for the upcoming 35th National Statistics Month (NSM) in October and providing an update on the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS). Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC-Regional Director of PSA-BARMM and Co-Chair of RSCom-BARMM, presided over the meeting.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director presiding the RSCom's third regular meeting of 2024 on 12 August in Cotabato City.

OIC-RD Tula emphasized the proactive efforts of RSCom-BARMM in building statistical capacity, positioning it as a leader among regional statistical committees by offering relevant training and seminars. The committee discussed plans for the upcoming National Statistics Month (NSM) celebration, themed "Advancing Data and Statistics Through Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation," urging members to propose activities. Edward Donald Eloja, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA-BARMM, reported that over one million individuals have been counted in BARMM for the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS and highlighted challenges in reconciling local government unit (LGU) and MENRE maps due to political boundary issues.

The meeting's "Member's Report" segment featured presentations from the Office for Other Bangsamoro Communities on community mapping and the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education on the education situation in BARMM. Additionally, the BPDA announced plans for BARMM's first participation in Development Policy Research Month, emphasizing its commitment to evidence-based policy-making.

## Completion Ceremony for On the Job Trainee

PSA BARMM held an On-the-Job Training (OJT) Completion Ceremony on August 6, 2024, at the Lakandula Hall in PSA RSSO BARMM, Cotabato City. The ceremony celebrated the successful completion of training for students from Mindanao State University-Maguindanao.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director delivering an inspirational message during Completion Ceremony for On the Job Trainee in PSA BARMM on 06 August in Cotabato City.

Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC-Regional Director of PSA BARMM, delivered an inspiring message, reflecting on the students' journey at the PSA. He emphasized the value of their experiences and encouraged them to apply their newly acquired knowledge in their future endeavors. He also shared personal anecdotes about the organization, providing insights into PSA's role and community impact.

The event highlighted the awarding of tokens and certificates to OJT participants, led by Engr. Tula and Chief SOCD Edward Donald F. Eloja. Mr. Butuan expressed gratitude to PSA for supporting the students and shared anecdotes about his bond with the Regional Director. Trainees reflected on their positive experiences, appreciating the knowledge gained and the welcoming environment at PSA. Chief Eloja emphasized the valuable lessons learned through the agency's programs and diverse activities. The PSA RSSO BARMM demonstrated its commitment to nurturing young talent, equipping trainees with essential skills and boosting their confidence for future careers.



## MSU-Maguindanao and PSA-BARMM Partner for Free Late Birth and National ID Registration Drive

Mindanao State University-Maguindanao (MSU-Maguindanao), through its Division of Student Affairs (DSA), partnered with the PSA-BARMM to offer a free late birth registration and National ID registration drive on 07 August at the MSU-Maguindanao Campus, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.



Action photos taken during the conduct of the Free Late Birth and National ID Registration Drive from 07 August held in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao

The event was open to all students, employees, and their family members. Dumama highlighted how the National ID streamlines transactions with both government and private entities, simplifying processes such as opening bank accounts, applying for scholarships, and accessing social services. A question-and-answer session followed, allowing participants to address their specific concerns regarding registration requirements and the status of National ID card delivery. Mr. Dumama provided detailed explanations of the registration process and clarified any issues raised.

This initiative was launched by MSU-Maguindanao to assist students facing enrollment difficulties due to a lack of necessary documents, particularly birth certificates and valid IDs. By providing this convenient service, the university aims to alleviate the burden of obtaining these crucial documents, allowing students to concentrate on their academic pursuits without the added stress.

The collaboration between MSU-Maguindanao and PSA-BARMM demonstrates the university's commitment to student welfare and supports the nationwide National ID registration goals under the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys). It also promotes civic engagement among young people, emphasizing the significance of identity in nation-building.



Photo opportunity taken during the conduct Data Processing Training for Business Register Project from 07 to 09 September held in Cotabato City.

## PSA BARMM Successfully Conducts Data Processing Training for Business Register Project

PSA BARMM conducted a three-day Training on Data Processing for the PSA-LGU Data Sharing for the Business Register Project. The training was held from 7 to 9 August in Cotabato City.

Participants included representatives from the PSA Central Office's Services and Industry Census Division (SICD), namely Ms. Ray-Anne A. Soriano, Statistical Specialist II, and Ms. Ana Camille F. Angelo, Statistical Analyst. PSO focal persons from across the provinces of BARMM also attended the training.

The training covered key aspects of data processing relevant to the Business Register Project, equipping participants with the necessary skills to contribute effectively to the project's success. The collaborative nature of the training further solidified the partnership between PSA BARMM, the Central Office, and LGUs, paving the way for more accurate and reliable data for planning and development in the region.



## PSA BARMM Joins the Second Joint National Advisory Council (NAC) & National Technical Working Group (NTWG) Field Visit 2024



Photo opportunity during the 2nd Joint National Advisory Council (NAC) & National Technical Working Group (NTWG) Field Visit 2024 conducted from 27 to 30 September held in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi.

Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of the Philippine Statistics Authority - Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PSA BARMM), and Mr. Masil H. Mohammadsha, Chief Statistical Specialist of the Provincial Statistical Office in Tawi-Tawi, participated as members of the Bangsamoro Regional Advisory Council (BRAC) in the 2nd Joint National Advisory Council (NAC) and National Technical Working Group (NTWG) Field Visit 2024.

The event, themed "Sailing to the South: Navigating the Program's Impact in the Bangsamoro," conducted place from August 27-30, 2024, in Tawi-Tawi.

Four teams were formed to visit four municipalities in Tawi-Tawi. Participants included representatives from various local government units, national government agencies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders, including some from central offices. The field visit aimed to foster collaboration, share insights, and develop comprehensive strategies to enhance service delivery and community support.







# PSA BARMM 11th Anniversary

PSA-BARMM marked its 11th Founding Anniversary with a hybrid celebration on 12 September. Staff from the Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) BARMM gathered at the Sheik Makhdum Hall in Cotabato City, while other participants joined virtually via Google Meet.

The celebration began with a shared viewing of the PSA Central Office's live stream on YouTube. Engr. Akan G. Tula, in a virtual message, reflected on the pride and accomplishments of PSA BARMM's journey over the past decade, highlighting the agency's commitment to excellence and innovation in public service.

Ms. Maila U. Mantil, Budget Officer of the RSSO BARMM, welcomed all participants and emphasized the PSA's dedication to providing high-quality statistics through solid, responsive, and world-class public service over the past 11 years. Participants enjoyed a series of parlor games, including "Guest Who? PSA Edition," "Spell the Word," "Grab It, Tumpakner," and "Read the Word Without Moving the Tongue." Exciting prizes were awarded to RSSO BARMM participants through a raffle draw.

The "Pasiklaban" competition showcased the talents of PSA BARMM staff, with participants from the RSSO BARMM and Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) of Tawi-Tawi, Lanao del Sur, and Maguindanao competing in solo and duet singing, as well as solo and group dance categories. A blood pressure monitoring station was available at the venue to promote health and wellness among personnel and staff.



(Upper photo) Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director delivering a message virtually during commemoration of the 11th PSA Anniversary conducted in a hybrid set-up on 11 September held in Cotabato City.

(Below photo) Action photo taken at the RSSO BARMM on-site participants.

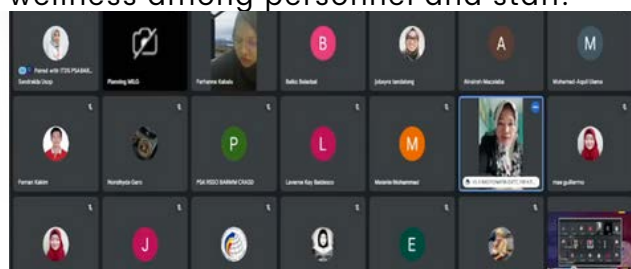


Photo opportunity with Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during the BARMm Inflation Report for August 2024 held on 09 September in Cotabato City

## BARMm Inflation Rate Drops Significantly to 3.7 percent in August 2024

On 09 September, a press conference was held in Cotabato City to discuss the BARMm inflation rates for August 2024. Participating via Google Meet were CPI Focal Persons from the Provincial Statistical Offices and representatives from various ministries and agencies.

The inflation rates in BARMm provinces decreased compared to the previous month, with Basilan at 4.2 Percent, Lanao del Sur at 3.3 Percent, Maguindanao at 4.2 Percent, Sulu at 2.8 Percent, and Tawi-Tawi at 4.6 Percent. Cotabato City also reported a decline from 5.3 percent in July to 5.1 percent in August.

Food inflation dropped to 4.1 percent from 6.4 percent in July, with significant reductions in cereal products and rice. However, the inflation rate for fruits and nuts increased slightly. The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) rose to PhP 0.80 as inflation decreased, indicating a positive correlation between lower inflation and increased purchasing power.



## PSA-BARMM Enhances Capacity for Aquaculture Survey with CAPI System

PSA-BARMM conducted its Second Level Training on the Implementation of the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) and Data Processing System (DPS) for the Quarterly Aquaculture Survey. Held at the Sheikh Makhdum Hall, PSA BARMM Office, Cotabato City, from 2 to 3 September, the two-day training equipped field personnel with the skills needed for effective data collection and input using the CAPI system.



Photo opportunities and action photos taken during the conduct of the Second Level Training on the Implementation and DPS for the Quarterly Aquaculture Survey held from 02 to 03 September held in Cotabato City.

The training program provided an extensive review of the CAPI system's features, covering system setup, data entry accuracy, and troubleshooting. Participants engaged in hands-on exercises and simulations, practicing data collection and input tasks to prepare them for real-world scenarios. The training also emphasized data validation and quality control processes to ensure data integrity and reliability, reinforcing the importance of accurate data entry and adherence to procedural standards.

Interactive elements, such as group discussions and feedback sessions, fostered a collaborative learning environment and enhanced participants' preparedness to implement and support the CAPI system in their respective provinces.

Ms. Sittie Hapsa D. Maganaka, Assistant Statistician, led the training. Mr. Crisanto F. Castillo, Senior Statistical Specialist from the PSA Central Office, delivered a key demonstration on the CAPI system, assisted by Mr. Abraham B. Agustin, Administrative Aide IV. The training aimed to streamline the data collection process and ensure a proficient and efficient survey implementation.

## PSA-BARMM Conducts Joint Training on 2024 OWS and 2023/2024 ISLE

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) held a joint training session on the 2024 Occupational Wages Survey (OWS) and the 2023/2024 Integrated Survey on Labor and Employment (ISLE) from September 2 to 6 in Cotabato City.

These biennial surveys collect establishment-based data to monitor wage rates across agricultural and non-agricultural sectors. The OWS provides essential statistics for wage administration, collective bargaining, and investment decisions by analyzing wage rates for 238 occupations across 66 industries. Meanwhile, the ISLE surveys over 113,000 establishments, focusing on data related to employment trends, unionism, job training, and workplace safety.



Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of the Second Level Training on 2024 OWS and 2023/2024 ISLE from 2 to 6 September held in Cotabato City.

