



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

**PSA Board Resolution 02
Series of 2017**

**APPROVING THE BUDGETARY THRUSTS
OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD 2018-2020**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10625, "An Act Reorganizing the Philippine Statistical System, Repealing the Previous Executive Order Numbered One Hundred Twenty-One Entitled Reorganizing and Strengthening the Philippine Statistical System and for other Purposes," established the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

WHEREAS, RA 10625 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) stipulate that the PSA Board shall be the highest policy-making and coordinating body on statistical matters in the country, and is mandated to review budgetary proposals of agencies involving statistical operations and submit an integrated budget for the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

WHEREAS, in the annual National Budget Memorandum/Budget Call issued by the DBM, budget proposals for the conduct of statistical activities such as the System of Designated Statistics (SDS) per Executive Order (EO) No. 352, "Designation of Statistical Activities that will Generate Critical Data for Decision-Making of the Government and Private Sector", shall require the endorsement of the PSA Board;

WHEREAS, PSA Resolution No. 10, Series of 2015, "Enjoining Agencies to Provide Separate Line Items for Statistical Activities/Projects in the Annual Agency Budget" was issued to ensure linkage between statistical planning and budgeting and continually allocate funds to areas that will be most beneficial to the statistical system;

WHEREAS, there is a need to define/redefine the budgetary thrusts to be adopted by all PSS member agencies at the national and local levels for planning and in preparing their annual budget proposals for statistical activities to keep them attuned to existing and emerging demands;

WHEREAS, for a more responsive, effective, and efficient PSS that provides high quality statistics for evidence-based decisions towards the attainment of national development goals, emerging concerns need to be considered in the budgetary thrusts of the PSS;

WHEREAS, these emerging concerns include: (1) adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consisting of 17 goals, 169 targets and 230 unique indicators; (2) formulation of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 encompassing the 0+10 Point Economic Agenda of the current administration, AmBisyon Natin 2040 (25-year Long-Term Vision); (3) new challenges such as data revolution which calls for reforms in the way data are collected, produced and disseminated; (4) establishment of a responsive and sustainable data ecosystem; (5) exploration of other possible sources of

official statistics such as administrative data, registers, big data, citizen-generated data and other non-traditional data sources to address existing data gaps; and (6) open data initiatives, among others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following Budgetary Thrusts of the PSS for 2018-2020:

1. Enhancement of the management and coordination of the PSS to ensure progressive and sustained improvement of statistics for development planning, decision-making, monitoring and evaluation, and for effective governance and legislation;
2. Improvement of data production in the PSS aimed at addressing current, new and emerging concerns such as SDGs, PDP 2017-2022, data revolution, and other data requirements including age and sex disaggregation of administrative data;
3. Enhancement of data dissemination and advocacy on statistics through maximized use of information and communications technology in statistical processes and conduct of forums/workshops to promote utilization of statistics and adoption of open data policies;
4. Advancement of statistical research to improve current methodologies for the generation of statistics and indicators to respond to the current and emerging needs and demands;
5. Strengthening capacity building for improved production, dissemination and utilization of statistics;
6. Strengthening data ecosystems to include enhancement of administrative data and exploration of big data and citizen-generated data as possible sources of official statistics;
7. Strengthening of the local statistical system to be able to generate more locally-disaggregated data in support of countryside development;
8. Increasing investment in the PSS to meet the growing demand for statistics in support of evidence-based governance; and
9. Promotion of international cooperation in statistics through sharing of experiences, practices and expertise as well as adherence to international commitments, such as the SDGs, ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics, and adoption of internationally-recognized statistical principles, declarations and best practices.

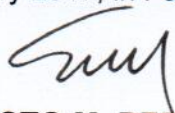
The corresponding strategies under each budgetary thrust are hereby presented in Annex BR 02-20170214-01.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that:


1. The budgetary thrusts identified lend support to the strategic thrusts of the PSDP 2017-2023, and shall be:
 - a) the basis for the preparation of the annual agency budget proposals for statistical activities;
 - b) the basis for the formulation of the medium term expenditure and human resource frameworks of the PSS; and

- c) revised/updated, when necessary, to be consistent with recent developments.
2. All agencies in the PSS are enjoined to:
- a) incorporate in their agency annual budget proposals during the period 2018-2020 the requirements to achieve the above thrusts, and to submit to the PSA a budget proposal for statistical activities for endorsement of the PSA Board to the DBM; and
 - b) consider the relevant budgetary thrusts in their Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC), ensuring that statistical activities under the SDS per EO No. 352 are prioritized.
3. The PSA shall:
- a) evaluate the budget proposals and, in consultation with the agencies concerned, submit its recommendations to the PSA Board; and
 - b) upon approval of the Board, endorse the PSS budget to the DBM, copy furnished the agencies.

Approved this 14th day of February 2017, in Pasig City.


