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PSA welcomes delegates from West Africa; facilitates knowledge exchange on digital identification systems

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), through the PhilSys Registry Office (PRO), welcomed representatives from the West Africa Unique Identification for Regional Integration and Inclusion (WURI) project for a study visit on digital identification systems and civil registration services.

The four-day knowledge exchange from 05 June to 09 June 2023 focused on the key strategies, challenges, and best practices in the development and implementation of digital identification systems such as the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) and connecting them to essential social services and social registries.



Assistant National Statistician Emily Pagador, along with other key PSA officials, share insights about PhilSys in a discussion with WURI delegates.



The WURI project delegates gained insights on management, security, communications, and operations of PhilSys and civil registration services through various activities, which included an immersive tour of the Civil Registry System outlet at the PSA Complex and the SM North EDSA registration center in Quezon City.

Key officials from PSA also served as resource speakers in in-depth discussions with the delegates.

The WURI representatives also visited the card printing facility of PhilSys at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and met with officials from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

"The general impression is really very positive and we are very much impressed with the way the civil registration is being done, as well as the national identification [system] being implemented," said Kone Karidja Epse Bamba, Director for WURI Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). *"We hope to be able to apply all the things that we have learned during this visit to our own country."*



WURI National Project Coordinator for Niger Abdourazakhe Abani visits the Civil Registry System Outlet at the PSA Complex in Quezon City.

Such insights will be taken in consideration in the creation and implementation of efficient, inclusive, and harmonized identification systems of participating countries, including Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Burkina Faso, Togo, Benin, and Niger.

A project of the World Bank, the WURI project aims to establish universal coverage of robust identification and facilitate access to services, economic opportunities, and social protection in West Africa.

Previously, delegates from Ethiopia and Uganda—also supported by the World Bank's ID for Development (ID4D) program—also visited the PSA for a similar peer-to-peer knowledge exchange in 2022.

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