Authorized by Republic Act No. 10625, these surveys aim to enhance economic understanding and improve labor conditions while minimizing the burden on respondents through their simultaneous execution. The training was led by the Labor Demands, Relations Standards Service Division (LDRSSD), with oversight from OIC-Chief Ms. Cristine Ariola. The hybrid training format included contributions from key personnel, including Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja and Ms. Melanie S. Mohammad, who facilitated the training alongside Mr. Alnovar Bandahala from Sulu Province.



## PSA-BARMM Conducts Field Validation and Technical Session on Mineral Asset Accounts

PSA-BARMM successfully conducted a Field Validation and Technical Session on Mineral Asset Accounts in BARMM from 3 to 5 September in Cotabato City.

The technical session, held on September 3rd at Hall 4, Mall of Al-Nor, Cotabato City, brought together

representatives from the PSA Central Office's Environment and Natural Resources Accounts Division (ENRAD), including Mr. Polaris C. Bautista, Senior Statistical Specialist, and Ms. Fatima C. Catchero, Statistical Specialist II. Also in attendance were Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of SOCD, Ms. Melanie S. Mohammad, Statistical Specialist II, PSA staff, and partner agencies from various ministries: the Office of the Chief Minister's Technical Management Services (OCM-TMS), Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy (MENRE), Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR), Ministry of Trade, Investments, and Tourism (MTIT), Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG), and a representative from Cotabato State University (CSU).

On 04 September, the team conducted a site visit to the Darapanan Sand and Gravel establishment in Brgy. Darapanan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. This visit, conducted in collaboration with representatives from the MTIT BARMM, provided valuable insights into the quarry's operational processes and the region's mineral resource management.

The team also paid a courtesy visit to the MENRE-Mines and Geoscience Services (MGS) and met with Director II, Mr. Raphael L. Remo, JD, to discuss and gather data and information for compiling BARMM's environmental accounts.

This activity is part of the PSA's broader initiative to release comprehensive environmental accounts, which are essential for developing sustainable and ecologically sound development plans.



Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of the outreach program for the Child Development Center on 11 September in Cotabato City as part of succeeding activities in commemoration of the 11th PSA Anniversary.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness about PSA services and the significance of data stewardship among young children.

Ms. Melanie S. Mohammad, a Statistical Specialist, urged parents to register their children in the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), highlighting its importance for accessing government services, especially for children aged 1-4. Pupils enjoyed nutritious meals and received school supplies, ID slings, and memorabilia, alongside engaging entertainment such as dances and interactive sessions with PSA staff.

This program aims to educate children on government services and their importance, fostering a sense of responsibility and community engagement. Overall, the outreach reflects PSA-BARMM's commitment to empowering future generations and promoting inclusivity within the Bangsamoro community.



(Left photo) Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of the Field Validation and Technical Session on Mineral Asset Accounts in Cotabato City from 03 to 05 September in Cotabato City.  
(Right photo) Action photo taken during the actual Field Validation in Brgy. Darapanan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

## PSA-BARMM Celebrates 11th Anniversary with Outreach Program for Day Care Pupils

To celebrate its 11th Anniversary, PSA-BARMM hosted an outreach program for day care pupils in Poblacion III, Cotabato City, themed "Strengthening Data Stewardship Towards a Responsive Public Service."



## PSA-BARMM Completes Second Level Training on 2024 APIS Data Processing



PSA-BARMM conducted the Second Level Training on the 2024 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS) Data Processing from 3 to 5 September held in Cotabato City.

The 2024 APIS is a rider survey to the July 2024 Labor Force Survey (LFS).

This statistical undertaking aims to establish a quantitative framework for planning and policy formulation concerning the labor market and provide estimates for non-income poverty indicators.



*Action photo taken during the conduct of the Second Level Training on 2024 Annual APIS Data Processing from 03 to 05 September in Cotabato City.*

Ms. Aquessa L. Macud, Senior Statistical Specialist of SOCD-BARMM and the training's focal person, led the sessions. Attendees included focal persons and other representatives from the provinces of BARMM.

## PSA-BARMM Celebrates 11th Anniversary and Civil Service Anniversary with Thanksgiving and Employee Appreciation Day



*Action photos taken during the awarding of raffle winners for simultaneous activity of the PSA's 11th Founding Anniversary cum Civil Service Anniversary with Thanksgiving and Employee Appreciation Day on 30 September in Cotabato City.*

PSA BARMM held a simultaneous commemoration of its 11th Anniversary and the 124th Civil Service Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Kanduli cum Employee Appreciation Day on 30, September in Cotabato City.

The event, serving as the closing activity for the PSA anniversary celebration, recognized the dedication and hard work of the staff over the past 11 years.

Rufaidah Ibrahim, in her welcome remarks, emphasized the importance of employee appreciation, highlighting how recognizing staff contributions fosters a positive work environment and improves service quality.

The celebration featured parlor games and intermission performances, fostering a lively atmosphere, while raffle prizes were awarded to the participating RSSO BARMM staff, enhancing community spirit.

Edward Donald Eloja, in closing remarks, acknowledged the organization's busy schedule and highlighted the importance of such events in promoting teamwork and engagement. He previewed upcoming activities and expressed gratitude for the staff's dedication and commitment, crucial to the agency's success.



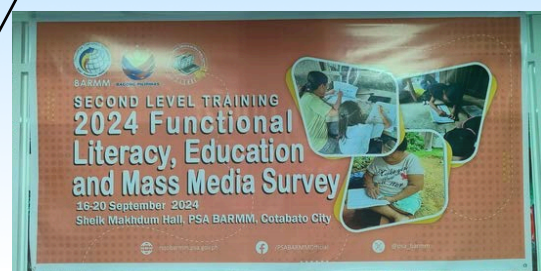
# PSA-BARMM Strengthens Capacity for 2024 Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey

PSA-BARMM concluded the Second Level Training on the 2024 Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS) from 16 to 20 September held in Cotabato City.

Noronisa Makadadaya, Chief of CRASD, delivered the opening message, emphasizing the critical importance of the data gathered through FLEMMS. She highlighted its impact not only on the PSA Awards but also its value as a crucial resource for policymakers, informing decision-making and the development of effective educational and social programs.

Ms. Makadadaya explained how accurate data on literacy levels and media consumption patterns enables targeted interventions to meet specific community needs, ultimately contributing to the region's overall development. FLEMMS is a vital initiative by the PSA to assess literacy levels and educational attainment. Beyond traditional literacy, the survey evaluates functional literacy, encompassing the skills needed for effective societal participation, such as reading, writing, and critical thinking.

FLEMMS data provides insights into the influence of education and mass media, identifying gaps and guiding policymakers in developing targeted interventions to improve educational outcomes. The survey holds particular significance for the BARMM, where understanding the unique challenges and needs of the population is crucial for inclusive development.



Action photo taken during the conduct of the Second Level Training on the 2024 FLEMMS from 16 to 20 September in Cotabato City.



Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of SOCD (standing 3rd from the left) taken during the the 1st Bangsamoro Development Policy Research Forum on 25 September in Cotabato City.

## PSA BARMM Participates in the 1st Bangsamoro Development Policy Research Forum

PSA BARMM participated in the 1st Bangsamoro Development Policy Research Forum held on 25 September in Cotabato City. The forum was organized by the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), in collaboration with the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC),

The Asia Foundation (TAF), and the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), and funded by Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA). The activity highlighted BARMM's significant contribution to the nationwide Development Policy Research Month, with the theme, "Securing a Future for All by Growing a Resilient Middle Class."

Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, reaffirmed PSA BARMM's commitment through a message of support that emphasized the importance of data-driven policymaking. He also delivered a presentation on the 2023 Full-Year Official Poverty Statistics for the region and participated in Policy Research Conversation Round 1: "Sustaining Poverty Reduction in BARMM," where Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief Statistical Specialist of the Statistical Operation and Coordination Division (SOCD), served as a discussant.

Engr. Tula also reiterated the office's commitment to supporting the region's socioeconomic development through accurate and reliable data collection and analysis. Moreover, a data exhibit was set up to showcase information and statistics through an informative infographic banner on Civil Registration Services and Agricultural Statistics.



## PSA-BARMM Successfully Completes Second Level Training on Data Processing for 2023 HECS



Photo opportunity and action photo taken during the conduct of Second Level Training on Data Processing for the 2023 HECS from 23 to 25 September in Cotabato City.

PSA-BARMM successfully conducted a three-day Second-Level Training on Data Processing for the 2023 Household Energy Consumption Survey (HECS) from 23 to 25 September in Cotabato City.

The training brought together 25 participants, including Ms. Aquessa L. Macud, Regional Senior Statistical Specialist; Ms. Melanie S. Mohammad, Regional Statistical Specialist II; focal

persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices in the region with their hired data processors; and other RSSO BARMM staff.

The training was facilitated by Gianne Yvette G. Talan, Statistical Specialist I from the PSA Central Office, Ms. Sittie Hapsa D. Maganaka, Assistant Statistician/Regional Focal Person, and Mr. Samid R. Masukat, Statistical Analyst (COSW)/Regional Alternate Focal Person.

Throughout the sessions, facilitators addressed participants' issues and concerns, shared informative concepts, and provided supplemental information. This training prepares provincial focal persons and their teams for the data processing phase of the 2023 HECS. Upon receiving the HECS Data Processing System (DPS), the teams will have approximately 20 working days to complete the processing, with an expected completion date on or before 23 October.



Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations from the period of 9-11 September in the Municipality of Upi, Maguindanao.

## PSA-BARMM Brings Civil Registration Services Closer to Home in North Upi

PSA-BARMM successfully conducted its Civil Registry System Mobile Outlet Program in the Municipality of Upi from September 9-11, 2024. North Upi became the first municipality in the region to benefit from this initiative, bringing essential civil registration services directly to the community.

The program aimed to make obtaining vital documents easier and more accessible for residents. Key officials present included OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula, CRASD Chief Noronisa D. Macadadaya, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA Maguindanao Naldo G. Pendaliday, and Registration Officer IV Delson A. Yusop. Their presence highlighted the significance of the initiative in addressing the civil registration needs of the area.

Over the three-day event, 212 transactions were processed, encompassing the issuance of birth certificates, marriage certificates, and Certificates of No Marriage (CENOMAR). This effort reflects the PSA's commitment to streamlining access to civil registration services and ensuring residents can obtain necessary documents with ease.

The Mobile Outlet Program is part of the PSA's broader initiative to extend its services to more remote areas, reducing barriers to accessing vital records. Local officials and PSA staff were on-site to assist residents, answer questions, and guide them through the application process. This collaborative approach ensured a smooth and efficient experience for community members.



## PSA-BARMM Brings Vital Services to Sulu for 634th Bangsa Sug Day Anniversary



Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations during the culmination of the Bangsa Sug Day for the month of December in the province of Sulu.

