



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

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**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE METHODOLOGY IN
ESTIMATING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16.10.1**

WHEREAS, in September 2015, the United Nations Member States, including the Philippines, adopted a new global plan of action - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that aims to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustices, and address climate change, among others;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) established an Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) tasked to develop and implement the global indicator framework for the 17 goals and 169 targets of the Post-2015 Development Agenda seeking to attain a better future for all ensuring that no one is left behind;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the implementation of the global indicator framework, all indicators are classified by the IAEG-SDGs into three tiers based on their level of methodological development and data availability as follows:

- Tier 1 The indicator has established methodology; standards are available; and regularly collected;
- Tier 2 The indicator has established methodology; standards are available; but not regularly collected; and
- Tier 3 The indicator has no established methodology yet, but methodology/standards are being developed/tested.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is the central statistical authority of the government and as such, it is designated as the official repository of SDGs indicators in the Philippines tasked to respond to the country's commitment to monitor the achievement of the 2030 Development Agenda;

WHEREAS, the PSA regularly conducts assessment and monitoring activities through the *SDG Watch-Philippines* and the *SDG Database on Philippine Indicators*, two internet-based platforms for dissemination containing updated data and metadata to assess the country's performance vis-à-vis in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

WHEREAS, the PSA established interagency committees (IACs) on statistics to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters;

WHEREAS, one of the IACs created was the Interagency Committee on Security, Justice and Peace Statistics (IACSJPS) to serve as a venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review of current techniques/methodologies, and for recommendation of policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of the generation, processing, analysis, dissemination and use of security, justice and peace statistics and indicators;

WHEREAS, to track the pace of progress of achieving the Philippine SDGs, the IACSJPS is tasked to assess, update and monitor indicators under Goal 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions;

WHEREAS, among the indicators under Goal 16 are human rights-related data sourced from one of the IACSJPS member agencies - the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), an independent government institution mandated to promote and protect the human rights of all Filipinos living here and abroad, and those foreigners staying temporarily in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the CHR embarks on a continuing technical cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the international custodian agency for human rights-related indicators. The OHCHR is responsible for the promotion and protection of the enjoyment and full realization of human rights by all people. It is tasked to strengthen institutional linkages and collaboration between National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and National Statistical Offices (NSOs) through the use of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a tool for the formalization of collaborative working relationships;

WHEREAS, under the auspices of OHCHR, the CHR and the PSA executed an MOU on 23 July 2021 to formalize a collaborative working relationship between their agencies as regards their respective roles in the compilation, reporting and use of human rights indicators;

WHEREAS, for smooth implementation of the MOU, a Technical Working Group on Operationalizing Human Rights-Based Approach to Data (TWGOHRBAD) was established to strengthen their cooperation on data collection, processing, analysis, dissemination and use of human rights indicators to help measure progress and ensure that no one is left behind in the 2023 Sustainable Development Agenda;

WHEREAS, for its share in achieving Philippine SDGs, the CHR focuses to develop a methodology to generate estimate for the indicator below, currently classified as Tier 2, both at the national and global levels:

SDG 16.10.1 Number of verified cases of killing, kidnapping, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and torture of journalists, associated media personnel, trade unionists and human rights advocates in the previous 12 months


WHEREAS, in its objective to develop a methodology to generate estimate for SDG 16.10.1, the CHR has presented the proposed methodology in a series of IACSJPS meetings as well as in various workshops, international conferences, national convention on statistics, and other platforms, to discuss on the subject-matter;

WHEREAS, based on the knowledge and experience gained from the series of consultations made with experts and key stakeholders, the CHR was able to develop a methodology to generate estimate for SDG 16.10.1, and is requesting for the approval of the PSA Board of the proposed methodology;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the PSA Board approves and adopts the methodology in estimating SDG 16.10.1 (see Annex BR-08-20240216-01) based on the endorsement of the Interagency Committee on Security, Justice and Peace Statistics (IACSJPS).


RESOLVED FURTHER, that upon approval and adoption of the methodology in estimating SDG 16.10.1, it will be upgraded from Tier 2 to Tier 1 for inclusion in the refined list of Philippine SDGs indicators for regular monitoring through the SDG Watch maintained by the PSA.

Approved this 16th day of February 2024 in Quezon City, Philippines


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