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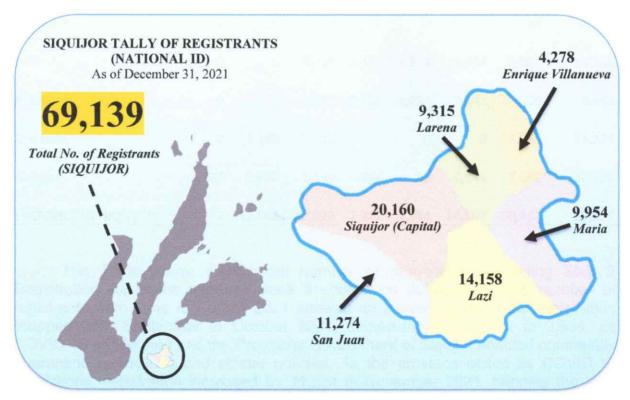
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PhilSys Siquijor registers 69,139 Siquijodnons for National ID

In pursuing the nation's transition to a digital economy, PSA Siquijor has registered 69,139 Siquijodnons or 115.96 percent as of 31 December 2021 of the target population aged 12 years old and over. Registrants completed their Step 2 Registration or capturing of biometric information such as iris scan, fingerprints, and front-facing photograph. The target for 2021 is 67,011 individuals for the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) in the Province of Siquijor.

This number of registrants had their demographic information validated and biometric information collected in designated registration centers across the 6 (six) municipalities of the province since June this year. With the continued support and trust of our partner local government units (LGUs), PSA Siquijor is more determined to hit the target before this year ends.

Figure 1. Province of Siquijor Sfep 2 Registrants by Municipality: 2021



San Juan Lazi

Maria

11,274

14,158

9,954

Larena

9,315

Siquijor (Capital)

Figure 2: Number of Step 2 Registration per Municipality: 2021

Enrique Villanueva

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Of the six (6) municipalities in the Province of Siquijor, the Municipality of Siquijor recorded the highest number of registrants by 20,160 who completed Step 2 Registration (biometric capture) followed by Lazi by 14,158, San Juan by 11,274, Maria by 9,954, Larena by 9,315, and Enrique Villanueva by 4,278, respectively.

Table 1: Monthly Trends for Step 2 Registration Count: Siquijor, June-December 2021

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Enrique Villanueva	0	0	3,333	945	0	0	0	4,278
Larena	2,582	3,436	0	0	0	3,231	66	9,315
Lazi	0	0	3,728	3,138	1,214	4,994	1,084	14,158
Maria	0	0	1,507	2,883	1,657	3,342	565	9,954
San Juan	2,832	4,169	3,215	0	0	0	1,058	11,274
Siquijor	3,383	5,036	1,143	256	63	2,591	7,688	20,160
PROVINCE OF SIQUIJOR	8,797	12,641	12,926	7,222	2,934	14,158	10,461	69,139

The Table above depicts the number of registrants completing Step 2 Registration (biometric capture) since it started on June 2021. The number of registrants from June to August 2021 showed an increasing trend but registration dropped from September to October 2021, decreasing from 7,222 to 2,934, as COVID-19 proliferated and the Provincial Government of Siquijor enacted community quarantine restrictions and stricter policies. As the province eased its COVID-19 restrictions, registration increased by 11,224 in November 2021, bringing the total

number of registrants to a record peak of 14,158. Before the year ended 10,461 registrants were successfully registered in December 2021, with more people expected to register as PSA expands its operations.

PSA Siquijor continues to conduct mobile registration aiming to bring PhilSys closer to the most vulnerable groups such as the less fortunate, those living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, indigenous people, and persons with disabilities (PWDs) to provide them a valid proof of identity which can be physically and digitally verified.

As part of PSA's colocation strategy, registrants can avail Landbank ATM card for free as part of the agency's financial inclusion efforts. To open a bank account, they simply need to present their PhilSys transaction slip and a valid proof of identification or document. Based on the monitoring of Landbank Siquijor as of 12 February 2022, 6,406 individuals had already opened their LBP savings account following successful registration during Step 2 Registration (biometric capture).

In the final step of the registration process, Step 3 Registration involves the issuance of the PhilSys Number (PSN), a unique, permanent identification number, and a physical identification card called PhilID.

In partnership with the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost), PHLPost will deliver the National ID for free to the address provided by the registrant during the registration process. As of 11 February 2022, 4,480 PhilID cards had been successfully delivered by PHLPost. An increase in the PhilID cards are expected to be delivered as PSA ramps up its operations.

Technical Notes

Republic Act No. 11055, otherwise known as the Philippine Identification System Act, aims to establish a single national identification system for all citizens and resident aliens of the Republic of the Philippines. This was signed into law on August 2018 by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. This I.D. shall serve as a valid proof of identity as a means of simplifying public and private transactions and shall be an economic and social platform that promotes seamless social delivery for both public and private services.

The PhilSys project emphasizes inclusive coverage, enabling access to the most vulnerable groups such as the poor people living in geographically isolated and disadvantage areas, indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities. Specifically, it aims to (1) make services more accessible, (2) promote ease of doing business, (3) enhance the integrity of services and reduce fraud, (4) enable and promote participation and trust in digital government and the digital economy, and (5) empower Filipinos with greater control over their personal data.

Concept/s and Definition:

Mobile Registration Center – is a transportable registration center set up inside or outside the premises of PSA or other partner agencies to conduct registration services for a temporary period of time less than twelve (12) months

Personal Information – refers to any information whether recorded in a material form or not, from which the identity of an individual is apparent or can be reasonably and directly ascertained by the entity holding the information, or when put together with other information would directly and certainly identify an individual

Partner Agency – a government agency that is mandated by RA 11055 to act as a registration center for PhilSys and other institutions designated by PSA

Pre-registration – refers to the process where the applicant fills out the PhilSys Registration Form through the PhilSys web portal and selects his/her preferred registration date and PhilSys Registration Center through appointment system. This process shall generate the accomplished PhilSys Registration Form with a transaction number and barcode which must be printed and presented to the screener together with his/her supporting documents to continue with the registration process

Registration Center – refers to the necessary facilities to capture both demographic and biometric information, required for PhilSys as provided in Section 8 (A) of the IRR. PhilSys related services such as data updates and changes, credential distribution and grievance redressal shall also be made available

Resident Alien – refers to an individual who is not a citizen of the Philippines but has the appropriate immigrant visa or established residence in the Philippines for an aggregate period of more than one hundred eighty (180) days

Step 1 Registration – involves the collection of demographic data such as name, permanent address, date and place of birth, and blood type of the target registrant and set schedule of appointment for the Step 2 Registration

Step 2 Registration – involves the validation of demographic data and capture of biometric information such as iris scan, fingerprints, and front-facing photograph of target registrants

Step 3 Registration - involves the issuance of PhilSys Numbers (PSNs) and physical IDs to the registrants

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