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PSA Enjoins Support for the Conduct of the 2020 July Round of Labor Force Survey and 2020 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) gears up for the nationwide conduct of the 2020 July Round of Labor Force Survey (LFS) and 2020 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS). It has a national sample of approximately 44,000 housing units deemed sufficient to provide reliable estimates at the national and regional levels. In SOCCSKSARGEN Region, it will cover 1,954 household samples. Data enumeration will commence on 8 July 2020 and will end on 31 July 2020.

The LFS is a nationwide quarterly survey of households conducted by the PSA to gather data on the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the population. Among the objectives of the LFS is to provide a quantitative framework for the preparation of plans and formulation of policies affecting the labor market. This is a very important input in the provision of statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment and underemployment for the country, as a whole, and for each of the administrative regions.

The 2020 APIS, on the other hand, is the fourteenth in a series of poverty indicators survey conducted nationwide since 1998. The APIS is designed to provide estimates for non-income indicators related to poverty. It gathers data on the socio-economic profile of families and other information that are related to their living conditions.

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

Furthermore, the PSA assures its respondents that all information collected from them shall be kept confidential. Section 26 of Republic Act 10625 stipulates that individual data furnished by the respondent 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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