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In photo, Supervising Statistical Specialist, Mr. Richard T. Guevara asking some technical questions to Administrative Assistant VI, Ms. Sienna D. Jimenez about civil registry document.

PSA Bataan: The Conduct of Random Checks and Audit to 12 Local Civil Registry Offices in Bataan

March 2025 - In compliance with Office Memorandum No. 2024-264, issued on 31 October 2024, outlining the Guidelines for the Conduct of Random Checks and Audit over Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs) pursuant to the Inspection and Visitorial Functions of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Bataan continued the Random Check and Audit across the 12 LCROs in the province.

PSA Bataan commenced the conduct of the LCRO Random Check and Audit at the LCRO Hermosa, Bataan, on 27 February 2025. The Audit Team is led by Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Francisco P. Corpuz, along with key personnel from PSA Bataan.

Due to the cooperation of the Local Civil Registry Offices, the Provincial Statistical Office was able to conduct audits in nine (9) out of the twelve (12) municipalities. The audit schedule was as follows: LCROs Dinalupihan, Abucay, and Samal on 04 March 2025; LCROs Orani, Limay and the City Civil Registry Office (CCRO) of Balanga on 05 March 2025; and LCROs Bagac and Orion on 07 March 2025. Meanwhile, the LCROs of Mariveles, Pilar, and Morong have committed to finalize their audits schedules.

The audit team consisted of Chief Statistical Specialist, together with Supervising Statistical

Specialist, Richard T. Guevara, Senior Statistical Specialist Lay Mina R. Gomez, Statistical Specialist Rosario C. De Leon, Statistical Analysts Angelica B. Fernandez and Marielle Tuazon, Accountant Chiara Osman and Registration Officers Jherico Ryan G. Herrera and Lea Angeli E. Gabriel.

The audit aimed to evaluate the proper handling, management, and documentation of civil registry files and assess the office's adherence to standardized protocols. Furthermore, the Random checks and Audit audits aims to promote integrity, transparency and the unified process of the Local Civil Registry documents in the province. It is a shared responsibility of the LCRO to ensure civil registration practices.

Additionally, the audit activity aimed to ensure LCROs' compliance with relevant civil registry laws, rules, and regulations, evaluate the status of their record archiving systems, and assess overall office management - all of which directly impact the quality of civil registration services delivered to the public.

The post-audit reports will be delivered soon to the respective Local Civil Registry Offices, Local Chief Executives, and the Office of the Civil Registrar General, along with recommendations for the improvement of LCRO operations to further enhance the efficiency of civil registration service delivery.

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PSA Central Office and PSO Bataan personnel interview one of the sample households in Dangcol, Balanga City, Bataan.

PSA Pretests I for the 21st Family Income and Expenditure Survey in Bataan

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) conducted the pretest I of the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) in barangays Dangcol and Malabia Balanga City, Bataan on 03 to 07 March 2025. This survey aims to gather data on the family income and family expenditure to determine the sources of income, levels of expenditure and spending patterns, and related information affecting income, distributions and expenditure levels, to determine income distributions and the degree of inequality among families. This survey will be a rider to the July 2025 Labor Force Survey (LFS).

With the assistance of PSO Bataan Statistical Specialist II, Allan G. Bruno and Statistical Analyst, Marielle A. Tuazon together with two hired Statistical Researchers, the pretest I ensures the instrument's effectiveness, conducting a pretest is imperative for refining and updating of questions as necessary. The pretest I implemented the Paper and Pencil Interview (PAPI) method on this survey.

The 2025 FIES pretest I utilizes the updated FIES questionnaire, developed as an output of the rethinking workshop, internal consultative meeting and external consultative forum conducted in collaboration of Central Office and Field Office Statistical Specialists, internal stakeholders within the PSA, as well as, the external stakeholders and other agency patterns.

Barangay Dangcol and Malabia represent the diverse range of income sources, with a balanced mix of households engaged in agriculture, fisheries, industry, and the services sector which is the primary based on the 2023 FIES, the main sources of income in the Province of Bataan were salaries and wages (57.6%), entrepreneurial activities (13.3%), and cash remittances from abroad (12.0%).

