



Photo of all RSC Databank Launch participants, both physical and online.

Central Visayas RSC launches the Cloud-Based Databank

The Central Visayas Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) spearheaded the creation of cloud-based databank that will serve as the central repository of high-frequency statistical data in the region. Information from the databank can be used as reference in generating regional economic reports, policy recommendations, research proposals, among others.

The said cloud-based Databank was formally launched on 27 October 2021 at NEDA 7 Office in Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City. The event was held on a blended mode. The agencies with physical representations included PSA 7, NTC 7, CAAP 7, and CPA. The agencies that participated virtually were DICT 7, CA 7, DTI 7, PROSIELCO, DOT 7, OCD 7, DOST 7, CNU, NORSU, DENR 7, and various LGUs from across the region. The CV-RSC Chair & NEDA 7 RD Efren Carreon, and CV-RSC Vice Chair & PSA 7 RD Ariel Florendo delivered opening messages and espoused the importance of the databank. The online databank allows participating agencies to directly encode data into online datasheets. This cloud-based platform provides quick and efficient access to high-frequency statistical data from various agencies. *(P. Enfestan)*

BSP Visayas Regional Office Representative wins First PSA Quiz Bee Regional Eliminations, tops in the National Finals



From left to right: Senior Statistical Specialist Cayylord Niala, Regional Director Ariel E. Florendo, Senior Research Specialist Roxan Mujeres of BSP Visayas Regional Office, Chief Administrative Officer Edwina M. Carriaga and Supervising Statistical Specialist Felixberto M. Sato, Jr.

Senior Research Specialist Roxan Mujeres of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Visayas Regional Office bested all other 8 contestants of the first PSA Quiz Bee Regional Elimination held on 15 October 2021. As Regional Champion, Mr. Mujeres represented the PSA Quiz Bee National Finals held on 27 October 2021 and landed the fifth spot of the competition.

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PSA 7 undertakes 2021 GATS

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH), conducted the 2021 Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS). Philippine Statistics Authority 7, represented by ISA I Peter E. Enfestan, attended the Task Force Training for IT Representatives on 07 to 08 October 2021. ISA I Peter E. Enfestan together with SS II Joseph Jim D. Abadingo representing PSA 7 attended the Task Force Training for the Field Enumeration on 18 to 22 October 2021.

The Second Level Training on 2021 GATS of the region was held on 25 to 29 October 2021. Participants of this training were the Provincial Focal Persons and the hired Statistical Researchers. ISA I Enfestan and SS II Abadingo served as the trainers. Supervising Statistical Specialist Teodoro M. Orteza of PSA Central Office was also present to observe the training.

The enumeration period started on 02 November 2021 and lasted until 04 December 2021.

The Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS), a component of Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), is a global standard for systematically monitoring adult tobacco use and tracking key tobacco control indicators. GATS is a nationally representative household survey of adults 15 years of age or older using a standard core questionnaire, sample design, and data collection and management procedures that were reviewed and approved by international experts. GATS is intended to enhance the capacity of countries to design, implement, and evaluate tobacco control interventions.

GATS is developed to systematically monitor adult tobacco use (smoking and smokeless) and track key tobacco control interventions. It aims to produce national and urban-rural estimates of tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoking and frequency of quit attempts, and measure the impact of various tobacco control and prevention initiatives at country level. Technical support for this DOH-funded survey is provided by the World Health Organization (WHO), US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), and Research Triangle Institute (RTI) International. (P. Enfestan)



Supervising Statistical Specialist Teodoro M. Orteza speaks before the participants



An enumerator interviews the respondent with personnel from the regional office

PSA 7 conducts Second Level Training on the 2021 FIES visit 2



The participants of the training

PSA 7 conducted the Second Level Training on the 2021 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) Visit 2 last 13 to 18 December 2021 in a face-to-face mode. The FIES Visit 2 is conducted to complete the annual income and expenditure patterns of the Filipinos. Participants of the training were the Provincial Focal Persons (PFPs), and selected personnel of PSA Regional Office.

Senior Statistical Specialist Myrna Trinidad T. Cataluña and Assistant Statistician Beverly Medalle, Statistical Specialist II Mary Ann Dela Cuesta and Statistical Specialist II Vengelie Pacaldo served as trainers of the training. During the training, issues emerged during the first visit were discussed aside from the FIES concepts and procedures.

