



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

PSA Board Resolution No. 01
Series of 2019

**ENJOINING NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
TO ESTABLISH STATISTICAL UNITS AND/OR POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10625, "The Philippine Statistical Act of 2013," established the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Board as the highest policymaking and coordinating body on statistical matters in the country;

WHEREAS, RA 10625 mandates the PSA to prepare, in consultation with the PSA Board, a Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP);

WHEREAS, the PSA Board, in its 09 May 2018 meeting, approved the PSDP 2018-2023 which sets the strategic directions, thrusts and priorities of the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) in the medium term to provide vital information support to national, sectoral and local development plans, and international commitments;

WHEREAS, the PSDP acknowledges the urgent need to meet the growing demand for more reliable, relevant and quality statistics in support of evidence-based governance in data-producing agencies and local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, the absence of statistical units/personnel to perform statistical functions is identified as one major reason for not being able to conduct statistical activities and implement data quality checks;

WHEREAS, the PSDP 2018-2023 seeks to address these data requirements along with those of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ASEAN economic integration, among others;

WHEREAS, to address these demands, the PSDP 2018-2023, in twelve (12) of its 26 chapters, identified as priority statistical development program the establishment of statistical units and/or positions that will handle the necessary statistical work in national government agencies (NGAs) and LGUs, where no such unit/position currently exists;

WHEREAS, as further reiterated during the 3rd Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Summit held in September 2018, there is a need to establish statistical units and/or positions in other government agencies and LGUs;

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on PSS Resources endorsed that statistical units/positions be established also in Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), National Financial Institutions (NFIs), and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), where necessary;

WHEREAS, the establishment of statistical units and/or positions is aimed, among others, at: (1) enhancing the usefulness of data for policymaking; and (2) ensuring integrity of data to be collected;

WHEREAS, Section 76 of RA 7160 also known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" provides that "Every local government unit shall design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability...;"

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the "Manual on Position Classification and Compensation" provides that creation of a new class of positions for LGUs shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board strongly enjoin national and local government entities to establish statistical units and/or positions in meeting their own and their stakeholders' statistical requirements;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that for purposes of this Resolution, "government entities" shall cover NGAs, GOCCs, NFIs, SUCs, LGUs, and their attached agencies/instrumentalities;

RESOLVED FURTHER that these government entities shall:

- 1) directly coordinate with the DBM (where applicable) for the allocation of financial and human resources required for the establishment of statistical units/positions;
- 2) tap the assistance of the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI) in the:
 - a) requirements for the selection of statistical staff, e.g., identification of qualifications and competency skills required of applicants to statistical positions; and
 - b) conduct of relevant trainings to enhance capacities of designated focal persons/statistical staff.

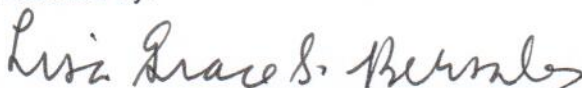
RESOLVED FURTHER that pending the establishment of the needed statistical units/positions, these government entities shall designate focal persons to cater to their respective statistical requirements to ensure sustained production, dissemination and use of data for development planning and monitoring purposes.

Approved this 15th day of February 2019, in Pasig City.


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