



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

**PSA Board Resolution No. 01  
Series of 2015**

### **APPROVING THE BUDGETARY THRUSTS OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD 2016-2017**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10625, "An Act Reorganizing the Philippine Statistical System, Repealing for the Purpose 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) from the four major statistical agencies, namely, the: National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), National Statistics Office (NSO), Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS), and Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES), to be comprised of the PSA Board and offices on sectoral statistics, censuses and technical coordination, civil registration and central support and field statistical services;

**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 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**, there is a need to define 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;

**WHEREAS**, the former NSCB (now part of the PSA) issued NSCB Resolution No. 15, Series of 2011, Approving the Budgetary Thrusts of the Philippine Statistical System for the Period 2013-2017, which corresponded to the strategic thrusts of the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) 2011-2017;

**WHEREAS**, the PSDP 2011-2017 sets the directions, thrusts and priorities of the PSS for the medium term for the generation and dissemination of statistical information used in policy and decision-making, taking into consideration: (1) the development agenda of the Philippine Government as articulated in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2011-2016; (2) other sectoral development plans; (3) statistical challenges and concerns in the PSS; and (4) commitments of the Philippines to international statistical community;

**WHEREAS**, for a more a responsive, effective, and efficient PSS that provides quality statistics for evidence-based decisions towards the attainment of the development goals of the nation, the recent developments such as the: (1) reorganization of the PSS and

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the establishment of the PSA; (2) updating of the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016 Midterm Update to include the identification of poor and vulnerable provinces and refocusing of strategic interventions according to their needs and development potentials; (3) new challenges such as data revolution which calls for a reform in the way data is produced, shared, assessed, analyzed and consumed, and it must address existing data gaps to ensure that better statistics lead to better decisions leading to better lives; (4) big data; among others, need to be considered in the budgetary thrusts of the PSS;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Budgetary Thrusts of the PSS for the year 2016-2017:

1. Enhancement of the management and coordination of the PSS to ensure progressive and sustained improvement of statistics for development planning and decision-making and for effective governance;
2. Improvement of data production in the PSS aimed at addressing current, new and emerging concerns such as Post 2015 Development Agenda, data revolution, and other sectors/areas of concern that may affect national development;
3. Enhancement of data dissemination and advocacy on the use of statistics through maximized use of information technology in statistical processes, conduct of forums/workshops to promote use of statistics;
4. Advancement of statistical research and capacity building research to improve current methodologies for the generation of statistics and indicators and to respond to the current and emerging needs and demands;
5. Strengthening of local statistics development to generate more locally-disaggregated data in support of countryside development;
6. Increasing investment in statistics and in the PSS to enable the PSS to meet the growing demand for statistics in support of evidence-based governance;
7. Promotion of international cooperation in statistics community through sharing of experiences, practices and expertise on statistics as well as adherence to international commitments, such as the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics, and adoption of internationally-recognized statistical principles, declarations and best practices

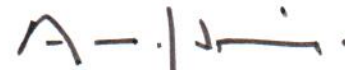
The corresponding strategies under each budgetary thrust are hereby presented in Annex BR-01-2015-01.

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER** that:

1. The budgetary thrusts identified herein update the strategic thrusts of the PSDP 2011-2017, and shall be:
  - a. the basis for the preparation of the annual agency budget proposal for statistical activities
  - b. the basis for the formulation of the medium term expenditure and human resource frameworks of the PSS;

- c. revised, when necessary, to be consistent with recent developments, and the PSDP transitional update 2016-2017.
- 2. All agencies in the PSS are enjoined to:
  - a. incorporate in their agency annual budget proposals during the period 2016-2017 the requirements to achieve the above thrusts, and to submit the budget proposals to the PSA for endorsement of the PSA Board to the DBM;
  - b. consider the relevant budgetary thrusts in their respective Organizational Performance Indicators Framework (OPIF), ensuring that statistical activities under the System of Designated Statistics (SDS) are prioritized; and
  - c. coordinate with the DBM on the possibility of providing a separate line item for statistical activities;
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015, in Pasig City.



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## **BUDGETARY THRUSTS OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND STRATEGIES FOR THE PERIOD 2016-2017**

- 1. Enhancement of the management and coordination of the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) to ensure progressive and sustained improvement of statistics for development planning and decision-making and for effective governance**
  - Strengthening of legal frameworks and instruments for statistics generation and dissemination
  - Implementation of more effective statistical policies and consistent monitoring of programs
  - Facilitating organizational development and communication of statistical institutions
  - Development and implementation of data quality assessment framework
  - 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
- 2. Improvement of data production in the PSS aimed at addressing current, new and emerging concerns such as Post 2015 Development Agenda, data revolution, and other sectors/areas of concern that may affect national development**
  - Generation of quality statistics such as the generation of multi-dimensional poverty statistics, that address the priority information needs of government and other stakeholders, specifically to monitor the PDP 2011-2016, Sustainable Development Goals
  - Development of new and improvement of existing statistical frameworks, standards and methodologies
  - Development of standards and systems for quality administrative-based data, and production of key statistics 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 and other non-official data), as well as administrative-based data to complement survey-based data
- 3. Enhancement of data dissemination and advocacy on the use of statistics through maximized use of information technology in statistical processes, conduct of forums/workshops to promote use of statistics**
  - 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

**4. Advancement of statistical research and capacity building to improve current methodologies for the generation of statistics and indicators and to respond 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
- Strengthening 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

**5. Strengthening of local statistics development 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

**6. Increasing investment in statistics and in the PSS to enable 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
- Updating of the PSDP 2011-2017 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

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- Upgrading of physical resources, and building infrastructure to improve work conditions towards increased productivity, more efficient statistical operations, and better statistical services to stakeholders

**7. Promotion of international cooperation in statistics through sharing of experiences, practices and expertise on statistics as well as adherence to international commitments, such as the 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 Post 2015 Development Agenda
- 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

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