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PSA Greenlights the Baseline Study on the State Participation in Local Government Units: Participatory Governance Metrics for Local Development Councils

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has granted clearance for the conduct of the *“Baseline Study on the State Participation in Local Government Units: Participatory Governance Metrics for Local Development Councils”* by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies.

This study aims to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the quality of participation exhibited by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Local Development Councils (LDCs), utilizing the Participatory Governance Metrics (PGM) tool as recommended by the Department of the Interior and Local Government. The evaluation will establish a baseline on the state of participation of CSOs and Local Government Unit (LGU) functionaries, their capacities, and the clarity of their roles and outcomes.

The results of the study will advance the objectives of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, particularly in promoting good governance and enhancing bureaucratic efficiency. The findings will inform policy development by the Council of Good Local Governance, created under the Seal of Good Local Governance Law, and will contribute to the review of technical indicators related to LDC functionality in the area of "Social Protection" governance.

With a total budget of around PhP 1.7 million, the study will gather data from 1,008 individuals. Key data items to be gathered include:

1. Sectoral affiliation and length (in years) of participating organizations and LGU functionaries
2. Feedback on participation experience based on PGM variables and indicators

The questionnaires will be administered and collected in October 2024, with the study's findings expected to be released between November and December 2024.

The *“Baseline Study on the State Participation in Local Government Units: Participatory Governance Metrics for Local Development Councils”* was reviewed and cleared for conduct under the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System



(SSRCS). This mechanism is implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10625 to:

1. Ensure sound design for data collection
2. Minimize the burden placed upon respondents
3. Effect economy in statistical data collection
4. Eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection efforts
5. Achieve better coordination of government statistical activities

In line with this, the PSA strongly encourages all sampled individuals to participate by providing accurate and truthful information.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the PSA **Statistical Standards Division** of the **Standards Service** at ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph.

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