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PSA Grants Clearance to the Conduct of the Survey of Agricultural Workers in the Philippines

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On 07 February 2018, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) granted clearance to the conduct of the Survey of Agricultural Workers in the Philippines of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS).

The survey aims to produce detailed socio-economic profile of agricultural workers from key production regions of the country with information on the full range of labor and economic activities of the agricultural worker households, workers' recent employment history, patterns of employment and income seasonality, among others.

The data items to be collected in the survey include the following:

- household characteristics such as family income and expenditures, employment, compensation, prices
- employment details such as nature of employment, class of worker, daily basic pay, employment history, educational attainment
- community-level variables such as access to roads and other infrastructures (ports, main power grid, potable water) and technologies such as farm machinery

The survey will collect data from 400 individuals drawn from agricultural worker households located in the provinces of Nueva Ecija and Negros Occidental. It will be conducted consecutively in four (4) quarters which will start in March 2018 until December 2018. A total budget of Php 4.1 million will be utilized for personal services and maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) such as travelling expenses, supplies and printing of materials.

Results of the survey are expected to be released in March 2019.

The survey was reviewed and cleared for conduct under the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS), a mechanism being implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 to:

- ensure sound design for data collection;
- minimize the burden placed upon respondents;
- effect economy in statistical data collection;



- eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection efforts; and
- achieve better coordination of government statistical activities.

In line with this, the PSA enjoins agricultural household in the concerned provinces to support the said survey.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the Statistical Standards Division (SSD) of the Standards Service (SS) with telephone numbers (02) 376-1928 and (02) 376-1931, and email address: ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph or ssdss.staff@gmail.com.

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