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## **PSA-Sultan Kudarat Enjoins Support for 2018 FIES V2**

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is currently conducting the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey Visit 2 (2018 FIES V2). It is a rider survey to the 2019 January Labor Force Survey (LFS). Sultan Kudarat Province has a total sample of 1,425 households from 96 primary sampling units/Enumeration Areas, which is deemed sufficient to provide provincial level estimates. Fifty Five (55) Statistical Researchers and Field Personnel are deployed in the conduct of the 2018 FIES V2 province wide.

The 2018 FIES is conducted twice. The first visit was undertaken in July 2018 with January to June 2018 as the reference period and the second visit is conducted in January 2019 with July to December 2018 as the reference period. The same set of questions is asked for both visits.

The FIES is a nationwide survey of households undertaken every three years. It is the main source of data on family income and expenditure, which include among others, levels of consumption by item of expenditure as well as sources of income in cash and in kind. The results of FIES provide information on the levels of living and disparities in income of Filipino families, as well as their spending patterns; provide benchmark information to update the weights used in the estimation of Consumer Price Index (CPI); and provide inputs in the estimation of the country's poverty threshold and incidence.

In line with this, the PSA Sultan Kudarat Provincial Statistical Office enjoins the support of the public, especially the selected sample households, to support and cooperate in the conduct of the 2018 FIES V2. Rest assured that individual data furnished by the respondent shall be kept strictly confidential under Section 26 of RA10625.

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