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PSA expands PhilSys registration efforts with innovative “PhilSys on Boat” initiative

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) continues to extend its registration efforts to ensure that every Filipino, no matter how remote their location, can benefit from the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), including those in isolated coastal areas.

To achieve this, the PSA has launched an innovative and daring initiative called "PhilSys on Boat." In this groundbreaking effort, PhilSys registration officers are taking to the waters, using traditional outrigger canoes known as "bangka" as mobile registration sites. These boats not only transport personnel and equipment but also serve as the means to reach the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs), including far-flung coastal barangays that are only accessible by boat.

“We are now in the final leg of the PhilSys registration, and our utmost priority is to reach every Filipino, even in the most challenging and remote locations. Our dedicated registration personnel are embarking on these bangkas, navigating house-to-house, and braving adverse weather conditions to ensure that every Filipino is registered to PhilSys”, shared PSA Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General.



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Registration officers from the Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) Basilan use a bangka or outrigger canoe to bring PhilSys registration activities to coastal areas in Barangay Tampalan, Isabela City, Basilan that are only accessible by boat.

The success of this initiative was shown in Barangay Tampalan, located on the island of Malamawi, Isabela City, Basilan. Registration personnel from PSO Basilan boarded outrigger canoes on 31 October 2023 and transported registration kits to register households situated near the shore. Some registered individuals were even able to receive their printed ePhilID on the spot.

Owing to registration efforts in GIDAs through “PhilSys on Boat” and “PhilSys on Wheels”, a total of 81,492,399 Filipinos have already registered to PhilSys as of 27 October 2023.

For those who have not yet registered, the PSA emphasizes that PhilSys registration remains easy and convenient at fixed registration centers. Filipinos can bring their supporting documents and visit any registration center, as listed at <https://philsys.gov.ph/registration-center>, for the validation of demographic information and the capture of biometric data.

Registered individuals can also check the availability of their ePhilID at <https://appt.philsys.gov.ph> and schedule a visit to any PhilSys Registration Center for its collection. The ePhilID can also be

downloaded through a secure link provided in an official text message from the PSA.

It is important to note that both the PhilID and ePhilID are valid proofs of identity and age, accepted in government offices and private establishments across the Philippines. The PSA's unwavering commitment to ensuring that PhilSys is available and accessible to every Filipino, regardless of their location, serves as a testament to the organization's dedication to providing inclusive and efficient government services.

Quick Links:

- Website: **<https://philsys.gov.ph>**
- Facebook page: **<https://facebook.com/PSAPhilSysOfficial>**
- Printed ePhilID appointment: **<https://appt.philsys.gov.ph>**
- PhilID/ePhilID authentication: **<https://verify.philsys.gov.ph>**

- *PhilSys Registry Office*