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PSA Approves the Conduct of 2018 Labor Force Survey (LFS)

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) approved the clearance for the conduct of the 2018 Labor Force Survey (LFS) through the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS) on 8 November 2017.

The survey is undertaken quarterly by PSA to provide statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment, and underemployment for the country, as well as to provide quantitative framework for the preparation of plans and formulation of policies affecting the labor market.

Some of the tables to be generated from the 2018 LFS include:

- Percent distribution of household population 15 years old and over, by employment status, by Region, sex, and age group
- Percent distribution of employed persons by highest grade completed, major occupation group, major industry group, class of worker, total hours worked, and nature of employment
- Percent distribution of employed persons wanting more hours of work by total hours worked and major occupation group
- Percent distribution of unemployed persons by highest grade completed, by sex and age group
- Percent distribution of unemployed persons looking for work by job search method, number of weeks looking for work, by sex and Region

A nationwide sample of about 45,000 households will be selected to gather information on the levels of employment and unemployment at the national and regional levels.

The survey will utilize a budget amounting to Php 28.7 million to cover personal services, maintenance and other operating expenses, travelling expenses, supplies, and printing expenses.

Meanwhile, the preliminary results of the July 2017 LFS showed that:

- Three out of five (60.6%) persons aged 15 years and over are in the labor force. The labor force consists of the employed and unemployed persons aged 15 years and over.
- The number of employed persons was estimated at 40.1 million, which translates to an employment rate of 94.4 percent.
- The total number of underemployed persons in July 2017 was estimated at 6.5 million corresponding to an underemployment rate of 16.3 percent. By definition, employed persons who express the desire to have additional hours of work in their present jobs or to have an additional job, or to have a new job with longer hours are considered underemployed.

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Results of the LFS can be accessed at: <http://psa.gov.ph/statistics/survey/labor-and-employment/labor-force-survey>.

The survey was reviewed and cleared for conduct under the SSRCS, a mechanism being implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 10625 to:

- ensure sound design ensure sound design for data collection;
- minimize the burden placed upon respondents;
- effect economy in statistical data collection;
- eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection; and
- achieve better coordination of government statistical activities.

In line with this, public is enjoined to support the said survey.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the Statistical Standards Division (SSD) of the Standards Service (SS) with telephone numbers (02) 376-1928 and (02) 376-1931, and email address: ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph or ssdss.staff@gmail.com.

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