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Commission On Audit Exit Conference



City of San Fernando, Pampanga - PSA Bataan Accountant I Chiara Q. Osman and Administrative Assistant II Serlee Ann B. Espiritu attended this conference to clarify audit observations, discuss corrective measures, and develop an action plan at the Regional Statistical Services Office Training Room on 26 March 2025. The RSSO III together with the PSOs were already implementing the Audit Observations Memorandum.

Data Mapping



Map Data Processors have begun addressing errors found in the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Service Facilities and Government Projects mapping data collected from the field. The data validation and correction activities officially started on 11 March 2025 at the Abucay Multi-Purpose Cooperative (AMPC) Building in Calaylayan, Abucay, Bataan.

Gender And Development (GAD)



The Provincial Statistical Office of Bataan joined the regional contests for the National Women's Month Celebration Short Film and Photo Contests. The contests will focus on the theme "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas". PSA Bataan was chosen as the official entry of Region III competition.

Department Of Social Welfare And Development Caravan



The Provincial Statistical Office Bataan was invited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development Bataan to participate in their DSWD Caravan of Services, "Serbisyonang Panlipunan Handog para sa Mamamayan" on 18 March 2025. The activity was attended by Birth Registration Coordinator, Randeli Anne A. Barcarse and Municipal Civil Registrar, Analiza A. Gultiano who showed support to give assistance in Civil Registry documents. The activity aims to provide additional knowledge about the essential program and services that could help alleviate the challenges being met by the beneficiaries.

FROM THE CSS: Francisco P. Corpuz



Dela Rosa's Remarkable 35 Years of Service in PSA

PSA honors Maria Rosario Dela Rosa with a Certificate of Recognition and a Gold Bracelet for her 35 years of service. PSA Bataan held a simple ceremony to hand over the award to celebrate this milestone.

On this note, I want to take this platform to congratulate Ma'am Babes as we PSA Staff, Solemnizing Officers and Local Civil Registry Office Staff fondly call her, as she reached her 35th year in service of PSA.

Permit me to introduce her paths in PSA: Dela Rosa joined the team in 1989 as an Emergency Employee, Statistician Aide in 1992 she became a permanent employee of National Statistics Office (NSO), and as Assistant Statistical Coordinating Officer in 1993. Currently, she is the Registration Officer II, the position she is holding since the reorganization of PSA in 2015.

This year is not just her job anniversary but an opportunity to continue inspiring others through her years in government services especially in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.

The National Women's Month is an annual celebration led by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) that aims to recognize the contributions of women in various sectors of the society, raise awareness on women's issues, and promote gender equality and empowerment. This celebration is more than just a tradition – it is a call to action, urging everyone to support gender-responsive programs, policies and initiatives for a gender-fair and inclusive society.

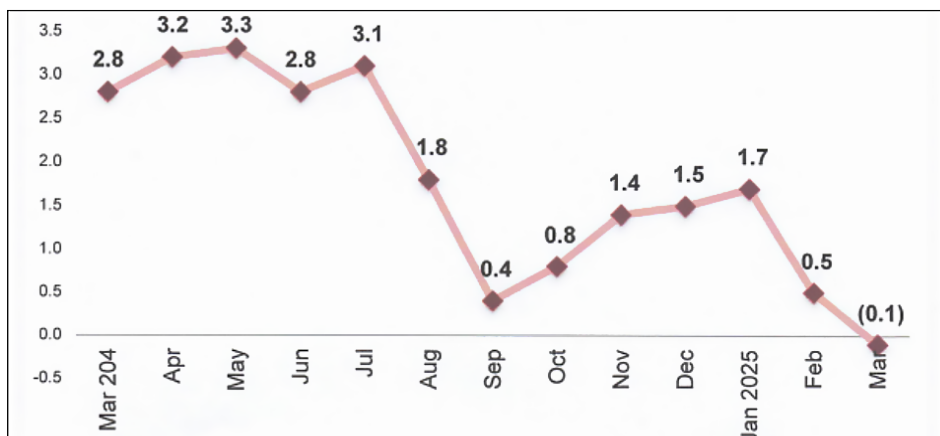
For the year 2025, the theme "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas" highlights the powerful contributions of women in our nation's economic, cultural, political, and social roles that they play by constituting a significant portion of the nation's labor force inside and outside of our homes.