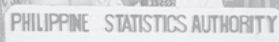
RSSO BARMM, headed by OIC – Regional Director, Engr. Akan G. Tula, in collaboration with PSA Sulu, actively participated in the 634th Bangsa Sug Day Anniversary, held at the Bangsa Sug Ground beside the Sulu Provincial Tourism Booth. PSA-BARMM offered a range of vital services to the community during the celebration.

The PSA provided free services, including birth registration assistance, PhilSys registration and digital ID assistance. Additionally, mobile SECPA printing for birth, marriage, and death certificates, as well as Certificates of No Marriage (CENOMAR), was available at regular rates.

The SECPA mobile printing service proved particularly popular, processing 95 transactions on the first day alone. Many clients requested multiple copies of their documents for various needs. Despite operating with only one set of equipment, the PSA team efficiently handled the high demand, making the day's achievement particularly noteworthy.

PSA RSSO BARMM remains committed to making essential services accessible to the people of Bangsamoro and supporting local communities during important cultural events such as Bangsa Sug Day.







## PSA-BARMM Kicks Off 35th National Statistics Month with Motorcade Caravan



Action photos taken during the motorcade conducted as part of the succeeding activities for the 35th National Statistics Month held on 01 October in Cotabato City.

PSA-BARMM successfully held a motorcade caravan to kick off the month-long celebration of the 35th National Statistics Month with the theme "Advance Data and Statistics through digital transformation: road to an empowered nation" on 1 October 20224 from People's Palace grounds to South Seas Complex, Cotabato City.

The motorcade caravan commenced from the People's Palace and concluded at the South Seas complex.

Participating agencies included representatives from the Regional Statistics Committee (RSCom), comprising key agencies such as the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), Ministry of Trade, Investments, and Tourism (MTIT), Bangsamoro Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence (BARMM-Readi), Office of the Chief Minister – Technical Management Services (OCM-TMS), and Ministry of Transportations and Communications (MOTC).

The annual activity was founded under Presidential Proclamation No. 647, declaring the Month of October of Every Year as the National Statistics Month issued on 20 September 1990 by then President Corazon C. Aquino; and by the PSA Board Resolution No. 11, series of 2021, which mandates the "Enjoining and Institutionalizing Support to the Annual Celebration of the National Statistics Month".

Throughout October, stakeholders will be conducting a series of activities, forums, and discussions designed to promote statistical activities. These endeavors aim to raise awareness of the importance of data-driven decision-making, showcasing the exemplary contributions of data for our nation's sustainable growth and development.

## PSA-BARMM Launches 35th National Statistics Month Celebration

On 01 October, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) BARMM, under the leadership of Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, launched the 35th National Statistics Month in Cotabato City.

The celebration, themed "Advance Data and Statistics through Digital Transformation: Road to an Empowered Nation," was attended by notable figures, including Engr. Amil A. Abubakar and Jonathan M. Mantikayan, who joined virtually. Tula emphasized the importance of

statistics in decision-making, quoting, "Statistics is like a bikini. What they reveal is suggested, but what they conceal is vital."

Mantikayan discussed BICTO's initiatives, such as the Macro-Farm project and the establishment of an Intra-Net data center for inter-agency data sharing. Edward Donald F. Eloja presented findings from the 2023 National ICT Household Survey, reinforcing the PSA BARMM's commitment to providing reliable data for evidence-based policymaking. Naldo G. Pentaliday acknowledged the active participation of various agencies in the event.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM; Engr. Mohajirin T. Ali, MNSA sitting at the presidential table; and r. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD delivering a welcoming remarks during the opening ceremony of the 35th National Statistics Month on 01 October in Cotabato City.



## Outreach Program in Bahay Maria Foundation in line with the Celebration of the 35th National Statistics Month



Action photos taken during the outreach program at the Bahay Maria Foundation conducted as part of the succeeding activities for the 35th National Statistics Month held on 18 October in Cotabato City.

In celebration of the 35th National Statistics Month (NSM), themed "Advancing Data and Statistics Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation," PSA-BARMM held an outreach program on 18 October at the Cotabato Bahay Maria Foundation, Inc. The foundation provides care for abandoned, sick, and homeless elderly residents in Poblacion II, Cotabato City.

Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of the Statistical Operation and Coordination Division, representing Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA-BARMM, opened the program, highlighting PSA's operations, services, and commitment to community service. The outreach aimed to raise awareness of PSA programs among the elderly residents of Bahay Maria, a foundation known for its compassionate care.

The event also highlighted the critical need for legal documentation among elderly residents. It was observed that almost all the individuals under the foundation's care do not possess birth certificates or other forms of legal identity. Through this outreach program, PSA-BARMM recognized the opportunity to address this issue.

As part of its mandate, PSA-BARMM pledged to assist in securing birth certificates and national identification for elderly residents through the Birth Registration Assistance Project and the PhilSys mobile registration. Mr. Eloja emphasized that the PSA will coordinate closely with the foundation's staff to implement the necessary steps and ensure the elderly are included in the National Identification System. "Part of the PSA's mandate is to provide services related to Civil Registration and the Philippine Identification System," Mr. Eloja reiterated.

## PSA-BARMM Conducts Field Data Validation for 2024 POPCEN-CBMS in Maguindanao

PSA-BARMM conducted field data validation for the 2024 Population and Housing Census (POPCEN) and Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) in Maguindanao del Sur and del Norte from October 3-9. This initiative aligns with their mandate under Republic Act No. 10625 and Republic Act No. 11315, focusing on national censuses and surveys. The region witnessed high community engagement, surpassing targets, which underscored the importance of ensuring data accuracy and integrity for credible statistics.

However, operational challenges emerged, including sticker shortages, visibility issues, and non-enumeration in some areas.

New building point validations revealed discrepancies, with many tagged points not matching existing structures—41 in Pagagawan, 33 in Shariff Aguak, and 11 in Paglat. Additionally, vacant housing units were identified at various tagged points.

In response, Chief SOCD Eloja convened a meeting with supervision teams to address these findings and develop strategies for enhancing the quality and reliability of census data.



Action Photos taken during the POPCEN-CBMS Data Validation in some Municipalities of Maguindanao Del Sur and Del Norte.

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## PSA BARMM Partners with MP Macacua's Office to Bring PhilSys Registration to Maguindanao del Norte Anniversary Celebration



Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations conducted 11 to 12 October in commemoration of the 2nd founding anniversary of the Province of Maguindanao del Norte.

The focus of this collaborative effort was to facilitate PhilSys registration, particularly for children aged 1-4 years and citizens who had not yet registered. Residents from Sultan Mastura and neighboring municipalities turned out in large numbers to participate in the registration drive, demonstrating the community's strong commitment to inclusivity and national development.

PSA BARMM remains dedicated to working in close collaboration with local government units and other partners to broaden PhilSys registration coverage. Their ongoing efforts aim to ensure that all Filipinos, including young children aged 1-4, are included in the national ID system, providing them with a secure and unique proof of identity. Through PhilSys, the government aims to enhance access to essential public services and streamline transactions in both the public and private sectors.

## Oath-Taking Ceremony for PSA BARMM newly promoted employee

PSA RSSO-BARMM held an Oath-Taking Ceremony for Ms. Sittie Hapsa D. Maganaka, who was promoted to the position of Information Officer I. The ceremony took place on October 4 in Cotabato City.



Ms. Sittie Hapsa D. Maganaka taking oath for her promotion as Information Officer I facilitated by Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director held on 04 October in Cotabato City

The event was organized by the Human Resources Section, led by Ms. Noraisa E. Nur, Administrative Officer IV. The program commenced with an invocation led by Mr. Fidelludin Gayanandang, Administrative Aide IV, setting a solemn and respectful atmosphere.

The highlight of the ceremony was the Oath Proper, administered by the OIC Regional Director, Engr. Akan G. Tula. Ms. Maganaka, the newly promoted Information Officer I, took her oath, officially assuming her new responsibilities. Following the oath, she participated in the ceremonial signing of the oath document, symbolizing her commitment to her new role.

The ceremony concluded with a closing message from Ms. Rufaidah T. Ibrahim, Regional Accountant III. Ms. Ibrahim congratulated Ms. Maganaka on her well-deserved promotion and encouraged all employees to maintain their motivation and strive for excellence in their respective roles within the PSA.



## Second Level Training on 2024 Commodity Flow Survey

PSA RSSO-BARMM successfully conducted the Second Level Training on the 2024 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) from 8 to 10 October in Cotabato City.

The training was facilitated by Ms. Marilou A. Gorospe, Statistical Specialist II of SOCD-BARMM and the focal person for the training, along with resource person Ms. Helen Grace C. Maranan from the PSA Central Office. Participants included representatives from PSA Lanao del Sur, PSA Basilan, and PSA Maguindanao.

The training covered a range of topics, including an overview of the 2024 CFS, its objectives, uses, and the legal authority behind it, Republic Act (RA) No. 10625, also known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013. Ms. Gorospe also discussed the importance of data confidentiality, referencing RA No. 6713, the Code of Conduct, and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

A key focus of the training was the objectives of the 2024 CFS, which aims to capture the quarterly movement of commodities from one province to another via road transport. Specifically, the survey will generate quarterly estimates on the total value, weight, and freight charges of commodities transported by road, at the national level and by commodity group. It will also expand the coverage of the current Domestic Transport Statistics (DTS), which currently covers only air and water transport.



Right Photo opportunity and action photo taken during the conduct of the Second Level Training on CFS held from 8 to 10 October in Cotabato City

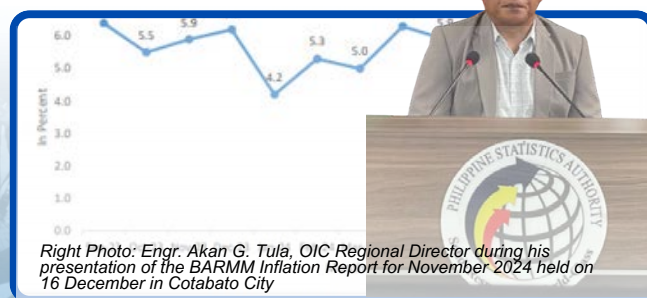
## BARMM Inflation Rate Hits Lowest Point in Over Two Years, Reaching 1.5 Percent in September 2024

BARMM region recorded a dramatic drop in its inflation rate for September 2024, plummeting to 1.5 percent, the lowest recorded rate since March 2022. This marks a significant deceleration from the 3.7 percent inflation rate in August and brings the regional average inflation for the first nine months of 2024 to 4.8 percent. The September 2023 inflation rate was considerably higher at 6.4 percent.

