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PSA reaffirms its unwavering commitment to data integrity and security in the National ID

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), as the lead implementing agency, is proud to announce significant progress in Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), aimed at providing a unique and secure identity for Filipino citizens, streamlining public and private transactions, and enhancing efficiency of government operations. With a keen focus on the accuracy, reliability, integrity, and confidentiality of data collected from the Filipino citizens, and adherence to professional standards, the PSA has achieved noteworthy milestones in its mission.

As of 01 September 2023, the PSA has successfully registered 80.54 million Filipinos, representing an impressive 87.5 percent of the population aged 5 years old and above. Within this group, 78.12 million individuals have been issued a unique PhilSys Number (PSN), ensuring their distinct identity through the verification of their demographic and biometric information.

The issuance of PhilID and ePhilID is meticulously managed by the PSA, with a rigorous Quality Assurance process and stringent protocols in place. This ensures that every card accurately reflects an individual's valid demographic and biometric (front-facing photo) data, further enhancing the system's integrity. To date, the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) has delivered 38.51 million PhilIDs and the PSA has already issued 40.61 million ePhilIDs which can already be used for transactions needing proof of identify and age.

This momentous achievement is a testament to PSA's commitment to providing secure and reliable identification to the Filipino population. The PhilSys registry containing the 78.12 million individuals with unique PSN serves as the primary data source for both the PhilID produced at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) printing facility and the ePhilID printed by the PSA. This registry also serves as the foundation for the digital ID, which is produced by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

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Moreover, it is important to highlight that the DICT, along with other government agencies, actively participates in the PhilSys Policy and Coordination Council (PSPCC), organized pursuant to R.A. No. 11055 or the Philippine Identification System Act, to formulate policies and guidelines to ensure effective coordination and implementation of the PhilSys thereby assuring a unified and secure approach to data management. As a result, data used by the DICT is protected from corruption, guaranteeing the quality of biometric information.

The PSA, as the central authority of the Philippine government for data collection, covering statistical data, civil registration, National ID, and Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), upholds its unwavering commitment in maintaining a robust system in all aspects of data collection, processing, storage, and presentation, guided by professional standards, scientific principles, and ethical standards.

As it continues with the implementation of the PhilSys, the PSA remains dedicated to its mission of providing a robust and secure identification system for all Filipinos. The ongoing collaboration with government agencies and the commitment to data integrity, confidentiality, and security, will continue to be at the core of the PhilSys to ensure the success of this significant national initiative.

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- Website: **https://philsys.gov.ph**
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- ePhilID appointment: **https://appt.philsys.gov.ph**
- PhilID/ePhilID authentication: **https://verify.philsys.gov.ph**

- PhilSys Registry Office