



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

PSA Resolution No. 10 Series of 2015

ENJOINING AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SEPARATE LINE ITEMS FOR STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS IN THE ANNUAL AGENCY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), by virtue of Republic Act No. 10625, is mandated to review agency budgetary proposals involving statistical operations and to endorse to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) an integrated budget for the entire Philippine Statistical System (PSS);

WHEREAS, the objectives of the budget review are to rationalize the prioritization and programming of statistical activities/projects during a given year with due consideration of the limited resources of the government, and to identify necessary statistical activities towards improved data generation and dissemination in the PSS, among others;

WHEREAS, in determining the statistical activities to be undertaken, considerations must be given to the: a) System of Designated Statistics; b) Annual Budgetary Thrusts of the PSS; c) Philippine Statistical Development Program; and d) Budgetary Framework indicated in the National Budget Memorandum;

WHEREAS, it has been difficult for the PSA and agencies to determine the budget for statistical activities as more often than not, this is subsumed in the total budget of the agency, which makes it difficult to determine the total PSS statistical budget;

WHEREAS, the budget process cited above gives leeway to agencies to realign resources originally intended for statistics, usually a low priority, for other supposedly higher priority expenditure items;

WHEREAS, among the statistical activities considered a low priority is the processing of administrative-based data which are derived as by product of the administrative or regulatory functions of some agencies in the PSS;

WHEREAS, some administrative-based data are critical inputs to the compilation and generation of important socioeconomic indicators such as national accounts and poverty statistics;

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WHEREAS, the current Administration has sought to instill efficiency and utmost discipline in the management of public resources through reforms that will lead towards inclusive development, among which is the performance-informed budgeting (PIB) aimed at enhancing the link between planning and budgeting, with focus on outputs and outcomes;

WHEREAS, in support of the PIB approach and as endorser of the consolidated PSS budget to the DBM, the PSA takes the initiative to enjoin all agencies to provide separate line items for statistical activities, e.g., generation of statistics/indicators from the administrative forms of agencies with administrative or regulatory functions, which shall also form part of their agency performance indicators;

WHEREAS, to ensure linkage between statistical planning and budgeting and continually allocate funds to where they will be most beneficial to the statistical system, there is a need to incorporate budgets for statistical activities/projects among agency line budget items;

WHEREAS, these activities/projects shall likewise serve as agency performance targets for DBM monitoring vis-à-vis target outcomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board enjoin government agencies to provide separate line items for statistical activities/projects under Programs, Activities and Projects (PAPs) in their respective annual budget.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that:

The PSA Board:

1. Endorse this Resolution to the DBM to be included as an annex to the 2017 budget call; and
2. Recommend to the DBM: (1) the creation of an Object Code for "statistical activities" in the Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS); and (2) the inclusion of a separate line item in the General Appropriations Act for "statistical activities."

The Agencies:

1. Integrate in their Organizational Outcomes/Programs in the Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC) the "generation of quality and timely data;" and
2. Ensure prioritization of sustained budget for the generation of administrative based data that serve as critical inputs to the compilation and generation of socioeconomic indicators such as national accounts and poverty statistics.

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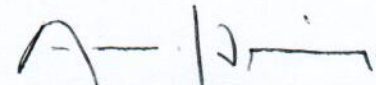
The PSA:

1. Ensure that statistical activities which are critical for the improvement and compilation of the national accounts, and the generation of poverty statistics, are identified by the concerned agencies and accorded high priority, during the statistical budget review process; and
2. Assist the agencies in identifying the list of statistics and administrative-based data to be produced by them which are important in their programs and policies.

The PSA and DBM:

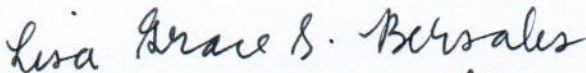
1. Discuss and formulate an implementation plan to effect the provisions of this Resolution.


Approved this 27th day of August 2015, in Pasig City.



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