In the province, I am delighted to share that our participation in the National Women's Month (NWM) activities garnered the following citations,
1) Short Film Making Contest - Regional Official Entry to the National Competition and
2) National Women's Month Photo Contest - Finalist

This March, PSA Bataan continues its mandates to conduct the Agricultural Surveys such as the Quarterly Inland and Aqua-Culture Fisheries Surveys that gather data on aquaculture production and area estimates. It focuses on the volume and value of production for various aquafarm types and species, including fishpond, pen, and cage, as well as oyster, mussel, and seaweed. The enumeration period started on 17 to 31 March 2025 during the reference quarter in top-producing municipalities. The Livestock and Poultry Survey - Commercial production that collects the information in commercial farms in Bataan Orion RS Farm, Daan Pare, Orion, Bataan, the enumeration period started on 21 to 31 March 2025. This survey determines and measures the inventory, disposition, and other related data on farm animals from commercial livestock and poultry industries and the average farm gate prices and reasons of change in production.

The PSA - Bataan carries out the January 2025 round of the Consumer Expectations Survey (CES). The CES is a joint undertaking between the PSA and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) conducted on a quarterly basis. For the first quarter this year, the duration of enumeration period is from 07 to 19 March 2025. These are sample barangays in the province. Lalawigan, Samal, Mambog – Mandama, Hermosa, Tagumpay, Orani, Wawa (Pob.), Abucay, Wakas South, Pilar, Alangan, Limay.

Likewise, the growing PSA Bataan family is thrilled to welcome Loreta Lyn F. Quiambao signed her commitment to PSA Bataan as Administrative Aide VI on 26 March 2025. This individual showed her dedication to PSA Bataan when she was a statistical researcher. I am hopeful that her years of experience as Statistical Researcher will further contribute to the growth and strength of the PSO Bataan.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100)

Bataan's overall inflation decelerated to 0.1 percent in March 2025. In February 2025, the inflation rate was recorded at 0.5 percent and in March 2024, the inflation rate was at 2.8 percent. (Figure 1).

The Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of the Overall Inflation in March 2025 was primarily brought about by the lower year-on-year growth in the index of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages at 0.9 percent in March 2025, from 0.5 percent last February 2025. This was followed by Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other fuels at 0.0 percent in March 2025, from 0.4 percent last February 2025, and Transport at -2.3 percent in March 2025, from -1.8 percent in February 2025.

The Consumer Price Index and Purchasing Power of Peso, comparing the monthly Consumer

Price Index (CPI) for all income households, Bataan records a decreased point of 132.9 in March 2025 compared to the previous month. The price changes reflected in the CPI above caused the Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in Bataan to remain at 0.75 in 2025 compared to February 2025. While the Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of Food Inflation in March 2025 was primarily brought about by a slower year-on-year increase in Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas, and Pulse at -12.7 percent, from -0.7 percent in February 2025. Fish and other seafood also contributed to the downward trend with a slower inflation rate of 2.9 percent, from 4.2 percent in February 2025 and Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals with an inflation rate of 1.0 percent, from 1.8 percent in February 2025.

March 2025				
MUNICIPALITY	2020 CPH	REGISTERED	PERCENTAGE	RANK
Abucay	42,974	34,336	79.90%	11
Bagac	31,635	27,108	85.69%	4
City of Balanga	104,173	115,826	111.19%	1
Dinalupihan	118,209	98,586	83.40%	7
Hermosa	77,443	64,849	83.74%	6
Limay	78,272	65,141	83.22%	9
Mariveles	149,809	111,828	74.65%	12
Morong	35,304	29,963	84.87%	5
Orani	70,342	63,169	89.80%	3
Orion	60,671	49,462	81.52%	10
Pilar	46,239	38,541	83.35%	8
Samal	38,302	34,446	89.93%	2
TOTAL	853,373	733,255	85.92%	

National Identification System Registration in Bataan as of March 2025

A total registrant of 733,255 Bataños have been registered in the National Identification System Step 2 in the Province of Bataan. Table 1 shows that 85.92% of the provincial target (853,373) is successfully registered in the National Identification System. It is composed of 141,107 who are 0 to 14 years old and 592,148 who are 15 years old and above.