The 2021 FIES Visit 2 is a rider survey to the January 2022 Labor Force Survey (LFS). It is the main source of data on family income and expenditure in the Philippines. (P. Enfestan)

A Glimpse on the Preparation of the Provincial Product Accounts Information Dissemination



RSSO 7 and Cebu Province participants listening to the presentation of the final PPA estimates

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Central Visayas, together with PSA Northern Mindanao and PSA MIMAROPA, attended the five-day writeshop on 15 to 19 November 2021. This was facilitated by the PSA Central Office (CO) in preparation for the first Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) Data Dissemination Forum. The said activity was conducted virtually and was attended by the Chief Statistical Specialists, PPA assigned personnel, Information Officers, Information Systems Analysts, Web Managers, and PPA hired Contract of Service Workers from both the regional and provincial offices.

The objectives of the writeshop were: 1.) To present the final PPA estimates to the three regions; 2.) to guide, assess, and evaluate the prepared dissemination materials needed for the forum; 3.) and provide ample time for the regional and provincial offices to focus on the preparation for the data dissemination forum.

Each of the three pilot regions were then assigned into breakout rooms together with their assigned CO focal person to further discuss their concerns and approach on the said forum. Templates for the Highlights, Press release, and presentation were provided to each of the provincial offices to achieve uniformity on the dissemination forum. A different breakout room was provided to the Information Systems Analysts and Web Managers since the task that was assigned to them required a walkthrough that was given by the CO personnel. All of the provinces under the three regions presented their outputs on the 5th day and were then evaluated by the CO personnel. The necessary corrections and suggestions were implemented onto the outputs and were then uploaded to an online drive for compilation and later evaluation.

After all the presentations were done, all the provincial offices confirmed their suggested dates for the conduct of the Data Dissemination Forum. Cebu Provincial Office, which will be disseminating data of Cebu province, City of Cebu, City of Lapu-lapu, and City of Mandaue, will conduct their data dissemination forum on 1 December 2021. For Negros Oriental province, they have decided to conduct their data dissemination forum on 2 December 2021 in the afternoon. On 3 December 2021, Siquijor will be conducting their data dissemination forum in the morning while Bohol will be conducting their forum in the afternoon. (*M. Abong*)

BSP Visayas Regional Office Representative

The PSA Quiz Bee is a contest open to employees of the RSC member-agencies and part of the many activities for the 32nd NSM celebration. Coverage of the quiz included the statistics, Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 (RA 10625), Civil Registration, Philippine Identification System, Community-Based Monitoring System, Vital Statistics, and current events. (*P. Enfestan*)

Central Visayas celebrates 32nd NSM virtually

Central Visayas celebrated the 32nd National Statistics Month (NSM) this year adopting the digital and social media platforms. This year's NSM theme is "*NSM@32: Revving Up for Economic and Social Recovery through Evidence-Based Policies*" which is timely due to the current situation caused by the pandemic, and the new normal has accelerated our digital transformation

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Regional Office spearheaded the opening ceremony where member-agencies of the Central Visayas Regional Statistics Committee (CV-RSC) were invited via Zoom on 05 October 2021. The ceremony started with the preliminaries followed by the welcome remarks of the Regional Director of DOLE 7, Dir. Salome O. Siaton. It was then followed by a keynote message given by the Regional Director of NEDA 7, Dir. Efren B. Carreon. In behalf of Regional Director Ariel E. Florendo of PSA 7, Chief Statistical Specialist Leopoldo P. Alfanta, Jr. gave the NSM overview and the calendar of activities of the celebration. Dir. Salome O. Siaton of DOLE 7 shared about the National Employment Recovery Strategy - 8-Point Agenda followed by the presentation of OIC Chief Ma. Teresa D. Tanquamco of DOLE 7 TSSD-EWW on the Labor Market Information. Engr. Vicente D. Abordo, Division Chief of DOLE 7 TSSD-LRS discussed the Workers Protection through Joint Monitoring and Safety Seal.

During this year's NSM celebration, a live podcast entitled "TakeTALK sa PSA Siete" was launched as part of Information Dissemination activities. This live podcast conducted once every week in the month of October. The first PSA Quiz Bee Regional Eliminations of the member-agencies of the Regional Statistics Committee was initiated. Other activities held during the NSM celebration include Online Trivia Quiz, Training on Basic Photo Editing, Infographics and Data Analytics, Kapihan sa PIA, Inter-Office Quiz Bee, and Inter-Collegiate Competitions.

On 28 October 2021, the closing ceremony was held virtually. Also, agencies with perfect attendance in the RSC meetings and responsive to the data requests of PSA were awarded as part of the closing program. (*P. Enfestan*)



Selected Officials and Employees of PSA 7 and DOLE 7 during the opening of the 32nd NSM

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