



Memorandum Order No. 06  
Series of 2017

**CREATING A STEERING COMMITTEE AND SECTORAL WORKING GROUPS  
FOR THE FORMULATION OF THE  
PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PSDP) 2017-2023**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10625 provides for the preparation of the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

**WHEREAS**, the PSDP is a mechanism for setting the directions, thrusts, and strategies in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) and for defining the priority statistical development programs and activities to be undertaken in the medium term;

**WHEREAS**, the PSDP 2017-2023 guides the statistical development of the PSS and furnishes the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 with vital statistical information necessary in measuring country's progress and formulating policies, taking into account the priority strategies, targets and activities for development in the medium term;

**WHEREAS**, the formulation of the PSDP 2017-2023 will lay the necessary framework for generating and disseminating statistics and indicators needed in policy formulation, development planning and decision making by various stakeholders and data users in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the involvement of various Departments and their attached bureaus and agencies, legislative offices, private sectors, academe, and other data producers and users is fundamental in the formulation of solid, comprehensive, responsive and attainable statistical programs for the medium term;

**WHEREAS**, the PSA Board, through the PSA Board Resolution No. 04, Series of 2017, has approved the creation of Steering Committee and Sectoral Working Groups (SWGs) for the formulation of the PSDP 2017-2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Steering Committee shall have the following composition:

Chair: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)  
Vice-Chair: National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)  
Members: Office of the Communications Director, Office of the President (OP)  
Senate Economic Planning Office (SEPO)  
Congressional Planning and Budget Research Department (CPBRD)  
Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC)  
Supreme Court of the Philippines (SC)  
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)  
Commission on Higher Education (CHED)  
Department of Agriculture (DA)  
Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)  
Department of Budget and Management (DBM)  
Department of Education (DepEd)  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)  
Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)  
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)

Department of Energy (DOE)  
Department of Finance (DOF)  
Department of Health (DOH)  
Department of Justice (DOJ)  
Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)  
Department of Science and Technology (DOST)  
Department of Tourism (DOT)  
Department of Transportation (DOTr)  
Department of National Defense (DND)  
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)  
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)  
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)  
Governance Commission for Government Owned or Controlled Corporations (GCG)  
Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI)  
Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI)  
Pulse Asia Research, Inc.  
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)

The functions of the Steering Committee are:

1. Provide guidance and direction in the formulation of the strategic planning framework to include the overall vision, goals, policy directions, and thrusts and strategies, aimed at further enhancing and developing the capacity of the PSS to deliver quality statistical products and services;
2. Provide guidance in the identification and validation of key statistical issues, challenges, and concerns of the PSS that should be addressed in the PSDP 2017-2023;
3. Review and approve the general guidelines for the formulation of the PSDP 2017-2023 to ensure consistency among the Interagency Committees (IACs), Task Forces (TFs), Technical Working Groups (TWGs), and SWGs in the identification and prioritization of statistical programs, projects and activities as well as in the preparation of statistical budgets of the PSS for the medium term;
4. Review and approve the proposed PSS-wide and sectoral statistical programs, projects, activities and budget, prepared and submitted by the IACs, TFs, TWGs, and SWGs, and recommend improvements where necessary; and
5. Review and approve the final draft of the PSDP 2017-2023 and endorse the final output to the PSA Board for approval.

Resource persons such as producers or eminent users of statistics, shall also be invited during meetings of the Steering Committee. This will compose of, but not limited to, the following agencies:

Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO)  
Makati Business Club (MBC)  
National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC)  
National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)  
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)  
National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF)  
Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)

Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)  
University of the Philippines School of Statistics (UPSS)

The existing IACs, TFs, and TWGs being coordinated by the PSA shall be responsible for the formulation of sectoral thrusts and strategies, statistical programs and budgets. Where necessary, the existing IACs, TFs and TWGs shall be reinforced and interim members may be invited to represent special concerns of the sector/s.

SWGs may also be created for sectors/concerns not covered by the existing IACs/TFs/TWGs (i.e., PSS-Wide Concerns, Financial Statistics).

The various SWGs shall specifically undertake the following activities:

1. Evaluate accomplishments/milestones, identify issues and challenges, and prepare reports on the statistical development by sector/concern during the period 2017-2023;
2. Formulate thrusts and strategies for statistical development by sector/concern for the medium term;
3. Identify, review and finalize priority statistical programs and activities including financial requirements of the sector based on the thrusts of the PSS for the medium term; and
4. Submit final draft of the sectoral statistical programs, activities and budget to the PSA for consolidation.

At the regional level, the Regional Statistics Committees shall serve as the Steering Committee and shall provide guidance and directions in the formulation of the Regional Statistical Development Program (RSDP). The RSDPs shall form part of the Local Statistics Development chapter of the PSDP 2017-2023.

The PSA shall be responsible for the overall coordination and organization of activities in line with the formulation of the PSDP 2017-2023 and shall be the technical and secretariat arm of the Steering Committee. Similarly, the concerned sector specialists/coordinators shall serve as technical and secretariat support to the various IACs, TFs, TWGs, and SWGs.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 13 Feb . 2017.

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