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## **PSA and PARIS21 Conducted the Dissemination Forum on the Country Case Study on Citizen-Generated Data (CGD) for Official Reporting**

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), in collaboration with the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (PARIS21), conducted the Dissemination Forum on Citizen-Generated Data (CGD) for Official Reporting on 16 October 2019 in Seda Hotel, Quezon City.

The dissemination forum was held as part of the PSA-PARIS21 Project on CGD for Official Reporting with partners and stakeholders and was organized to release the initial results of the Country Case Study on CGD to address data gaps in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and strengthen the coordination mechanism between the PSA and civil society organizations (CSOs)/non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The exploratory study on the possible use of CGD for SDG monitoring purposes was conducted pursuant to PSA Board Resolution No. 04, s. 2016 (Enjoining Government Agencies to Provide Data Support to the Sustainable Development Goals). The said PSA Board Resolution supports PSA's commitment to call on the international community, private sector, and civil society to provide assistance in terms of resources and advocacy support in the conduct of statistical development initiatives to generate useful/meaningful information for progress monitoring on the SDGs.

PARIS21 defines CGD as data produced by CSOs and NGOs in the Philippines sourced from citizens as respondents primarily for non-statistical purposes, such as monitoring, tracking interventions and/or project reporting. The CGD must comply with certain standards to ensure the essential trust on the data, aiding towards its fitness for the purpose. The CGD Quality Assurance Framework utilizes five data quality criteria as follows: (a) Relevance; (b) Credibility; (c) Timeliness and Frequency; (d) Documentation of Methods and (e) Accessibility. The CGD Quality Assurance Framework was approved by the Task Force (TF) on CGD for Official Reporting through a referendum held in September 2019.

In his opening remarks, Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa of the PSA expressed his gratitude to the CSOs/NGOs for contributing to the Country Case Study and the PARIS21 for the technical support it has extended to PSA to explore non-traditional data sources like CGD, big data, etc. Mr. Johannes Jütting of the PARIS21 delivered a video message mentioning the assistance that may be given to



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CSOs/NGOs as well as the PSA in SDG official reporting in the context of using alternative data sources such as CGD and big data.

The following served as panelists who presented their feedback vis-à-vis the Country Case Study results during the forum:

1. Ms. Lisa Grace S. Bersales, Ph.D., President of Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. and Professor in the University of the Philippines School of Statistics
2. Ms. Millicent Gay B. Tejada, Regional Programme Co-ordinator of PARIS21 and
3. Ms. Ela Victoria F. Sarmago, Chief Volunteer Service Officer of Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA).

The results of the Country Case Study on CGD will substantiate the CGD and CSO data holdings available in the country that may be used to provide inputs to address SDG data gaps, i.e., SDG indicators classified as Tier 2 and Tier 3 and those that have no available subnational and categorical/dimensional disaggregation. Tier 2 indicators are the indicators that are conceptually clear, with established methodology and standards, but whose data are not regularly produced by the Philippine Statistical System (PSS). Tier 3 indicators are the indicators that have no established methodology or standards.

The dissemination forum was attended by a total of 60 participants from various CSOs, international organizations, and government agencies. The following CSOs/NGOs participated in the dissemination forum: Bloomberry Cultural Foundation, Inc., Care Channels, Inc., Child Protection Network Foundation, Children's Mission Philippines Hills of Grace Foundation, Inc., Coordinating Council for People's Development and Governance (CPDG), Filipino War Veterans Foundation, Inc., Forest Foundation Philippines, Grameen Foundation, IBON Foundation, International Container Terminal Services, Inc. Foundation, Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc., Kasagana-ka Development Center, Inc., Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), Zero Extreme Poverty (ZEP) Philippines 2030 Coalition, Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC), Plan International Philippines, Synergeia Foundation, Inc., World Vision Development Foundation, Inc., and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

  
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