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PhilSys registers 50 million Filipinos; hits target for 2021

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has successfully achieved its registration target this year as 50,014,382 Filipinos completed their Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) Step 2 Registration as of 11 December 2021.

Step 2 Registration, which involves validating supporting documents and collecting biometric information such as iris scans, fingerprints, and front-facing photographs, began in January 2021 in 32 priority provinces that were considered low-risk areas for Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Despite the pandemic, the PSA was able to expand its operations to more cities and municipalities nationwide.

“The PSA salutes all those who contributed to this milestone for the PhilSys Step 2 Registration,” said PSA Undersecretary Dennis S. Mapa, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General. *“Notwithstanding the pandemic and the restrictions that came with it, the PSA—together with its field offices, partner agencies, and key stakeholders—worked relentlessly to ensure that more Filipinos can begin registering for their PhilIDs.”*

The three-step PhilSys registration process began in October 2020, which prioritized low-income households in the 32 priority provinces. As part of the PhilSys Step 1 Registration, PhilSys registration team conducted house-to-house collection of the registrants’ demographic information amid the extended quarantine protocols. The nationwide collection of registrants’ demographic information was also made possible with the launch of the [online PhilSys registration site](#) in April 2021.

The PSA gradually expanded its Step 2 Registration operations as more Filipinos realize the benefits of having a national ID. As of today, 1,622 registration centers across the country continue to accommodate the Step 1 registrants. The PSA also established partnerships with local government units (LGUs), other government agencies, and private



institutions to bring the registration experience closer to more Filipinos. The PSA implemented various registration drives and other institutional registration strategies to onboard working and middle-class individuals, and persons deprived of liberty (PDL).

The PSA also has recently extended its registration efforts to citizens living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA). On 18 May 2021, the Provincial Statistical Office of Pampanga organized an on-site registration for the Aeta communities in Porac, Pampanga, specifically in the barangays of Camias, Villa Maria, Inararo, Diaz, and Sapang Uwak. On 30 November 2021, more than 100 individuals residing in remote areas from Nueva Ecija were registered to PhilSys. Representatives from PSA Nueva Ecija crossed rivers to register residents from Barangay San Agustin and Barangay Putlan in Carranglan.

Apart from registering Filipinos to the PhilSys, the PSA partnered with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) in assisting individuals who are excluded and vulnerable to onerous lending practices. This initiative is in support of the government's goal to attain 100 percent financial inclusion at the family level by the end of the year. As of 30 November 2021, 6,786,939 LANDBANK accounts have already been onboarded.

Meanwhile, for Step 3 Registration, PSA is continuously working to speed up the issuance of the PhilSys Number (PSN) and the delivery of Philippine Identification (PhilID) cards to registrants together with its partner agencies: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) for the card production, and the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) for door-to-door delivery.

As of 10 December 2021, 4,414,393 Filipinos have already received their PhilID cards. These cards will soon have a digital version through the soon-to-be-launched PhilSys mobile app. Registrants can already use this alternative while waiting for their actual PhilIDs.

Assistant Secretary Rosalinda P. Bautista, Deputy National Statistician of the PhilSys Registry Office (PRO), commended the efforts of PSA field offices for the rollout of registration operations and assured the public that the PSA will continue to organize programs that will open more opportunities for Filipinos to register to the PhilSys next year.

“We remain steadfast in our efforts to continue registering the general population. This coming 2022, the PSA hopes to establish partnerships with more government agencies and private groups to provide Filipinos, resident aliens, and even Overseas Filipinos the convenience of PhilSys registration,” said Assistant Secretary Bautista.

For the latest on PhilSys, visit the official PhilSys website (<https://philsys.gov.ph>) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PSAPhilSysOfficial/). You may also reach the PhilSys Registry Office via hotline number 1388 or e-mail at info@philsys.gov.ph. For the online Step 1 registration, kindly go to <https://register.philsys.gov.ph>.

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