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BUDGETARY THRUSTS OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND STRATEGIES FOR THE PERIOD 2018-2020

- **Enhancement of the management and coordination of the PSS to ensure progressive and sustained improvement of statistics for development planning, decision-making, monitoring and evaluation, and for effective governance and legislation**
 - Strengthening of legal frameworks and instruments for statistics generation and dissemination
 - Implementation of more effective statistical policies and consistent monitoring and evaluation of programs
 - Facilitating organizational development and communication of statistical institutions
 - Adoption of data revolution road map/framework
 - Promoting innovations aimed at strengthening the PSS through institutional arrangements and partnerships, improving technologies, business processes, and governance that will improve efficiency
 - Advancing the professional and career development of statisticians
- **Improvement of data production in the PSS aimed at addressing current, new and emerging concerns such as SDGs, PDP 2017-2022, data revolution, and other data requirements including age and sex disaggregation of administrative data**
 - Generation of quality statistics that address the priority information needs of government and other stakeholders, specifically to monitor the PDP 2017-2022 and the Sustainable Development Goals
 - Development of new and improvement and adoption of existing statistical frameworks, standards and methodologies
 - Development of standards and systems for the production of quality key statistics with socioeconomic disaggregation e.g. age and sex at the provincial, city, municipal and barangay levels
 - Improvement of the effectiveness and efficiency of censuses and surveys for better quality statistics and reduced burden on respondents
 - Increasing technology utilization to facilitate data production such as use of tablets, GPS and other GIS-based technologies
 - Exploring ways to strengthen data production such as use of social media, and the worldwide web to mine large amount of data (big data, citizen-generated data and other non-traditional data sources), to complement admin-based and survey-based data

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- **Enhancement of data dissemination and advocacy on statistics through maximized use of information technology in statistical processes and conduct of forums/workshops to promote utilization of statistics and adoption of open data policies**

- Improvement of accessibility and timeliness and proactive dissemination and communication of statistics, such as using data visualization tools, infographics, and data analytics
- Development of an integrated statistics portal for dissemination of all available data and metadata resources in the PSS
- Institutionalization of data sharing, archiving, and warehousing using online and interactive technology
- Strengthening of education and advocacy on the importance and rational use of statistics
- Providing spatial dimension to socioeconomic variables/indicators thru integration/linking statistical information with physical location and other geospatial information for better data analysis
- Continued conduct/participation in national, regional and worldwide statistical advocacy activities such as user-producer forums, National Convention on Statistics, National Statistics Month, Civil Registration Month, World Statistics Day

- **Advancement of statistical research to improve current methodologies for the generation of statistics and indicators to responds to the current and emerging needs and demands**

- Formulation of a viable strategic research agenda and utilization of research and development outputs towards improved methodologies and relevant statistics
- Strengthening institutional capacity for statistical research and development

5. Strengthening capacity building for improved production, dissemination and utilization of statistics

- Intensify capacity of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and other data producers in government at the national and local levels to generate and disseminate better quality statistics
- Build capacity of data users in the rational use of statistics

6. Strengthening data ecosystems to include enhancement of administrative-based data and exploration of big data and citizen generated data as possible sources of official statistics;

- Development of mechanisms towards quality administrative-based data, big data and citizen generated data at the provincial, city, municipal and barangay levels
- Development of quality assurance framework for non-traditional data

7. Strengthening of local statistical system to be able to generate more locally disaggregated data in support of countryside development

- Adoption of an integrated data and methodological framework for the generation of local level statistics
- Implementation of appropriate statistical policies and standards for the production and dissemination of local statistics
- Strengthening the capacity of local government units to produce and use quality statistics in support of countryside development
- Strengthening institutional partnerships between the national and local governments
- Establishment of statistical mechanisms at least in every province and city for local coordination of statistics production and dissemination

8. Increasing investment in the PSS to meet the growing demand for statistics in support of evidence-based governance

- Increasing the statistical workforce in the major statistical agencies, other government data-producing agencies and local government units to enable the PSS to meet the growing demand for statistics in support of evidence-based governance
- Cost-sharing between and among national government agencies and between national and local governments for the generation of statistics
- Promotion of public-private partnership for data generation and dissemination and capacity building
- Formulation of the PSDP 2017-2022 to include the adoption of a resource mobilization strategy for statistics towards increased resources and rationalized expenditure planning and implementation
- Increasing investment in information and communication technology towards improved statistical processes
- Upgrading of physical resources, and building infrastructure to improve work conditions towards increased productivity, more efficient statistical operations, and better statistical services to stakeholders

9. Promotion of international cooperation in statistics through sharing of experiences, practices and expertise as well as adherence to international commitments, such as the SDGs, ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics, and adoption of internationally-recognized statistical principles, declarations and best practices

- Enhancement in statistical cooperation with international community through adherence to global commitments such as SDGs
- Capacity building of major statistical agencies and other data producers at the national and local levels through participation in international meetings, conferences and workshops and provision of budget thereof
- Organization of international conferences, training and workshops on key statistical topics in support of global statistical development and promotion of the PSS