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## **PSA pushes for an inclusive PhilSys; continues to prioritize IP registration**

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has partnered with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) to ensure the inclusion of indigenous communities in the Philippine Identification system (PhilSys).

The PSA entered into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the NCIP as part of the PSA's efforts to make the PhilSys registration easily accessible to indigenous communities through mobile registration sites.

*"Since its inception, PhilSys has aimed to establish a sustainable and inclusive identification system for all Filipinos, most especially for the vulnerable sectors of society,"* said PSA Undersecretary Dennis S. Mapa, Ph.D., National Statistician and Civil Registrar General. *"We extend our utmost appreciation to NCIP for their support to PhilSys and their commitment to uplifting indigenous communities nationwide."*

On 18 May 2021, the PSA rolled out a mobile registration initiative in Porac, Pampanga to accommodate Aeta communities in barangays Camisa, Villa Maria, Inararo, Diaz, and Sapang Uwak.

These initiatives continued this year, including an additional registration activity conducted on 19 March 2022 in Floridablanca, Pampanga, where 254 members of the area's Aeta community were registered.

In Occidental Mindoro, IP registration was just as consistent. This year alone, 10,972 members of indigenous communities such as Ratagnon, Hanunuo, Gubatnon, Tao Buid, and Iraya were successfully registered to PhilSys.

Assistant Secretary Rosalinda P. Bautista, Deputy National Statistician of the PhilSys Registry Office (PRO), assures the public that the PSA will



exert the same efforts as it continues to register the last mile of the population.

*“Through this partnership with NCIP, we are confident that we will be able to register more members of indigenous communities and improve their access to financial, social welfare, security, health, education, and other government services,”* said Assistant Secretary Bautista.

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- *PhilSys Registry Office*

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