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PSA Conducts the 11th NDHS in 2017

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) will hold the 2017 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS 2017) in 1,250 areas across the country from 14 August to 12 October 2017. This survey will provide information on family planning, reproductive health, maternal and child health, early childhood mortality, HIV/AIDS-related knowledge and attitudes, and violence against women in the country. The NDHS 2017 is the eleventh in a series of demographic surveys conducted every five years since 1968. For the first time, the survey will make use of computer-aided personal interview (CAPI) during data collection. The Philippine Government, through the General Appropriations Act provides for the funding support of this activity. Technical and IT support is also provided by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the ICF, and the Department of Health (DOH).

The NDHS is part of a worldwide survey program referred to as the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Program. The international DHS Program is designed to assist countries in conducting household sample surveys to periodically monitor changes in population, health, and nutrition; and provide an international database that can be used by researchers investigating topics related to population, health, and nutrition.

As part of the international DHS Program, surveys are being carried out in countries in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Data from these surveys are used to better understand the population, health, and nutrition situation in the countries surveyed.

About 90 team supervisors and 216 field interviewers will be involved in the conduct of the NDHS 2017 survey. Randomly selected sample housing units will be visited, and households within those housing units will be enumerated using a Household Questionnaire. The Household Questionnaire includes a cover page to identify the household and a form on which all members of the household and visitors are listed. This form is used to record some information about each household member, such as name, sex, age, and education. The Household Questionnaire also collects information on housing characteristics such as type of water source, sanitation facilities, quality of flooring, ownership of durable goods, and information on health care utilization, local health programs, non-communicable diseases, and infectious disease.

The Household Questionnaire permits the interviewer to identify women who are eligible to be interviewed with the Woman's Questionnaire.

Women aged 15-49 years who are members of the household (those that usually live in the household) or visitors (those who do not usually live in the household but who stayed there the night before the interview are eligible to be interviewed.

When all eligible women in a household have been identified, the individual Woman's Questionnaire will be used to interview the women. The Woman's Questionnaire collects information on the following topics: socio-demographic characteristics, reproduction, contraception, maternal health care and breastfeeding, vaccination and health of children, marriage and sexual activity, fertility preferences, husband's background characteristics and woman's employment activity, HIV/AIDS, other health issues, and women's safety.

The PSA encourages the public, especially the sampled households, as well as local officials, to support and cooperate in the conduct of the NDHS 2017.



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