A total registrant of 2,693 Bataños have been registered for the month of March 2025 in the National ID Step 2 in the Province of Bataan. Table 2 shows that 172.63% of the target workload for the month of March 2025 (1,560) was successfully registered in the National ID.

The City of Balanga tops the highest registrants with 111.19% based on the target from 2020 Census of Population and Housing (115,862 registrants out of 104,173 population). In the City of Balanga located the National ID fixed registration center which covers/accommodates the registrants in the whole province of

Bataan. Next, the municipality of Samal at 89.93% (34,446 out of 38,302) placing the second highest accomplishment. Then, the municipality of Orani with 89.80% (63,169 out of 70,432). The least reported percentage of accomplishment was Mariveles at 74.65% (111,828 out of 149,809).

The number of registrants slightly increased during the month of March 2025 due to the co-location with DSWD registration and authentication; given that we have four (4) registration kits in three (3) districts of Bataan and a fixed registration center at the Bunker. Coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Bataan and Department of Education Bataan (DepEd) to conduct National ID registration and authentication of National ID Card Number, issuance of ePhilID, and saturation of the area was done this month. PSA Bataan went to far-flung areas to extend the services provided. Furthermore, 4,554 in December 2024, 1,521 in January 2025 and 2,422 in February 2025.



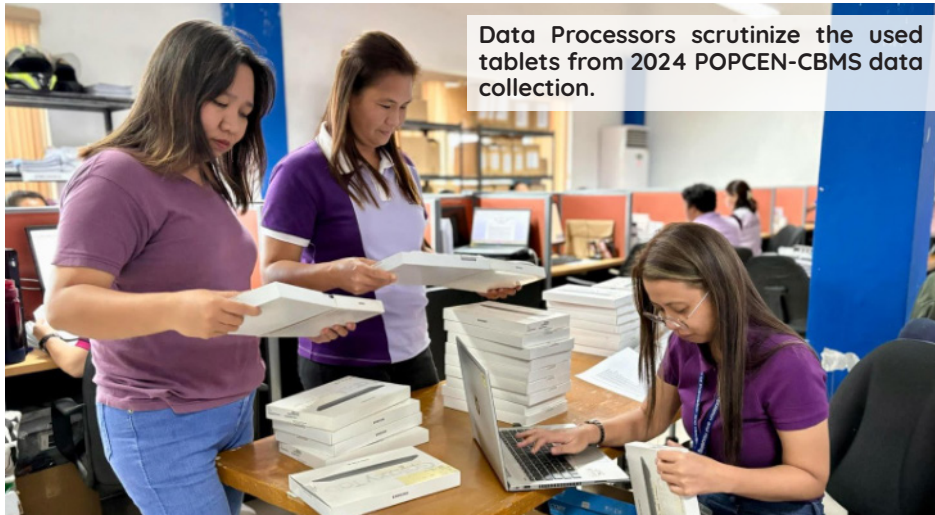
Birth Registration Coordinator Randeli Anne A. Barcarse and Municipal Civil Registrar Haidee G. Gunio assist the civil registry concerns.

PSA Bataan extends the Birth Registration Assistance Project at Barangay Wawa, Pilar, Bataan

As the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) continued to its goal, PSA Bataan in partnership with LCRO Pilar, conducted BRAP mobile registration in Wawa Barangay Hall, Brgy. Wawa, Pilar, Bataan on 6 March 2025 at Brgy. Wawa, Pilar, Bataan. BRC Barcarse assisted MCR Gunio in pertaining the documents and instructed the registrants the steps for late registration and corrections in civil registration documents during the activity.

The project collectively contributes to the overarching goals of the PSA, which includes the establishment of a robust civil registration system, the provision of accurate demographic data for policy making, and the facilitation of individuals' access to essential documents. By leveraging mobile services and technology-driven solutions, the PSA aims to create a more accessible, responsive, and inclusive civil registration system that aligns with the evolving needs of the Filipino population. There were 9 clients (2 males and 7 females) served during the activity.

The Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) is continuously implemented around the country, more and more Filipinos have benefited from this project. In addition, this project aims to increase the level of civil registration especially in marginalized communities such as those belonging to the indigenous People, Muslim Filipinos, and the poorest sector in the country and ensuring that they have their PhilIDs issued which is a gateway for them to claim their social benefits and legal identity.



