

Press Release

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2023 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Data Turn-over to the Local Government of Pigcawayan, Cotabato



PSA Cotabato in collaboration with the Local Government of Pigcawayan successfully turned over the results of the 2023 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) through the ceremonial activity conducted on April 7, 2025 in the Sangunian Bayan Hall of Pigcawayan, Cotabato.

This momentous event was graced by the presence of esteemed Officials from the LGU including the Local Chief Executive Hon. Mayor Juanito C. Agustin, Municipal Administrator Dr. Silvino Q. Tejada, CESO III, Municipal Councilor Almyrah P. Sumalde, Municipal Planning and Development Officer Jetriell Louie A. Fenol, EnP, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Officer Hazel J. Aspacio, Department Heads, LGU staff and PSA XII officials headed by Regional Director Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V, OIC Chief Statistical Specialist of Cotabato Province Norhayyah A. Tula together with Provincial CBMS Focal Person, Senior Statistical Specialist Edna A. Alagano, Senior Statistical Specialist Christy R. Amban, and Administrative Officer III Venissa A. Suaili of PSA RSSO 12.

The Municipal Vice Mayor, Hon. Niel Jake V. Casi, represented by LGU Administrator Dr. Silvino Q. Tejada, CESO III welcomed and expressed his greetings to the participants. In his speech, He said, “We have seen a great performance from both the local government as well as the Philippine Statistics Authority. Once again we will be having important and relevant information that we can utilize especially in planning and program implementation. I am very proud that we have completed the activity as far as CBMS is concerned. We will be able to make good use of this essential data”

Regional Director Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V shared in his message, “This ceremony marks a significant milestone not only for your Local Government Unit but also for Region XII

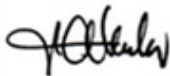


as a whole, being the 6th CBMS turned over for Cotabato province. Other than being a statistical undertaking, CBMS is a powerful tool for transformation. The granular data you now hold gives a clear picture of development gaps at the Barangay level. From access to water and sanitation, electricity, internet, and health services, to employment, education, and public safety, each data point is a voice from your community. Data is not just number; it is the voice of your people. Listen to it, act on it, and let it guide your path to sustainable development”.

Plans and programs that will utilize the CBMS data were discussed by the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, Jetriel Louie A. Fenol, EnP, He highlighted in his presentation Pigcawayan’s dominant agricultural activities, the municipality is undertaking an Agri-commercial approach in achieving its goal of becoming a progressive town with a self-sufficient economy. The town boasts large areas of untapped land that offer a lot of potential for development in agriculture, industry, commerce, tourism, and culture. He proposed increasing the production rate for both agricultural and high-value crops through the expansion of commercial areas along the national highway and in some rural areas.

Supervising Statistical Specialist, Christy R. Amban delivered her closing remarks, and stated, “We encourage our local leaders and stakeholders to fully utilize the CBMS data in shaping a more resilient, equitable, and progressive Pigcawayan. The PSA SOCCSKSARGEN is looking forward to supporting the local government by providing reliable data. Let us continue working towards a future where no one is left behind.”

With a renewed sense of purpose and responsibility, the LGU and local leaders are now equipped to craft targeted programs, prioritize resources, and implement initiatives that reflect the true voice of their constituents ensuring that every decision made is grounded in real data and aimed at creating a brighter, more resilient future for all.



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