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PSA ZAMBALES ACHIEVES SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IN THE FIRST ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION SURVEILLANCE AUDIT



Olongapo City — The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Zambales has successfully completed its first surveillance audit for the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System certification on 26 March 2025. This achievement marks the office's first milestone for the year, demonstrating its firm commitment to excellence in service delivery and operational integrity.

The audit, conducted as part of PSA Zambales' ongoing efforts to maintain the highest standards of

of statistical practice, aims to reinforce public trust in the agency's continuous delivery of reliable statistics, efficient civil registration services, and an inclusive identification system through PhilSys. Notably, the entire PSA Zambales team demonstrated unity and readiness, with a 100% attendance rate during the audit.

The evaluation was led by Mr. Benson Platino of TUV NORD Philippines, an independent certification body. Mr. Platino thoroughly assessed the agency's core processes, including Statistical Operations, Civil Registration Operations, and PhilSys Registration and Issuance.

Chief Statistical Specialist Norman L. Bundalian expressed heartfelt gratitude to the PSA Zambales personnel for their dedication and hard work. "This accomplishment is a reflection of our collective commitment to delivering high-quality services to our clients and stakeholders," he said.

The auditor, Mr. Platino, also provided valuable feedback and recommendations that will further strengthen the office's systems, enhance efficiency, and ensure continuous improvement in its services.

With the success of the audit, PSA Zambales reaffirms its dedication to maintaining quality standards and upholding its mission to provide accurate, timely, and reliable statistics and services to the public.

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The Crops Production Survey generates essential production data for crops other than palay and corn, covering a wide range of categories such as fruit crops, vegetable crops, root crops, and non-food and industrial crops at both regional and provincial levels. This quarterly activity is conducted during the last ten (10) days of the third month of each quarter—March, June, September, and November.

To ensure uniformity in the implementation of field operation procedures for the First Quarter of 2025, training for Statistical Researchers (SRs) at the third level was conducted on March 7, 2025.

For this operation, PSA Zambales covered a total of 335 household samples and 16 establishment samples. The data collection phase was allocated 46 days, with five Statistical Researchers assigned for data collection and one SR dedicated to data processing. Data collection and supervision were successfully carried out from March 10 to 31, 2025.

The succeeding activities, including data processing, generation of output tables, and the Provincial Data Review, are scheduled to take place this April 2025 to ensure the timely and accurate release of survey results.



GEOTAGGING OF SERVICE FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT PROJECTS (SFGP): ENHANCING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH GEOSPATIAL DATA

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Zambales successfully conducted its Third Level Training on the **Geotagging of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP)**, also known as the **POPCEN-CBMS Form 8 Operation**, on March 10–13, 2025 at the Subic Bay Travelers Hotel, Subic Bay Freeport Zone. This nationwide undertaking aims to capture and collect relevant and timely geospatial data on service facilities, government projects, and ongoing building constructions, including private construction. The data gathered will support Local Government Units (LGUs) and National Government Agencies (NGAs) in creating thematic maps to improve service delivery, project monitoring, and resource allocation.

The training was actively participated in by twelve (12) Map Data Collectors, three (3) Team Supervisors, five (5) Map Data Processors, two (2) Map Data Reviewers, three (3) PSA Zambales staff, and one (1) staff from PSA RSSO III. During the training, all field personnel were able to experience actual tagging of service facilities, government projects, and building constructions using the tablets provided. To further equip the participants, a mock interview was conducted, simulating possible scenarios in field operations to prepare them for real-world experiences and challenges.

This hands-on training ensured that field personnel are well-prepared to carry out the operation effectively, contributing to the successful implementation of the geotagging initiative in Zambales.



SA Roxanne B. Lerio and ISA II Marvic Jay O. Licudan served as resource persons during the training.

STATISTICAL OPERATION		
Operation	March 2025	
	Deadline	Date of Submission
MPCSR	March 17	March 15
Farm Price Survey	March 10	March 11
Fisheries (Monthly)		
RCSS		
Household	March 18	March 11
Commercial	March 18	March 11
CPI All Commodities		
Zambales	March 9 and 19	March 9 and 19
Olongapo	March 9 and 19	March 6 and 19
2025 CPI Petroleum Products		
Zambales	March 5,12,19,26	March 4,11,18,26
Olongapo	March 5,12,19,26	March 4,11,18,26
Labor Force Survey (February round)	March 8	March 7

STATISTICAL OPERATION		
Operation	March 2025	
	Number of Samples	Number of Distribution / Collection
Building Permit		48
Foreign Documents		395
Export Declaration:DTI Forms		44
Export Declaration:SAD Docs		140
Outward		42
Certificate of Origin		169
MISSI	29	14
PPS	23	12
QSPBI	45	45 (d)

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PSA ZAMBALES PREPARES FOR THE
2024 ASPBI AND SICT OPERATIONS

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Zambales continues to gear up for its major economic data collection activities, as Statistical Analyst/Provincial Focal Person, Rhea L. Barrera, and Administrative Officer I/Assistant Focal Person, Blessie F. Flores, attended the Second Level Training held in March 24 to 28, 2025, at SureStay Studio by Best Western, Angeles City.

The training covered two significant economic surveys: the 2024 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) and the 2024 Survey on Information and Communications Technology (SICT). These surveys play a critical role in providing comprehensive data on the structure and performance of the country's economy, as well as assessing the utilization of information and communication technologies across industries.

The ASPBI operation will run until July 31, 2025, while the SICT operation is scheduled to continue through August 15, 2025. The training equipped participants with the updated guidelines, operational procedures, and best practices to ensure accurate and timely data collection.

Through these initiatives, PSA Zambales reaffirms its commitment to delivering reliable economic statistics in support of informed policy making and sustainable economic growth.