



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

PSA Resolution No. 16 Series of 2015

ENJOINING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO GENERATE DATA FOR THE NEGROS ISLAND REGION

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) recognizes the need for an efficient and effective system for the generation of statistical data needed by users at the national and subnational levels;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 135 issued on 06 November 1993 provides for the establishment of a well-coordinated statistical system at the local level that is responsive to planning and monitoring requirements at the local level and capable of producing statistics that can be integrated and harmonized with statistics being produced at the national level;

WHEREAS, in compliance with EO 135, the former National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) issued the following Resolutions which acknowledged the need to produce subnational/local-level statistics that will be used for national development planning, among others:

- NSCB Resolution No. 14, Series of 2002 – “Adoption of the Core Indicators for Population and Development (PopDev) Planning at the Local Level;”
- NSCB Resolution No. 06, Series of 2005 – “Recognizing and Enjoining Support to the Community-Based Monitoring System as a Tool to Strengthen the Statistical System at the Local Level;” and,
- NSCB Resolution No. 11, Series of 2008 – “Enjoining Major Statistical Agencies and Other Data Producers to Generate Separate Data for Highly Urbanized Cities;”

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), by virtue of Republic Act No. 10625, is mandated to prescribe uniform statistical standards and classification systems in the government which are necessary for the generation of official statistics that are comparable at both national and international levels;

WHEREAS, one of these classification systems is the Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) which rationalizes and integrates different existing codes for geographic areas of the country that are being used by various government agencies;

WHEREAS, His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III signed EO No. 183 on 29 May 2015 establishing the Negros Island Region (NIR), composed of the provinces of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental;

WHEREAS, the DBM has issued Circular Letter 2015-13, dated 01 December 2015, to implement EO No. 183, clarifying the needed actions to pursue with regard to resource and funding requirements of the NIR;

WHEREAS, in response to this, the PSGC updates released on 15 June 2015 reflected the establishment of NIR and assigned to it a region code of 180000000;

WHEREAS, pursuant to EO 135, the PSA Board deems it imperative for all government agencies to release separate figures/data sets for the NIR for all statistics being generated with regional disaggregation;

WHEREAS, while population census-based statistics of the PSA can readily be generated for NIR, releasing separate data for NIR from existing surveys using a master sample with regional domain requires further study and preparation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board enjoin government agencies to generate data for the Negros Island Region.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that:

1. All data producing agencies:

- prepare action plan towards the generation of regional data for the Negros Island and the reconfigured Regions VI and VII;
- make necessary changes in their statistical operations to be able to generate data for the NIR; and,
- formulate appropriate funding strategies within their respective appropriations and/or other schemes such as cost sharing arrangements so that they can implement the necessary changes;

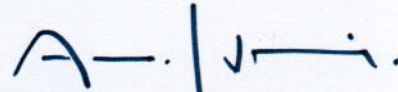
2. The PSA:

- establish a Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) in the NIR which shall serve as the highest policy making body on statistical matters and shall serve as the venue for discussion and resolution of statistical issues at the local level, per PSA Board Resolution No. 05, Series of 2015; and,
- provide technical assistance to other agencies and local government units in NIR to enable them to collect and generate data for NIR;

3. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM):

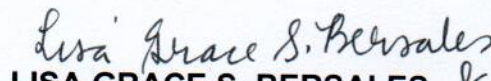

- pursue the necessary actions to facilitate various improvement activities of data-producing agencies geared towards the generation of statistics for NIR, including budget required for the establishment of the RSC in NIR, in accordance with CL 2015-13.

Approved this 28th day of December 2015, in Pasig City.



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