



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**

**PSA Memorandum Order No. 12**  
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**ESTABLISHING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON  
PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM RESOURCES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10625 or the "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013" provides for the establishment of the Committee on Philippine Statistical System (PSS) Resources;

**WHEREAS**, the provision of adequate resources for the PSS is vital for the production, generation, compilation and dissemination of statistics;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the regular statistics being produced by the agencies within the PSS, emerging data needs of various stakeholders at the national, subnational and international levels have to be addressed by the PSS;

**WHEREAS**, for the PSS to produce quality statistics, there is a need to strengthen the statistical capacity and soft skills of its human resources;

**WHEREAS**, a statistical committee is an appropriate mechanism for coordination and providing the proper forum for the exchange of views concerning PSS resources;

**WHEREAS**, the Interagency Committee on PSS Resources (IACPSSR) shall serve as venue for the discussion and resolution of issues on PSS resources including sources and allocation of funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the IACPSSR is hereby established with the following composition and terms of reference:

Chair	:	Philippine Statistics Authority
Co-Chair	:	Department of Budget and Management
Members	:	Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department Department of the Interior and Local Government National Economic and Development Authority Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute Senate Economic Planning Office

The above agencies shall identify their permanent and alternate representatives to the IACPSSR with at least the rank of a Director.



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Representatives from the following agencies shall be invited as the need for them arises:

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas  
Civil Service Commission  
Commission on Audit  
Department of Finance  
Department of Foreign Affairs  
University of the Philippines System

The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

1. Serve as forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the generation, allocation and utilization of PSS resources.
2. Discuss and identify development programs concerning PSS resources for inclusion in and/or updating of the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP).
3. Identify and coordinate with development partners to support priority statistical programs in accordance with national priorities.
4. Recommend an efficient workable scheme for strengthening sustainability of PSS resources.
5. Perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary/critical for the PSS in general.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACPSSR, the PSA shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. The PSA shall provide technical, secretariat and logistics support to the IACPSSR. It shall also report periodically to the PSA Board.

The IACPSSR may establish technical working groups (TWGs), and task forces (TFs) as the need arises, to assist in the exercise of its functions, subject to the approval of the National Statistician. Technical, secretariat and logistics support of the TWGs/TFs shall be provided by concerned agencies as agreed upon by the concerned group. Other member-agencies are enjoined to give support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

The IACPSSR shall submit to the National Statistician its work program and report on the progress of its work, including findings and recommendations on technical issues referred to it.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 27 July 2018.

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