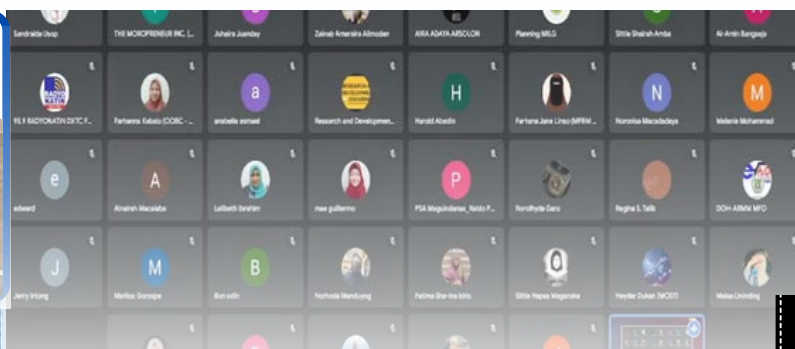
OIC-Regional Director Akan G. Tula presented the September 2024 inflation data during a live online press conference on 11 October in Cotabato City.

OIC RD Tula emphasized the substantial decline in BARMM's headline inflation. Except for Sulu, which saw a slight increase, all provinces in BARMM, including Cotabato City as an Independent Component City, experienced lower inflation rates compared to August.

Present in the press briefing were CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) and representatives from various ministries, offices, and agencies.



Right Photo: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during his presentation of the BARMM Inflation Report for November 2024 held on 16 December in Cotabato City





## Data Fiesta: Capacity Development for a Data-Driven Governance

PSA-BARMM represented by Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division participated as a resource speaker at the Data Fiesta: Capacity Development for a Data-Driven Governance organized by the Planning and Management Division under the Office of the Chief Minister – Technical Management Services (OCM-TMS). The activity was in line with the commemoration of the 35th National Statistics Month which was conducted on 25 October in Cotabato City.

Mr. Windel P. Dilangcalan, Director III of the Technical Management Services emphasized the importance of taking opportunities to enhance skills and knowledge in data collection, analysis, and application within office operations. "Ultimately, this will contribute to the realization of our shared goals: a Bangsamoro government that is proactive, innovative, and deeply rooted in the principles of moral governance," he added

The presentation of topical discussions started with Chief SOCD Eloja, where he comprehensively explained the distinctions between census and survey, as well as monitoring vs. evaluation. He further discussed the fundamentals of monitoring and evaluation, results-oriented practices, and the practical use of monitoring tools and techniques for addressing specific challenges to which an approach is beneficial to the implementation of projects and programs. In the succeeding parts of the activity, Engr. Tuan, a Statistical Specialist and support staff member, presented the basics of infographic design. He thoroughly discussed key terms and foundational design principles, including "Keep It Simple" (KIS), color theory, and typography. Engr. Tuan also led a hands-on exercise on using Canva, which gained interactive engagement from the participants.



Edward Donald F. Eloja delivering a lecture for the Data Fiesta: Capacity Development for a Data-Driven Governance, as part of the succeeding activities for the 35th National Statistics Month held on 25 October in Cotabato City.

## PSA BARMM Facilitates Poster Making Contest

PSA BARMM facilitated a Statistical Poster Making Contest, aimed at engaging youth in promoting the importance of statistics. The contest saw enthusiastic participation from young artists across the region, showcasing their creativity and understanding of statistical concepts through visually compelling posters.

The contest challenged participants to translate complex statistical information into accessible and engaging artwork, highlighting the role of statistics in various aspects of life. Entries were judged based on creativity, clarity of message, accuracy of statistical representation, and overall impact.

Mr. Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) of PSA BARMM, delivered the closing remarks. He commended the participants for their creativity and hard work, encouraging them to continue using their artistic skills to advocate for the importance of statistics in their communities. Mr. Eloja expressed hope that the skills and insights gained from this contest would inspire the youth to engage with statistical data in meaningful ways, ultimately contributing to a more informed and data-driven society.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director delivering a message during the Poster-making contest as part of the succeeding activities for the 35th National Statistics Month held on 09 October in Cotabato City.



# PSA-BARMM Empowers Educators with Data Appreciation Lecture During NSM Celebration

PSA-BARMM successfully conducted a Data Appreciation lecture for coaches from various schools in Cotabato City. The event, held at PSA BARMM on 29 October was part of the 35th National Statistics Month (NSM) celebrations.

Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD), led the lecture, providing valuable insights into the PSA's merger and the roles of its constituent agencies,

including BAS, BLES, NSO, and NSCB. He also addressed the issue of poverty, discussing the poverty threshold and trends in the BARMM region and nationally. Furthermore, Mr. Eloja covered the mandate of the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) and the importance of geotagging. The lecture provided attendees with valuable concepts and information on PSA data and functions.



Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief of SOCD briefing teachers and coaches of the participating student in the poster-making contest as part of the succeeding activities of the 35th National Statistics Month held on 30 October in Cotabato City.



Mr. Jherus F. De Guia of BSP- Mindanao Regional Office; Ms. Noronisa D. Macadadaya, CAO CRASD; Mr. Naldo G. Pandaliday, CSS of PSA Maguindanao during the selection of winners on the Infographics contest held on 30 October in Cotabato City.

## PSA-BARMM Facilitates Infographics Contest

As part of the commemoration of the 35th NSM, the PSA BARMM conducted an infographics contest among the Ministries, Agencies, and Other Offices of BARMM. This contest aims to primarily promote appreciation of new technology and innovation in information dissemination.

The infographics contained information related to the 35th NSM theme "Advancing Data and Statistics Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation".

All submitted infographics were created by the concerned agency and no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the infographics.

Criteria for judging were disaggregated as follows content and relevance to the theme 50%; visual appeal and creativity with 30%; originality with 10% and technicalities with 10%. Winners were announced last 30 October 2024 during the 35th NSM Closing Ceremony.

The month of October is declared as the National Statistics Month (NSM) under Presidential Proclamation No. 647 wherein the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is spearheading the month-long celebration of NSM.

This year marks the 35th National Statistics Month with the theme "Advancing Data and Statistics Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation".



# PSA BARMM Concludes 35th National Statistics Month

PSA BARMM successfully culminated the month-long celebration of the 35th National Statistics Month with a formal closing ceremony on 30 October in Cotabato City.

Among the distinguished guests were Ms. Zarina Aligsao, Acting Director of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Cotabato

Branch; Engr. Amil A. Abubakar, Deputy Director General of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), representing Director General Engr. Mohajirin T. Ali, MNSA; and Mr. Edward B. Cabalida, Senior Research Specialist of the Regional Economic Affairs Section (REAS) at the BSP Mindanao Regional Office.

Engr. Tula conveyed that we gather to mark the conclusion of the 35th NSM with great reference and appreciation. This observance not only highlights the importance of statistics and data in society but also comes with a deep understanding of the implications of these data for national and community development.

One of the key highlights of the event was Mr. Cabalida's presentation on the BSP's Digital Transformation Roadmap and cyber hygiene, which offered valuable insights into the evolving landscape of financial technology and data security.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM; Ms. Zarina Aligsao, Acting Director of the BSP Cotabato Branch; Engr. Mohajirin T. Ali, MNSA during the culmination activity of the 35th National Statistics Month on 30 October in Cotabato City.

## Local Media Interview re: 35th NSM

As part of this culminating activity, Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, participated in a media interview with local media representatives on 30 October at Cotabato City. Engr. Tula elaborated on the 35th NSM theme, "Advancing Data and Statistics



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM interviewed by the local media outlets in Cotabato city after the culmination activity of the 35th National Statistics Month on 30 October at Cotabato City.

Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation," emphasizing that it reflects the government's transition from traditional processes to digitalization in operations and services.

Engr. Tula highlighted the importance of celebrating the NSM annually, especially for students and stakeholders, to stay informed about the various applications of statistics. "Some may see statistics as a boring subject, but when we delve deeper into the figures and the stories behind them, that's when we start to find it fascinating," he said.

Furthermore, he noted, "Statistics as mere figures can seem dull, but understanding their context and exploring the trends and reasons behind them makes it engaging. Statistics play a significant role in our daily lives."

This year's celebration of the 35th NSM featured numerous activities throughout October, beginning with a motorcade and official opening. Other events included an outreach program, a data appreciation activity, poster-making and infographic contests, various collaborations with other agencies, and this closing program.



## PSA Hosted the 4th PSA Quiz Bee – BARMM Regional Championship



*Photo opportunity Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, PSA BARMM awarding a certificate to the regional champion, Mr. Glenn dell John V. Beringuel, Engineer II from MPW together with the board of judges during the 4th PSA Quiz Bee Regional championship on 29 October in Cotabato City.*

PSA BARMM successfully held the 4th Regional PSA Quiz Bee Championship on October 29 in Cotabato City, with 15 distinguished members of the Regional Statistics Committee (RSCom) competing. Participants represented key ministries, agencies, and offices, including MILG, MPW, BSP, MFBM-BTO, MOLE, MSSD, BPDA, and others.

The event was graced by esteemed judges: Dr. Tarhata S. Guiamalon from Cotabato State University, Professor Jericho Y. Baybayan from Notre Dame University, and Joel C. Patiño, Jr. from Cotabato State University.

The competition featured three rounds of increasing difficulty. After an intense battle of wits, Engr. Glenn dell John V. Beringuel from the Ministry of Public Works secured the championship. Bai Omairah M. Yusop of the Bangsamoro Information Office claimed second place, while Leanabai M. Sakal of BPDA finished third. The quiz bee underscored PSA's commitment to statistical literacy and highlighted the importance of data-driven governance in BARMM.







# The 28th Philippine Statistics Quiz



Mr. Andrei Geremy Salgado of Notre Dame University emerged as the Regional Champion; Mr. Alhussien A. Maguid; and Hodaydi M. Timosa, State University emerged as champion, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively during the 28th PSQ Regional Championship on 08 November held in Cotabato City.

PSA BARMM headed by OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula, successfully conducted the 28th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ) Regional Championship on 08 November in Cotabato City.

The competition featured 18 first-year college students representing tertiary institutions from Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.



Photo opportunity: [Sitting at the presidential table, 2nd on the left] Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, PSA BARMM; Ms. Joynebel S. Paraguison, Sr. SS of SSO-MAS-SAD; Ms. Ysabel S. Pacheco, SS I of SSO-ESSS-FSD; with the board of judges, PSQ focal persons, contestants and coaches during the 28th PSQ BARMM Regional championship on 8 November 2024 at Cotabato City.

The esteemed board of judges included Ms. Zarina S. Aligsao, Acting Area Director of BSP Cotabato Branch; Dr. Rodry P. Ligaray, Director of the Human Ecology Research Center, CSU; and Ms. Crisalyn D. Miraato, Senior Education Program Specialist, MBHTE.

The quiz had three rounds: easy, moderate, and difficult. After two rounds, only 10 students advanced to the final stage. Ultimately, Andrei Geremy Salgado of Notre Dame University emerged as Regional Champion. Alhussien A. Maguid and Hodaydi M. Timosa, both from Cotabato State University, placed second and third, respectively.

The event highlighted PSA's commitment to promoting statistical literacy among students, preparing them for data-driven decision-making in their future careers.

## Mobile Registration in Far-Flung Areas, Family Development Session and Rehistro Bulilit in Basilan



In Photos: Action photos taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations for the month of November across the province of Basilan.

