



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

PSA Memorandum Order No. 04
Series of 2019

**RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH AND NUTRITION STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Health and Nutrition Statistics (IACHNS) was established through PSA Board Resolution No. 4, Series of 2014, to serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review of current techniques/methodologies, and recommendation of policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of health and nutrition and other related statistics;

WHEREAS, PSA Memorandum Order No. 8, Series of 2014, stated that the PSA Technical Staff shall review the composition of the IACHNS on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Committee to enhance consultation with and ensure wider participation of stakeholders to effectively resolve current and emerging issues and concerns related to health and nutrition statistics;

WHEREAS, the reconstitution is deemed to ensure effective coordination within the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) for quality statistical products and services, and a more solid and responsive PSS;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IACHNS is hereby reconstituted with the following composition and terms of reference:

Undersecretary
Health Policy and Systems Development Team
Department of Health

Director
Epidemiology Bureau
Department of Health

Director
Knowledge Management and Information Technology Service
Department of Health

Assistant National Statistician
Social Sector Statistics Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

Executive Director
Commission on Population

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Division Chief

Health, Nutrition and Population Division
Social Development Staff
National Economic and Development Authority

Division Chief

Nutrition Surveillance Division
National Nutrition Council

Division Chief

Nutritional Assessment and Monitoring Division
Food and Nutrition Research Institute

The Chair and Co-Chair/Vice Chair of the Committee shall be elected from among the members.

The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

1. Serve as a forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination, and use of health and nutrition statistics;
2. Recommend to the PSA Board appropriate measures and statistical policies for the improvement of health and nutrition statistics as well as the system of data generation, dissemination, and utilization of health and nutrition statistics and all related indicators, including the corresponding statistical frameworks, methodologies and processes;
3. Recommend to the PSA Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the production, dissemination, and archiving of health and nutrition statistics; and
4. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System, such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out health and nutrition and related programs set forth in the country's national development plans as well as in the corresponding national statistical development programs.

The membership of the IACHNS may be increased or decreased, as the exigencies of its work require, provided that it shall be authorized by the PSA National Statistician through another Memorandum Order. Furthermore, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, UP College of Public Health and other concerned agencies may be invited as resource persons in the meetings of the Committee as the need for them arises.

The Committee may establish technical working groups (TWGs) and task forces (TFs), as the need arises, to assist in the exercise of its functions, subject to the approval of the National Statistician. Technical, secretariat, and logistic support to the TWGs/TFs shall be provided by the concerned agencies as agreed upon by the concerned group. Other member agencies are enjoined to give same support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

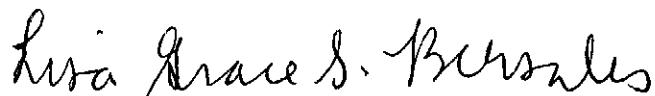
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The Committee shall submit to the PSA Undersecretary its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACHNS, the PSA shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. For effective conduct of meetings, the identified IACHNS members shall serve as basis for determining its quorum. The PSA shall provide technical, secretariat, and logistic support to the IACHNS. It shall also monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the PSA Board.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 29th day of March 2019, in Quezon City.

Attested by:



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Undersecretary

National Statistician and Civil Registrar General



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