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Third Quarter 2019 PSGC Updates: Conversion of Sto. Tomas into a City and Correction of Name of Bgy. Lt. Balag

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During the third quarter of 2019, **City of Sto. Tomas** was ratified through a plebiscite held on 07 September 2019. The city was created by virtue of Republic Act No. 11086 – “An Act Converting the Municipality of Sto. Tomas in the Province of Batangas into a Component City to be Known as the City of Sto. Tomas” approved on 05 October 2018.

In the same period, the name of Bgy. Lt. Bilag was corrected to **Bgy. Lt. Balag** in the Municipality of Pudtol, Apayao per certification from the Office of the Municipal Council of Pudtol issued on 19 August 2019.

With these updates, the latest number of regions, provinces, and barangays remained the same while the number of cities increased by one (1) and the number of municipalities decreased by one (1) as shown below:

Geographic-level	As of 30 September 2019	As of 30 June 2019
Regions	17	17
Provinces	81	81
Cities	146	145
Municipalities	1,488	1,489
Barangays	42,045	42,045

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