PSA-Basilan continued its nationwide Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) registration efforts throughout November 2024, achieving significant milestones. Out of the 4,536 targeted registrants for the month, a total of 3,334 individuals were successfully registered, reflecting a 73.50 percent accomplishment rate. Additionally, 1,560 ePhilIDs were issued across Basilan, demonstrating the dedication of PhilSys personnel.

Efforts focused on expanding access to the national ID system, particularly in remote areas. Mobile registrations, Family Development Sessions (FDS) in collaboration with DSWD, and the Rehistro Bulilit program for children played a crucial role in reaching underserved populations.

Through these initiatives, PSA-Basilan reinforced its commitment to providing all Filipinos, regardless of location, with a secure and valid proof of identity. The continuous drive to enhance PhilSys registration highlights its importance in facilitating access to government services and promoting financial and social inclusion across the province.

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## "Rehistro Bulilit" Brings National ID Registration to Children in Lanao del Sur

The Rehistro Bulilit initiative successfully expanded National ID registration in Lanao del Sur throughout the month of November, reaching Pualas and Amai Manabilang. The event registered over 130 children, ensuring their access to essential identification.

In Pualas, PSA OIC Provincial Director Mohammadali Alonto and PhilSys Focal Person Settie Hadjara Polangi led a team of six operators, facilitating registrations for around 70 children. Local officials highlighted the national ID's significance in accessing government services.

Similarly, in Barangay Punud, Amai Manabilang, over 60 children participated, with Barangay Captain Hon. Caironisah Dimangadap expressing support. Services included National ID registration, ePhilID verification and issuance, and TRN updates. Children under five received giveaways, and parents had the opportunity to verify their TRNs. These activities, supported by local leaders and PSA, reinforce efforts to make national identification accessible, particularly for children, strengthening government service inclusivity in Lanao del Sur.



In Photos: Action photos taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations in Pualas, Lanao del Sur.

## Mobile Registration in Far-Flung Areas, Family Development Session and Rehistro Bulilit in Maguindanao

PSA BARMM, in partnership with the local government of Northern Kabuntalan, Maguindanao del Norte, marked the municipality's 18th founding anniversary with initiatives focused on civil registration and national identification.

Mayor Datu Umbra Dilangalen launched *Serbisyong NKab Para sa Lahat*, offering free driver's license applications, National ID registrations, ePhilID issuance, and Certificates of Live Birth (SECPA). OIC-Regional Director Akan G. Tula and Chief Statistical Specialist Naldo G. Pendaliday encouraged residents to secure these vital documents for better access to government services.

On 14 November, the PSA Maguindanao PhilSys team joined the *Rehistro Bulilit* campaign at Barangay Paulino Labio Covered Court, coinciding with Children's Month. The team facilitated National ID Step-2 registration, ePhilID issuance, and TRN retrieval. PhilSys Provincial Focal Person Jauhari P. Panalandang collaborated with LGU and BLG officials, ensuring an inclusive and accessible registration process.

These efforts highlight PSA BARMM's commitment to making essential services more accessible to the community.



In Photos: Action photos taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations for the month of November across the province of Maguindanao.



## Mobile Registration in Far-Flung Areas, Family Development Session and Rehistro Bulilit in Sulu and Tawi-Tawi



*In Photos: Action photos taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations for the month of November across the province of Tawi-Tawi*

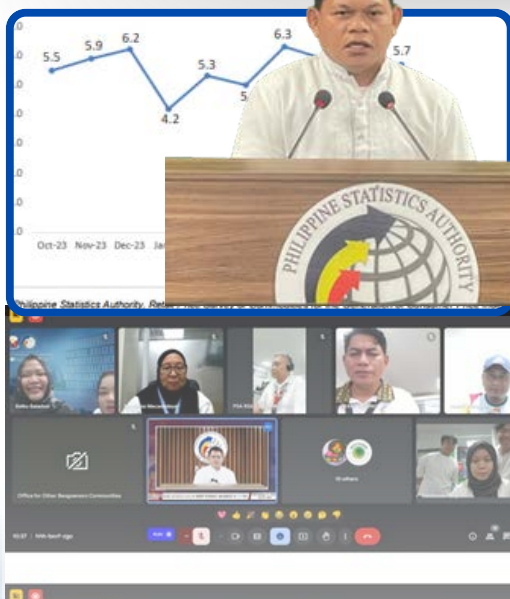
The PhilSys team joined the All-in-One Mission and MEDCAP with MMSD in Tonglil and Talipao, Sulu, to boost Step 2 registrations, particularly for children aged 1-4. The team aims to visit all municipalities in Sulu to ensure children under five are registered in the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), while also verifying TRNs and FDS authentication for 4Ps beneficiaries.

Under Republic Act No. 11055 (PhilSys Act), PhilSys provides a valid proof of identity to simplify transactions. The PSA continues to prioritize the registration of Filipino children below five years old for a secure and inclusive ID system.

In November, the PhilSys Tawi-Tawi team conducted house-to-house and school-based registrations, ensuring accessibility for remote communities. However, transportation challenges in Bongao, due to limited vehicles and delayed wages, affected operations. Extreme weather also rendered some areas impassable.

Despite challenges, the Rehistro Bulilit initiative registered 50 children at the Barangay Hall of Tubig-Tanah, Bongao, where school supplies and snacks were provided, reinforcing PhilSys' commitment to inclusive service delivery.

## BARMM Inflation Rate Rises Slightly to 1.7% in October 2024



*Right Photo: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during his presentation of the BARMM Inflation Report for October 2024 held on 16 December in Cotabato City*

The BARMM region saw a slight uptick in its inflation rate for October 2024, reaching 1.7% compared to 1.5% in September. The regional average inflation from January to October 2024 now stands at 4.4%. The October 2023 inflation rate was higher at 5.5%.

OIC Regional Director Akan G. Tula presented the October inflation data during a live online press conference via Google Meet on 11 November in Cotabato City. Attendees included CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) and representatives from various ministries, offices, and agencies.

Director Tula reported that Basilan and Tawi-Tawi experienced lower inflation rates compared to September. Conversely, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Cotabato City, an Independent Component City, saw increases in their inflation rates.



## PSA RSSO BARMM Brings Civil Registration Services Closer to Communities in Maguindanao

PSA RSSO BARMM CRS Mobile Outlet continued its mission of bringing civil registration services to underserved communities in Maguindanao, conducting operations in Northern Kabuntalan and Datu Odin Sinsuat.

In Northern Kabuntalan, PSA participated in the municipality's 18th Founding Anniversary, providing vital document services



*In Photos: Action photo and photo opportunity taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations for the month of November in Maguindanao province.*

as part of the public service initiatives. OIC-RD Engr. Akan G. Tula attended the event to emphasize the importance of partnerships in improving accessibility.

In Datu Odin Sinsuat, PSA joined the 1st Marine Brigade's All-in-One Mission to assist residents lacking essential civil documents, a key barrier to accessing government services. Dr. Noronisa D. Macadadaya, OIC-Chief Administrative Officer, led the on-site operations.

Despite challenges like connectivity issues, the CRS Mobile Outlet successfully completed its November missions, reinforcing PSA-BARMM's commitment to service delivery and strengthening collaboration with local stakeholders.

## PSA BARMM Joins Second BARMM PSO Summit

PSA-BARMM participated in the 2nd BARMM Private Sector Organization (PSO) Summit on 25 November in Davao City. Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director, served as a discussant at the event themed "BARMM Sustainable Development: Socio-Economic Investment through Collaboration and Leveraging Public and Private Synergies."



*Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM during the photo opportunity 2nd BARMM Private Sector Organization Summit held on 25 November in Davao City.*

The summit aimed to strengthen public-private partnerships to drive socio-economic growth in the region. Engr. Tula emphasized PSA's crucial role in regional development, highlighting how its statistical data supports evidence-based planning and decision-making, fostering impactful projects in BARMM.



# PSA BARMM Joins the Kapagungaya Capacity Training

PSA BARMM OIC Regional Director, Engr. Akan G. Tula, actively participated in the Kapagungaya: Capacity Development for Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and Barangay Health Workers (BHW) on addressing statelessness, held on 24 November in Cotabato City. The event aimed to address statelessness through enhanced civil registration initiatives.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM during the photo opportunity during the Kapagungaya Capacity Training held on 24 November in Cotabato City.

Engr. Tula delivered a key presentation on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in BARMM, emphasizing its crucial role in ensuring inclusivity and legal identity for all. He highlighted the significance of birth registration in preventing statelessness and improving access to essential government services.

A pivotal moment of the event was the Oath of Responsibility, where participants formally committed as members of the Magungaya Task Force. Engr. Tula led the ceremony, reinforcing the collaboration between PSA, Local Civil Registrars, and community stakeholders to eliminate barriers to birth registration.

This initiative underscores PSA BARMM's dedication to grassroots empowerment, strengthening partnerships, and fostering an inclusive Bangsamoro where every individual's identity and rights are recognized.

## PSA-BARMM Engages in the 4th Bangsamoro International Development Partners Forum



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM during the photo opportunity 2nd BARMM Private Sector Organization Summit held on 26 November in Davao City.

PSA-RSSO-BARMM actively participated in the 4th Bangsamoro International Development Partners (BIDP) Forum on 26 November in Davao City. Themed "Forging a Resilient and Prosperous Bangsamoro Region: Harnessing Collaborative Partnerships for Sustainable Peace and Development," the event gathered key stakeholders to discuss strategies for long-term progress.

Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA-RSSO-BARMM, presented "Trend in Poverty Incidence in BARMM" during Session 3, focusing on poverty reduction and economic growth. His presentation provided valuable statistical insights into poverty trends, highlighting both challenges and opportunities in fostering inclusive development. PSA-BARMM's participation reaffirmed its commitment to delivering reliable data that supports evidence-based policy-making and sustainable development initiatives in the region.



## PSA-BARMM Supports the Launching of 18-Day Campaign to End VAW and 6th SOBWA

The Gender and Development (GAD) Team from RSSO and PSO Maguindanao participated in the kickoff of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) and the 6th State of the Bangsamoro Women Address (SOBWA) held on 25 November in Cotabato City.

Led by the Bangsamoro Women Commission, the campaign runs from 25 November to 12 December 12, under the theme "VAW Bigyang Wakas: Ngayon na ang Oras!"

Chairperson Hadja Bainon Karon delivered the 6th SOBWA, highlighting progress in women's empowerment and the urgency of eliminating violence in all forms.

A key event was the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission and the Bangsamoro Women Commission to strengthen advocacy for women's and children's rights. Discussions also emphasized the importance of Republic Act No. 9262, which addresses violence against women and children.

The campaign serves as a vital platform to raise awareness, foster collaboration, and advance policies that protect and empower women in BARMM, reinforcing the collective effort to create a safer and more equitable society.



Photo opportunity with the RSSO BARMM and PSO Maguindanao GAD Team during the the Launching of 18-Day Campaign to End VAW and 6th SOBWA held on 27 November in Cotabato City.



Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director of PSA BARMM (center) during the photo opportunity on Simultaneous 2022 ASPBI Data Dissemination and 2024 QSPBI Regional Respondents Fora held on 27 November in Cotabato City.

## PSA BARMM Hosts Simultaneous 2022 ASPBI Data Dissemination and 2024 QSPBI Regional Respondents Fora

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Ms. Donita P. Escritor and Ms. Janet Joy A. Dabu from PSA Central Office led the discussions, emphasizing the vital role of business surveys in policymaking and economic analysis. Speakers highlighted how data from formal establishments drive regional development and economic resilience.

Presentations underscored the significance of ASPBI and QSPBI in understanding economic trends. Participants from academia and the business sector affirmed the value of PSA data for research and strategic planning. The event also recognized top survey contributors from Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and Sulu for their commitment to accurate data provision.

The sessions concluded with a renewed focus on utilizing data for policy formulation and economic growth in BARMM.







# 2025 Regional Planning Workshop (RPW)



Photo opportunity during the opening program (left) and awarding ceremony (right) during the 2025 Regional Planning Workshop conducted from 09 to 11 December in Davao City.

PSA-BARMM convened its 2025 Regional Planning Workshop from 09 to 11 December in Davao City, focusing on "Building a Resilient, Agile, and Future-Fit PSA." Key officials, division chiefs, and staff from regional and provincial offices gathered to align strategies for the upcoming year. OIC Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula emphasized the workshop's crucial role in shaping the region's blueprint, urging participants to commit to delivering accurate and timely data.

Usec Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, joining virtually, highlighted the importance of leveraging innovative tools like satellite data and AI to enhance data collection and responsiveness.

The workshop also served as a platform to celebrate PSA-BARMM's achievements, including recognition from the Presidential Communications Office for Freedom of Information services and the Commission on Population and Development for contributions to population and development goals. Dr. Mapa acknowledged these awards as a testament to the team's dedication. PSA-BARMM is poised to embrace innovation and overcome challenges in 2025, with a commitment to improving processes, ensuring data accuracy, and enhancing service accessibility. The team aims to make 2025 a milestone year, fostering an agile and future-fit statistical system for the region.



Photo opportunity during the awarding ceremony of the 2024 PSA BARMM's Grand Regional Assembly on 11 December in Kidapawan City.

## 2024 PSA BARMM SPORTS FEST

PSA-BARMM held its General Assembly on December 11 in Kidapawan City, bringing together personnel from the Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) and the Provincial Statistics Offices (PSOs) of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

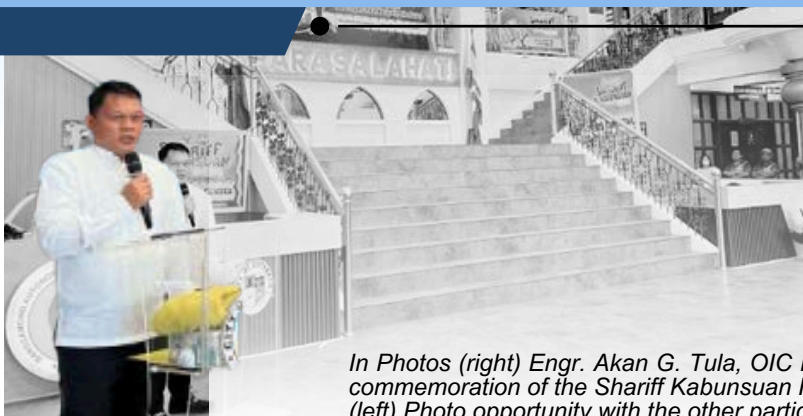
The event featured engaging activities, including the "*Paligsahan sa Pagkanta*", where participants showcased their musical talents. A symbolic candle-lighting and pledge renewal reinforced commitment to PSA's mission. Attendees also enjoyed provincial delicacies, celebrating cultural diversity.

The General Assembly highlighted the significance of stepping away from office routines to strengthen relationships and well-being. It reaffirmed PSA-BARMM's commitment to a healthy work-life balance and collaboration, ensuring a strong and united workforce.

The event fostered unity and inclusivity among PSA personnel, concluding with optimism for future activities promoting teamwork and well-being.



## PSA BARMM Participates in the Shariff Kabunsuan Festival



*In Photos (right) Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director delivering a message of support during the commemoration of the Shariff Kabunsuan Festival held on 02 December in Cotabato City. (left) Photo opportunity with the other participating agencies*

PSA BARMM participated in the Kickoff Ceremony for the 2024 Shariff Kabunsuan Festival, which took place on 02 December 2024 at the Peoples Palace, Cotabato City.

During the program, Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC-Regional Director of PSA BARMM, delivered a message highlighting the PSA's participation in the festival. He announced that PSA BARMM would offer several services, including the Civil Registry System Mobile Outlet, PhilSys Registration, and the Birth Registration Assistance Project.

The Shariff Kabunsuan Festival is an annual cultural and religious celebration in Cotabato City, honoring Shariff Kabunsuan, the Muslim missionary who introduced Islam to the region in the 15th century. Held every December, the festival blends Islamic customs with local traditions. The event features street dancing, parades, and religious activities, showcasing the city's rich Muslim heritage and cultural diversity.

## RSCom convened its fourth Regular meeting for CY 2024

The Regional Statistics Committee (RSCom-BARMM) held its fourth regular meeting for 2024 on December 3 in Cotabato City. Chaired by BPDA and co-chaired by PSA-BARMM, the meeting tackled key statistical initiatives, including resolutions to rename and revise the Research and Knowledge Management Subcommittee and reactivate the RSCom-BARMM website.



*Edward Donald F. Eloja, Chief SOCD presiding the RSCom 4th Regular Meeting CY 2024 on 03 December in Cotabato City.*

Discussions covered the 2025 Policy Agenda forecast, emphasizing the role of statistical data in decision-making. The committee also reviewed the development of Environment and Natural Resources Accounts and Tourism Satellite Accounts for sustainable planning. Additionally, data sharing between PSA and LGUs for the Business Registry Project was addressed to enhance business registration processes.

The meeting reinforced RSCom-BARMM's role in coordinating statistical efforts and ensuring reliable data for regional development and policymaking.



## Mobile Registration in Far-Flung Areas and Rehistro Bulilit in Basilan

The Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) is making significant strides in the provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and Tawi-Tawi, as it continues its nationwide registration initiative throughout December 2024. PSO Basilan has issued a total of 1,201 electronic PhilIDs (ePhilIDs) in Basilan alone, highlighting the dedication and hard work of the personnel involved in the registration process. The team continues the nationwide project conduct for the month of December 2024. Gearing towards accomplishing its purpose, stated below are the series of implementations conducted for the month from 1 to 31 of December.



*Photo opportunity taken during the conduct of CRS Mobile Operations in the province of Basilan throughout the month of December.*

Targeting a total workload of 4,536 registrants set for the month of December 2024, PSA-Basilan was able to register a total of 3,059 registrants in the Philippine Identification System which equates to 67.44 percent of the target workload. A total of 1,201 ePhilIDs were issued in the entire province of Basilan. This number serves as a proof of hard work and commitment of the Philippine Identification System personnel of the province. .

## Mobile Registration in Far-Flung Areas and Rehistro Bulilit in Maguindanao



On 02 December, PSA-BARMM and the PhilSys Maguindanao Team participated in the Shariff Kabunsuan Festival kickoff at the People's Palace, Cotabato City. OIC-Regional Director Engr. Akan G. Tula highlighted PSA's role in the event, offering Civil Registry System services, PhilSys Registration, and Birth Registration Assistance.

The festival, celebrating the Muslim missionary Shariff Kabunsuan, featured cultural and religious activities that promoted unity, peace, and heritage appreciation.

On 04 December, PSA Maguindanao joined the Para sa Lahat ng Bangsamoro event at City Mall, Cotabato City, in partnership with BHRC-BARMM. Themed "KALINGA AT KARAPATAN," the initiative provided free legal, health, and public services, aiming to reach underserved sectors. PSA facilitated National ID registration and civil documentation, supporting Bangsamoro residents in accessing government programs and benefits.



## Mobile Registration in Far-Flung Areas and *Rehistro Bulilit* in Lanao del Sur

On 20 December, the PhilSys Registration Team provides an update on the status of the National ID registration process in the Municipality of Calanogas, Lanao del Sur.

While many residents have been registered, a significant number remain unregistered. The issuance of ePhilIDs was also reported but delays in distributing physical cards were noted. To address this, additional registration operations will be conducted in all barangays, with the LGU and barangay officials assisting in mobilization.

On 21 December, a PhilSys Update was held in Balabagan, bringing together local officials and stakeholders to assess registration progress. While many residents are registered, challenges persist in reaching remote areas. The Municipal Civil Registrar also highlighted delays in ePhilID distribution, particularly for vulnerable groups.

To ensure full coverage, mobile registration teams have been deployed across Lanao del Sur, bringing services directly to underserved communities. This initiative aims to make the National ID system accessible to all, particularly those in hard-to-reach areas.



*In Photos: Action photo and photo opportunity taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations in the province of Lanao del Sur.*



*In Photos: Action photo taken during the conduct of CRS mobile operations in the province of Tawi-Tawi.*

## Mobile Registration in Far-Flung Areas and *Rehistro Bulilit* in Sulu and Tawi-Tawi

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Provincial Statistical Office-Sulu brings the Philippine Identification System(Philsys) Continuously doing Mobile Registration and other agencies.

The strategic program aims to provide economic and beneficial access in the comfort of one's barangay.

The registrant-client instead of going through the hustle and bustle of traveling to the Registration Center will simply have to stay foot as the PSO Sulu Registration team goes through perspective barangay or area to bring directly the Philsys services including the Step 2 Registration and Ephil ID issuance.

Philsys offers convenience to every Filipino, The Registration team initiates their initiative for making registration good flowing and hustle-free to the client or registrant.

Philsys, as a foundation identification system, aims to provide Filipinos with valid proof of identity, Subject to authentication, to improve efficiency, transparency, and targeted delivery of public and social services.

The team was unable to register to other municipalities due to the height of the typhoon's devastation this month. During the month of December, the electricity in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi were unstable in majority of Barangays that hampered the registration process. However, the PhilSys team is making every effort to register Tawi-Tawi's citizens.



# **BARMM Inflation Rate Remains at 1.7 Percent in November 2024**

The BARMM region maintained its inflation rate at 1.7 percent in November 2024, unchanged from October. The regional average inflation for the first eleven months of 2024 is now 4.2 percent. The November 2023 inflation rate was significantly higher at 5.9 percent.

OIC Regional Director Akan G. Tula presented the November inflation data during a live online press conference held via Google Meet on 16 November.

The conference was attended by CPI Focal Persons from the five Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) and representatives from various ministries, offices, and agencies.

