PSA Memorandum Order No. 01
Series of 2020

RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON POVERTY STATISTICS TO A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON POVERTY STATISTICS

WHEREAS, in consideration of the provision of Republic Act No. 10625 or the "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013", existing Technical Committees (TCs) prior to the merging of the Philippine Statistics Authority were modified to take the structure of the interagency committees (IACs) to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters;

WHEREAS, the Technical Committee on Poverty Statistics (TCPovStat) established through PSA Memorandum Order No. 06, Series of 2014 was reconstituted into an Interagency Committee on Poverty Statistics (IACPovStat) through PSA Memorandum No. 11, Series of 2017;

WHEREAS, per Executive Order No. 352, Series of 1996 or the System of Designated Statistics, the then Technical Working Group on Income Statistics (which was converted to the TC PovStat) is tasked to develop the poverty estimation methodology that will be used for the estimation of the official poverty statistics, among its other functions;

WHEREAS, the latest refinements in the official poverty estimation methodology were approved through PSA Board Resolution No. 1, Series of 2017-171 (previously NSCB Resolution No. 9, Series of 2011), *Approving the Refinements in the Official Poverty Estimation Methodology,* which were based on the recommendations of the former TC PovStat. It also states that the official poverty estimation methodology shall be reviewed after 10 years to ensure relevance, applicability and address emerging concerns;

WHEREAS, the ten (10) years will lapse in 2021, hence, the review of the current official poverty estimation methodology needs to be undertaken and the TC PovStat re-establish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IAC PovStat be reconstituted to the Technical Committee on Poverty Statistics (TC PovStat);

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the TC PovStat shall have the following composition and terms of reference:

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The specific functions of TC PovStat are as follows:

1. Serve as a forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and concerns arising from the production, dissemination and use of poverty statistics and other related indicators being produced by the Philippine Statistical System (PSS);

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the TC PovStat, the PSA Technical Staff shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. For effective conduct of meetings, a quorum must be determined. The PSA Technical Staff shall provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the TC PovStat. It shall also monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the PSA Board.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on _15 September_ 2020.

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