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2022 National Demographic and Health Survey
Second Level Training and Enumeration

<u>Training</u>:

The 2022 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) Second Level Training was conducted simultaneously by all regions from April 4-26, 2022 excluding April 14-16 to pay respect in the observance of the Holy Week and Sundays.

For SOCCSKSARGEN Region, it was spearheaded by the Regional Director, Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon CESO V and Statistical Operations Coordination Division (SOCD) Chief, Ma. Eileen A. Berdeprado, together with the Regional Focal Person/Statistical Specialist (SS) II, Evelyn Quijano and Regional Information Technologist, Norjana Hadjinor served as the trainers during the whole duration of the training while Assistant Statistician Gemelyn F. Macabiog and Statistical Specialist I COSW Joanna U. Bentoso from Central Office served as the resource persons from April 4-9, 2022 only.

The 17-day training was held at Mapa Hall, PSA Regional Office XII in City of Koronadal, South Cotabato and participated by the Provincial Focal Persons of four provinces, SS II Helen Colango of PSA Cotabato, SS II Roselyn Fornan of PSA Sultan Kuadarat, SS II Josephine Severino of PSA South Cotabato and Statistical Analyst Cheryl Ann Polistico of PSA Sarangani, together with the 14 hired Statistical Researchers (SR) and 5 Team Supervisors (TS) across the region. All Provincial Statistics Officers attended the said training on the first three days only.

During the 1st day of the training, survey objectives were highlighted including fieldwork procedures, and duties and responsibilities of all NDHS personnel involved. The survey has two questionnaires; form 1 which is the Household Questionnaire (HQ) and form 2 which is the Individual Woman's Questionnaire (IWQ) which were discussed in detail on a per item basis in the succeeding days. HQ is used to record some information about members of the household that is, those who usually live in the household and visitor that is, those who do not usually live in the household but who stayed there the previous night at the time of interview. Housing characteristics of the sample household were also asked in HQ such as the type of water used, type of sanitation facility, type of cookstove, the quality of flooring, ownership of durable goods and farm animals.

All women in the sample household aged 15 to 49 years old are considered eligible women to proceed with the IWQ. However, for the woman's safety module as part of the IWQ, only one eligible woman per household will be interviewed in this section. For child discipline, only one child from among aged 1 to 14 years old will be randomly selected by the system to carry on the applicable questions. Filter and skipping patterns were emphasized so as to limit asking questions not applicable to responses given by the respondent.

Instructions on how to use the Computer Aided Personal Interviewing (CAPI) system including the bluetooth transfer, sending and receiving of household assignment to uploading of data files directly to the server were also presented with actual practice through mock interview every after the discussion per section ended, to help the SRs familiarize the questionnaires and the system and eventually get used to it.

The last two days of the training were spent on field practice with the requirement to interview at least three households per day as it is the required output in the actual enumeration. Every team from different provinces had presented their observations, problems encountered, issues and concern while respective focal persons shared some comments, recommendations and actions to be taken to avoid recurrence. Supervisor's manual was tackled on the last day of the training.

<u>Enumeration</u>:

The 2022 NDHS is the 12th in a series conducted every 5 years since 1968. The survey aims to collect data on fertility, family planning, fertility preferences, childhood mortality, maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS awareness, reproductive health, child discipline and early childhood development and violence against women among others. The information which will be gathered will help the policy makers and program planners monitor and evaluate population, health and nutrition programs.

The conduct of the 2022 NDHS started last May 2, 2022 and is expected to finish on June 22, 2022. For Sarangani including General Santos City, there are two teams consisting of 1 TS and 3 SRs for team 1 while 1 TS and 2 SRs for team 2, to cover all assigned clusters in the province. There are eight clusters with 176 sample households for General Santos City and twelve clusters with 350 sample households for Sarangani for a total workload of 526 sample households for the entire province. Currently, hired field personnel are now visiting the sample households and individuals to conduct the personal interview using the CAPI system.

PSA Sarangani enjoins sample households and eligible women to support the 2022 NDHS by providing accurate and complete information to authorized PSA SRs and TS to make this undertaking successful.

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