Accordingly, Basilan, Maguindanao, and Sulu experienced slower inflation rates compared to the previous month. Lanao del Sur, Tawi-Tawi, and Cotabato City, an Independent Component City, saw their inflation rates increase.

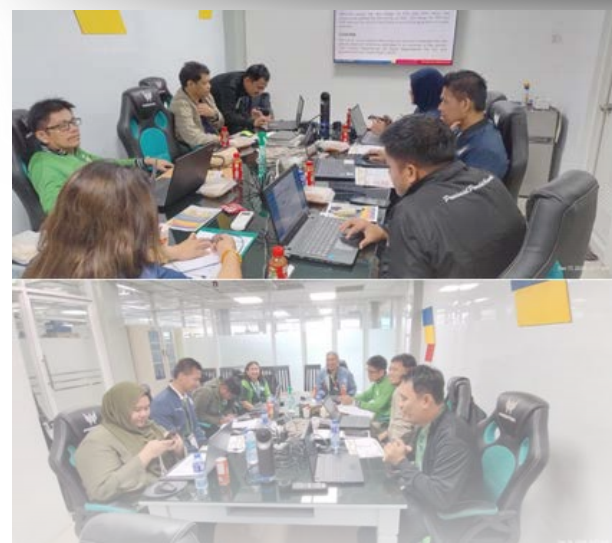


Right Photo: Engr. Akan G. Tula, OIC Regional Director during his presentation of the BARMM Inflation Report for November 2024 held on 16 December in Cotabato City

## **PSA BARMM Successfully Conducts Second Level Training on 2025 Monthly Palay and Corn Situation Reporting System**

PSA BARMM conducted the Second Level Training on the 2025 Monthly Palay and Corn Situation Reporting System (MPCRS) from 17 to 18 December in Cotabato City.

The training covered key topics, including an overview of the MPCRS, its objectives, and legal basis under RA 10625 and EO 352. The importance of data confidentiality and respondent obligations under the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173) was also emphasized.



In Photos: Action photos taken during the conduct of Second Level Training on the 2025 Monthly Palay and Corn Situation Reporting System from 17 to 18 December in Cotabato City

On the second day, Mr. Samid R. Masukat presented the Chapter 10 Data Processing System, covering server and client operations, device registration, data validation, tabulation, and reporting. Participants engaged in hands-on activities. Mr. Abet Guro discussed MPCRS compilation.

Meanwhile, Ms. Norhanna led Chapter 11 on Field Supervision, detailing spot-checking, re-interview forms, and reporting procedures for data security issues. She also covered Chapter 12 on Post-Survey Activities, including data processing and validation. Mr. Guro addressed participant concerns.

The training concluded with an open forum, awarding of certificates, and a closing message from Chief SOCD-BARMM Edward Donald F. Eloja, who thanked participants and resource persons for their dedication and contributions.





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st Field Reporter

**BANGSAMORO STAT  
NEWS**  
12 DECEMBER 2024  
ELAI RESORT, HOTEL AND RECREATION  
CENTER, KIDAPAWAN CITY

**CERTIFICATE  
OF RECOGNITION**  
44 pages  
**Philippine Statistics Authority-BARMM**  
for the invaluable support through provision of technical  
experts during the conduct of "DATA FIESTA: Capacity  
Development for a Data-Driven Governance" by the  
Office of the Chief Minister - Technical Management  
Service.  
Given this 25th day of October 2024 at Cren Cuisine Resto,  
Cotabato City, BARMM.

**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
RECOGNITION**  
IS HEREBY AWARDED TO

**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**

For their invaluable contribution as a Resource Person during the activity titled "Kalinga at  
Karapatan: Libreng Serbisyo Legal, Serbisyo sa Kalinga, Serbisyo ng Pamubliko para sa  
Bangsamoro" held on December 12, 2024 at the Cotabato City.

Given this 4th day of December 2024 at Cotabato City.

**MAGPAKILALA,  
MAGPAREHISTRO**  
INITIATIVES FOR DIALOGUE AND EMPOWERMENT  
THROUGH ALTERNATIVE LEGAL SERVICES IDEALS, INC.

**PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION**  
IS HEREBY PRESENTED TO  
**PSA - BARMM**

For the unmeasurable support extended to the Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for  
Disenfranchised Communities (ALIAS D2C) Project from April 2023-2024. Your dedication and  
commitment have played a pivotal role in advancing civil registration in the 4th ARMM SAMP camp  
in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and in ensuring the gains of  
the peace process. We are confident that the advocacy initiated by the project will continue to  
renew, and we look forward to further collaboration in advancing our shared goals.

Given this 4th day of April 2024 at  
Em Manor Convention Hall, Cotabato City.

EDGARDO

**CERTIFICATE  
OF APPRECIATION**  
PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

*Mr. Akean G. Tula*

Appreciation for his valuable guidance  
and support rendered as immediate supervisor  
of the Work-Immersion Program of General  
Education (GAS) of Senior High School at  
Academy Inc. on May 6 to May 17,  
2024.

Given this 17th day of May 2024 at Nahdah Central  
Cotabato City, BARMM, Philippines

**BADMINTON  
SPORTSFEST**

*Certificate of  
Appreciation*

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO  
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BANGSAMORO REGION - 4

For your valuable contribution and support during the BANGSAMORO  
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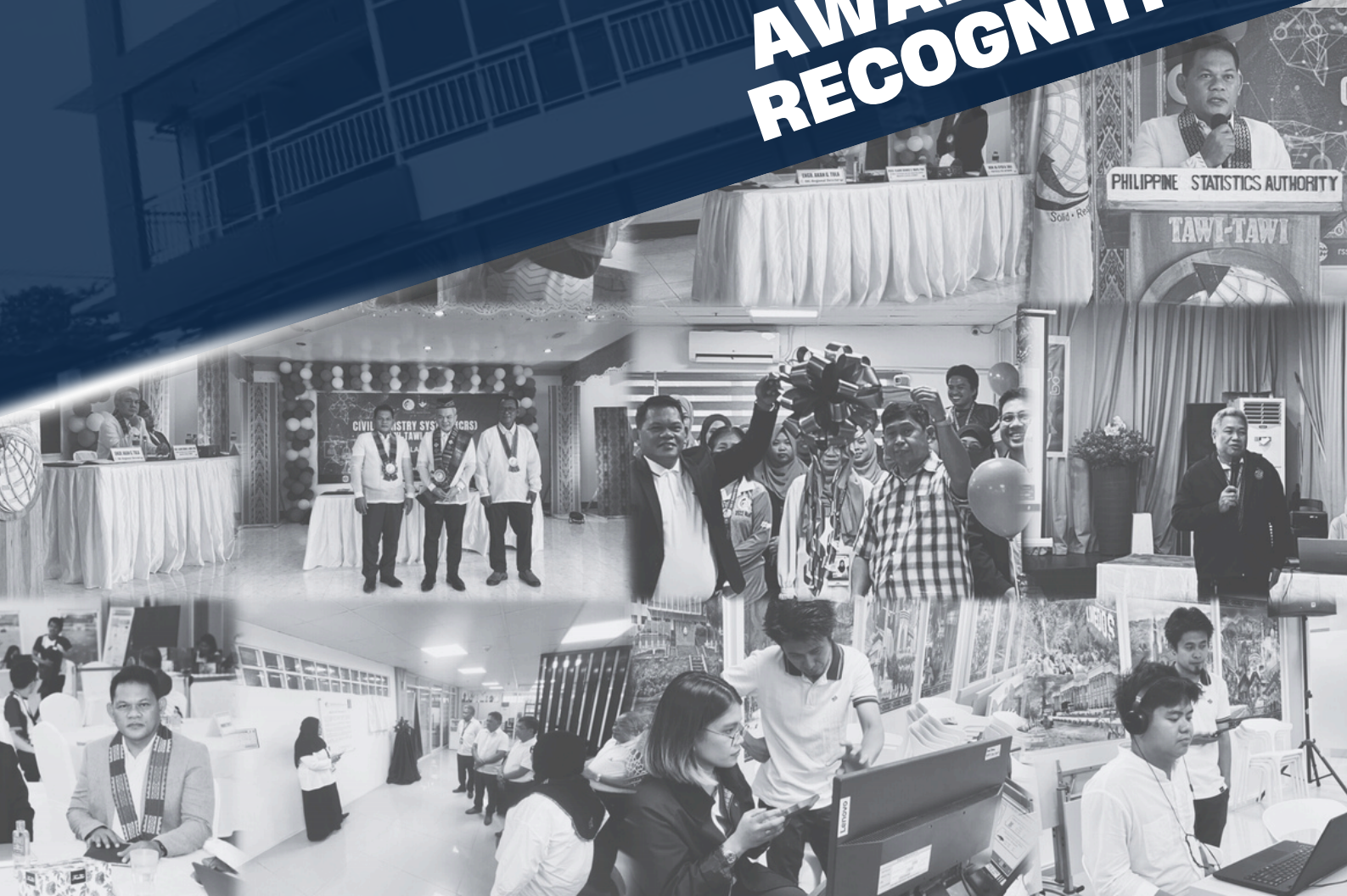
YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT HAVE PLAYED A  
CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE BANGSAMORO REGION - 4  
BANGSAMORO REGION - 4

Given this 17th day of May 2024 at Nahdah Central  
Cotabato City, BARMM, Philippines

**AWARDS AND  
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**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**

**TAWI-TAWI**







*Recognition from the IDEALS, Inc. last 04 April during the Magpakilala, Magparehistro: Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services.*



*Certificate of Appreciation received last 21 August during the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair.*

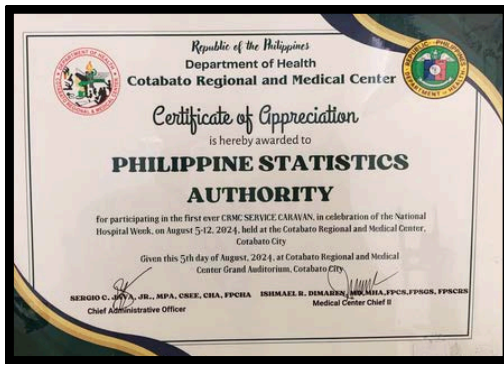


*Certificate of Appreciation during the CRMC Service Caravan in celebration of National Hospital Week in Cotabato City.*

*Certificate of Recognition received last 25 October during the DATA FIESTA: Capacity Development for Data-Drive Governance.*

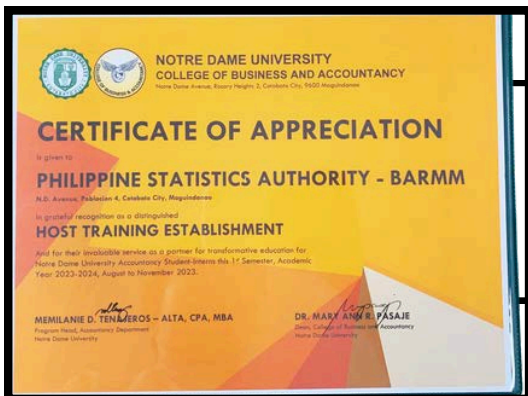






*Certificate of Appreciation presented to PSA-RSSO BARMM last 05 April for participating in the first ever Civil Service Caravan of Cotabato Regional and Medical Center*

