

<u>Philippine Statistics Authority</u> Soccksargen Region

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PSA Enjoins Support for the 2018 Family Income and **Expenditure Survey**

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) gears up for the nationwide conduct of the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES). It will cover approximately 180,000 households for the entire country and will involve 6,800 Statistical Researchers and Field Personnel nationwide. The sample size is deemed sufficient to provide for provincial level estimates.

In SOCCSKSARGEN Region, the undertaking will require 365 personnel to enumerate 7,700 household samples.

The FIES 2018 field enumeration will be conducted twice. The first visit will be done in July 2018 with January to June 2018 as reference period. The second visit is scheduled in January 2019 with July to December 2018 as reference period. Same set of guestions will be 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. Moreover, the FIES will provide information on living standards and disparities in income of Filipino families, as well as their spending patterns; provide benchmarking information to update the weights used in the estimation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and provide inputs in the estimation of the country's poverty threshold and incidence.

In line with this, the PSA seeks the support of all stakeholders, especially the sample households to cooperate in the conduct of the FIES 2018.

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