Data Processors scrutinize the used tablets from 2024 POPCEN-CBMS data collection.

Data Processors Organize The Utilized Tablets From 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Data Collection

The Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) - Bataan proudly celebrated National Women's Month, honoring the achievements and contributions of women across all dimensions and sectors of society. This year's theme, "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas," highlights the roles of women in shaping a better future for the nation. Anchored on this year's observance is a Purple Wednesday in March 2025 at the Abucay Multi-Purpose Cooperative (AMPC) Building in Calaylayan, Abucay, Bataan.

Rooted in the early 20th-century activism advocating for labor rights and gender equality, the celebration continues to serve as a platform for recognizing women's accomplishments while addressing critical issues

surrounding women's empowerment and gender equality.

This initiative aimed to foster greater awareness of women's rights, celebrate their contributions across various sectors, and encourage collective action to break down barriers to gender equality, particularly within Provincial Statistical Offices throughout the Philippines.

Highlighting the celebration, PSA Bataan's POPCEN-CBMS data processors — three dedicated women — showcased their skills by organizing and logging the tablets used during field data collection. Their precision, teamwork, and dedication underline the indispensable role women play in delivering relevant and reliable statistics for the province. It is a strong reminder that women are more than capable of excelling in fields traditionally dominated by men.



Registration Officer I, Lea Angeli E. Gabriel and Statistical Analyst (COSW), Celeste G. Carlos collecting plastic garbages around the area.

Provincial Statistical Office Bataan Handles Clean Up Drive Campaign At Duhat Trail, General Lim, Orion, Bataan

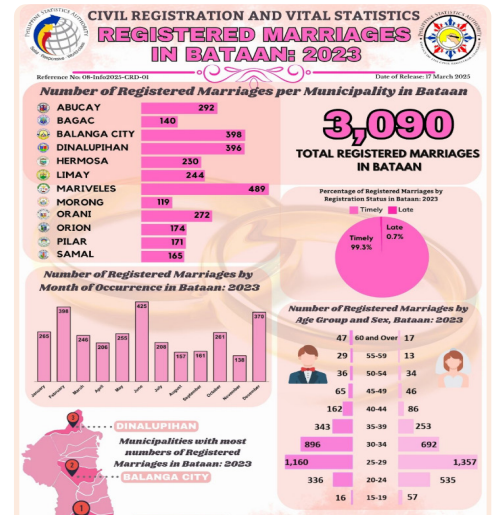
The Provincial Statistical Office of Bataan and Barangay Officials from General Lim, Orion, Bataan handled the Clean Up Drive held at Duhat Trail, General Lim, Orion, Bataan on 12 March 2025. The activity aims to collaborate with other agencies to advocate environmental activity to the residents that will remove trash and to plant trees in the tourist areas specifically in Duhat Trail where tourists spot and to identify debris to change the behavior of the people.

The activity starts with a courtesy call from the barangay and assigned personnel of Duhat Trail Area before conducting the said activity. Information Officer I, Tristan Espinosa emphasized the importance of this initiative on his orientation.

PSA Bataan makes one way forward in this initiative headed by the Chief Statistical Specialist, Francisco P. Corpuz and the barangay officials who helped to clean the area specifically on the sidewalk and benches in the area were different from the view spot of Mt. Samat located. The staff were divided into two groups for the simultaneous activities.

The Local Government of Orion continues to improve the cleanliness of the area by providing a barangay tanod to easily address the concern of the local tourist and to navigate the spot where the people can enjoy the serenity of the nature vibes.

Participants believe that clean up drive helps to connect people in the community to the benefits of trees and foster environmental stewardship.



Data on marriages presented in this release were obtained from the registered marriages, either timely or belatedly, at the appropriate Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars throughout the country and subsequently submitted for encoding to the Office of the Civil Registrar General through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs). The PSA Bataan recorded a total of 3,090 registered marriages in Bataan. Municipality of Mariveles has the highest number of registered marriages because of its highest population in the province. The least reported number of registration was the Municipality of Morong. In the month of occurrence in Bataan, June has the highest number of recorded marriages. June still holds a strong cultural and logistical appeal for many couples in the province, people believed marrying in June brought luck and fertility. Overall recordings, 99.3 percent, were timely and 0.3 percent late in the registration process.

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