*Recognition received last 04 December for sending a resource person during the Kalinga at Karapatan: Libreng Serbisyong Legal, Kalusugan, at Pampumbliko para sa Bangsamoro*



*Certificate of Appreciation received from Notre Dame University for being a Host Training Establishment for CBA Interns.*

*Certificate of Appearance given last 24 January for participating in OGPinas! in BARMM of the Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management-BARMM*







# STRENGTHENING COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP



# THE REGIONAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (RSCOM)-BARM





# Interagency Committee Meetings Held

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Regional Statistics  
Committee Meetings

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Bangsamoro  
Economic  
Development  
Council (BEDC) -  
Council Meetings

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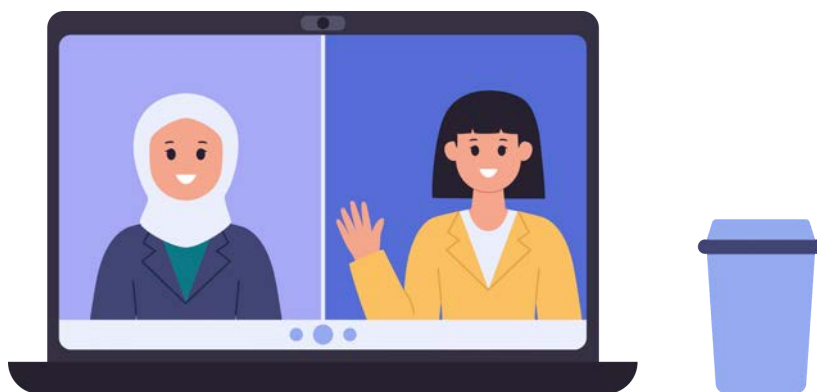
Development  
Administrative  
Committee  
Meetings

4

Economic  
Development  
Committee Meeting

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Social Development  
Committee  
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under SDC)







# MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS





### Local Media Interview re: 35th NSM



### PSA-BARMM Engages Community Through “Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas”













## A graphic with the text "PSA IN NUMBERS" in large, bold, white capital letters, slanted diagonally across the frame. The background is a collage of images: a building facade on the left, a person in a suit on the right, and a person in a patterned shirt in the center. The text "PHILIPPINE STATISTICS" is visible in the bottom right corner.



## RSSO BARMM PERSONNEL

52%  48% 

*\*including COWs*

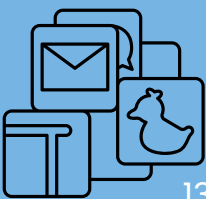
## BIRTH REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT (BRAP)

6.32% Registered

## PHIL SYS

91.79% Registered

## Social Media Reach



3.1M FB Reach  
274.7K FB Visits  
36,541 FB Followers  
35 X Followers  
138 Instagram Followers

## Website Reach

9.9K Page Views  
7.1K User Engagement  
4.3K Sessions



## Information Dissemination

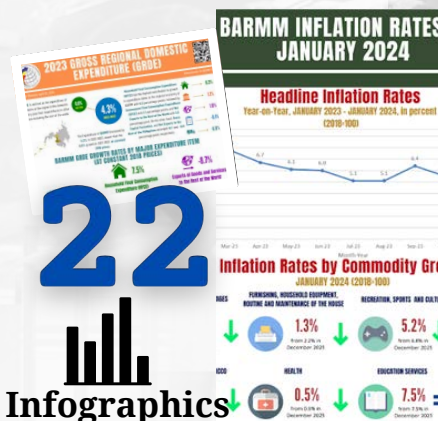
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Press & Special Releases



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Infographics



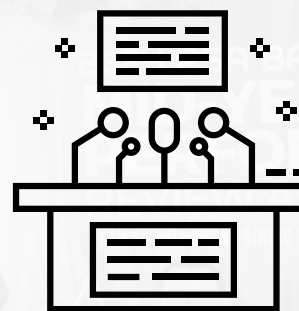
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QuickStat



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Inflation Reports PressCon



Three

Dissemination Forums



Two Publications







# FINANCIAL REPORTS



BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM  
MINDANAO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL  
PERFORMANCE (CONDENSED) GENERAL FUND For the Quarter  
Ended December 29, 2024

	2024	2023
Revenue		
Service Income	25,000.00	23,500.00
Business Income	-	-
Shares, Grants and Donations	-	-
Total Revenue	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>23,500.00</b>
Less: Current Operating Expenses		
Personnel Services	70,487,727.38	57,131,312.42
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	386,611,206.55	3 16,256,485.64
Financial Expenses	-	-
Non-Cash Expenses	1 5,997,464.51	27,618,671.58
Total Current Operating Expenses	<b>473,096,398.44</b>	<b>401,006,469.64</b>
Surplus(Deficit) from Current Operations	<b>(473,071,398.44)</b>	<b>(400,982,969.64)</b>
Financial Assistance/Subsidy from NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs	526,648,980.65	3 40,522,293.65
Gains	-	-
Losses	-	-
Surplus (Deficit) for the period	<b>53,577,582.21</b>	<b>(60,460,675.99)</b>

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 RUEAIDAH T. IBRAHIM  
 ACCOUNTANT III




BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONDENSED)  
GENERAL FUND  
As at December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10,000.00	-
Receivables	2,885,120.03	236,809.82
Inventories	2,980,017.00	29,267,250.96
Other Assets	4,836,543.38	5,108,760.65
Total Current Assets	10,711,680.41	34,612,821.43
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	37,532,168.60	49,663,748.20
Intangible Assets	53,058.00	1 3,358.00
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets	37,585,226.60	49,677,106.20
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4 8,296,907.01</b>	<b>84,289,927.63</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Financial Liabilities	273,017.04	74,264,028.94
Inter-Agency Payables	1,210,843.62	1,039,881.85
Intra-Agency Payables	-	-
Trust Liabilities	-	-
Other Payables	-	1,801.56
Deferred Credits/Unearned Income	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	1,483,860.66	75,305,712.35
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,483,860.66</b>	<b>75,305,712.35</b>
<b>Total Assets Less Total Liabilities</b>	<b>46,813,046.35</b>	<b>8,984,215.28</b>



	2024	2023
NET ASSETS/EQUITY		
Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	4 6,813,046.35 4	8,984,215.28
Total Net Assets/Equity	6,813,046.35	8,984,215.28

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# ACRONYM

**AFP** - Armed Forces of the Philippines

**AHDP** - Adolescent Health and Development Program

**BARMM** - Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

**BDI** – Bangsamoro Darul Ifta

**BHRC** - Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission

**BIDP** -Bangsamoro International Development Partners

**BIO**- Bangsamoro Information Office

**BMSTWG** – Bangsamoro Multi-Sectoral Technical Working Group

**BPDA** -Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority

**BRAP** - Birth Registration Assistance Project

**BSP** - Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

**BWC** - Bangsamoro women commission

**CDCF** - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation

**CENOMAR** - Certificate of No Marriage

**COLBs** - Certificate of Live Birth

**CPI** - consumer price index

**CRASD** - Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division

**CRCISO** - Civil Registration and Central Support Office

**CRS** – Civil Registry System

**CRVS** – Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

**CSU**- Cotabato State University

**DepEd** - department of education

**DOE**- Department of Energy

**GRDE** - gross regional domestic expenditure

**GRDP** - gross regional domestic product

**HFCE**- Household Final Consumption Expenditure

**HR** - human resource

**IDEALS**-Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services

**IOSPBI** - Input-Output Survey of Philippine Business and Industry

**LeAPS** - Localizing e-Governance for Accelerated Provision of Services

**LGU**- Local Government Unit

**MFBM** - Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management

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**MILG** - Ministry of Interior and Local Government

**MOH** - Department of Health

**MOLE** - Ministry of Labor and Employment

**MSSD** - Ministry of Social Services and Development

**MTIT** - Ministry of Trade, Investments and Tourism

**NEDA** - National Economic and Development Authority

**NGO**- Non-Government Organization

**NICTHS** - National Information and Communications Technology

**NTWS**- National Technical Working Group

**NWM** - National Women's Month

**NYC** – National Youth Commission

**OCM**- Office of the Chief Minister

**OIC** - Officer- In- Charge

**ORD** - Office of the Regional Director

**PhilSys** – Philippine Identification Sytem

**PNP-PROBAR** - Philippine National Police - Police Regional Office BAR

**POPCEN-CBMS** – Census of Population & Community-Based Monitoring System

**PPP**- Purchasing Power of Peso

**PSO** – Philippine Statistics office

**PSRTI** - Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute

**RSCom** – Regional Statistica Committee

**RSSO** - Regional Statistical Services Office

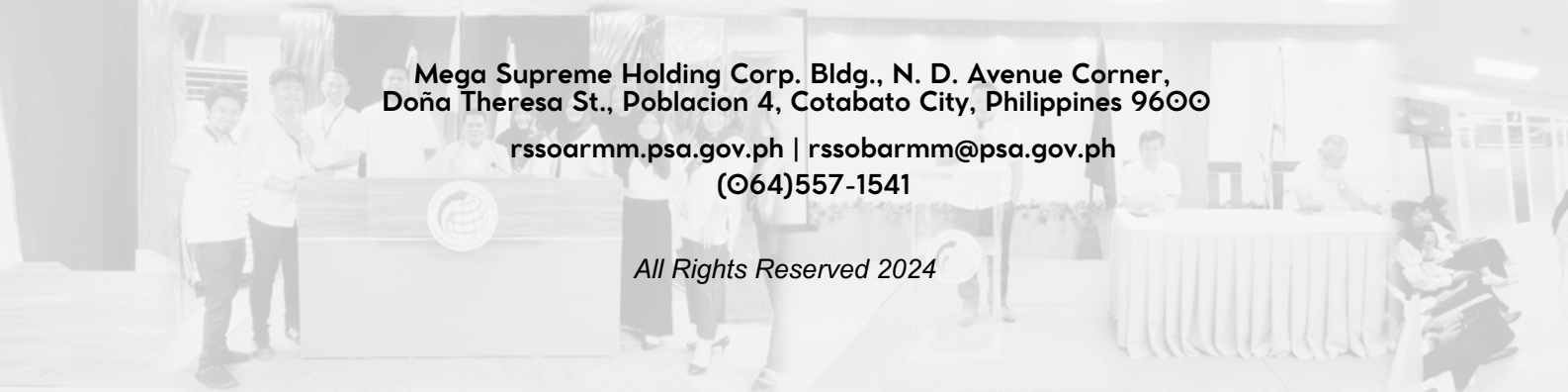
**SEEA** - System of Environmental-Economic Accounting

**SOCD** - Statistical Operation and Coordination Division

**TMS**- Technical Management Services

**UNHCR** – United Nations Higher Commissions on Refugees





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