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PSA Cotabato Provincial Statistical Office to Conduct the 2022 Women and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Development Index (WIDI) Survey

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The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cotabato Provincial Statistical Office will conduct the **Women and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Development Index (WIDI) Survey**, the first national survey on ICT focusing on women and girls in the country.

The WIDI aims to enrich the domain of women and ICT by establishing key indicators that will capture the situation of women focusing on aspects of the Digital Economy, ICT access, and ICT usage that are affecting women the most.

This survey hopes to provide a more in-depth study of women and ICTs, especially on documenting how ICTs are used to expand women's social, economic, and livelihood opportunities. It also aims to provide an added dimension in women's participation in the Digital Economy by providing data on workforce participation in employment, livelihood, and entrepreneurship using ICTs and online digital platform.

The enumeration will start on January 31 until February 26, 2022 to 390 randomly selected sample households in the province through Computer Aided Personal Interview (CAPI) using Android tablets as the primary mode of data collection with strict adherence to minimum health protocols.

The WIDI Survey is in collaboration with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

The PSA appeals to the public to actively participate in the conduct of the said survey by providing truthful, complete and accurate information that will ultimately serve as vital input in evidence-based planning and decision making.

Further, the PSA assures its respondents that all information collected from them shall be kept **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL** as explicitly provided in Section 26 of RA 10625 which stipulates that "individual data furnished by the respondents to statistical inquiries, surveys and censuses of the PSA shall be considered as privileged information and such shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceedings".

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