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# OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY XII



Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat - In line with Office Memorandum 2025-103 dated 30 April 2025, the Philippine Statistics Authority Region held a three-day mid-year performance review and planning workshop from 9-11 July 2025 at the Villa Lalaine Hot and Cold Spring Resort. Officials and staff from the and offices regional provincial gathered to assess accomplishments, identify areas for improvement, and collaboration strengthen achieving PSA's goals for the year.

Regional Director Maqtahar L. Manulon emphasized the importance of evaluating not only the office's overall performance but also individual and unit-level contributions. He urged staff to recognize not just weaknesses also good but practices that consistently drive success. RD Manulon highlighted the critical role of provincial heads in leading day-to-day operations, solving problems, implementing agency plans. acknowledged everyone's hard work and encouraged the team to move forward with unity, clarity, determination.

Key presentations included reports on major accomplishments through an audio-visual presentation, the revised second semester work program, workload analysis, the Opportunity Registry and Risk Registry Action Plan, and updates on financial and physical accomplishments. Discussions also covered human resource matters and various office innovations.

Participants also attended an orientation on the PSA Strategic Plan 2023–2028 and a session on laws and regulations facilitated by a representative from the Land Transportation Office (LTO) XII. The event wrapped up with evening socials, games, and prize-giving, which added a fun and engaging element to the activity. (NMHD—SOCD)



The **Tnalak Festival**, celebrated in **South Cotabato**, **Philippines**, is a vibrant cultural event held annually in **July** to commemorate the province's founding and honor the Tboli tribe's rich heritage, particularly their traditional Tnalak weaving. The **festivals name** comes from the **Tnalak cloth**, a **sacred textile woven by Tboli women**, with intricate patterns believed to be revealed to them in dreams by their goddess of abacá. The festival **features street dancing**, **weaving competitions**, **cultural exhibits**, and **more**.

#### PSA XII reports June 2025 Inflation Rate



Koronadal, South Cotabato — The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Region XII presented the inflation data for June 2025 during a virtual dissemination forum held via Google Meet on 14 July 2025. The event gathered representatives from regional line agencies, media, and various stakeholders. Regional Director Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V, led the presentation, revealing that the region posted a -0.9 percent inflation rate for the month, marking the fifth consecutive month of negative inflation since February.

SOCCSKSARGEN continued to hold the lowest inflation rate among all regions for the eighth month in a row. RD Manulon highlighted key contributors to the overall inflation movement, including increases in the indices of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

(1.7 percent), Transport (-2.9 percent), and Restaurants and Accommodation Services (1.7 percent). He emphasized that the region's persistent low inflation reflects stable to declining prices in major commodity groups.

Among the top five commodities that significantly influenced June's overall inflation were Rice (-20.4 percent), Corn (-12.8 percent), Gasoline (-8.7 percent), Diesel (-8.7 percent), and fresh Pumpkins, Squash, and Gourds (-16.2 percent). For the bottom 30 percent income households, the region recorded an even lower inflation rate of -2.0 percent. The primary source of this deceleration was the price drop in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, which posted a 2.9 percent inflation rate and contributed 53.5 percent to the overall inflation for the sector. (NMHD—SOCD)





### PSA RSSO XII Conducts Second Level Training for the 2025 ULAFO-LMFLC



The Philippine Statistics Authority XII conducted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Training for the 2025 Updating of List of Agricultural Farm Operators and Inland Fishing Households and 2025 Listing of Marine Fish Landing Centers on July 21 to 25, 2025 at Mapa Hall,

PSA RSSO XII, Koronadal City.

The five-day training was attended by the PSA RSSO XII Regional Director, Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V, together with the Provincial Focal Persons of the 2025 ULAFO-LMFLC and their respective Chief Statistical Specialists.

Senior Statistical Specialist Christy R. Amban, Statistical Specialist II Mujahid J. Jaji of PS-RSSO XII, Senior Statistical Specialist Florante O. Cadiz of PSA South Cotabato. Statistical Specialist II Santiago K. Sampulna of PSA Sarangani and two representative of PSA Central Office, Statistical Specialist I Ma. Theresa Rapanan and Statiscal Analyst Fatima Bagul served as trainers discussing the concepts and definitions of the said survey. The PSA embarks on another important statistical



undertakings as part of its continuous efforts towards the improvement of its agricultural and fisheries surveys and statistics. The ULAFO-LMFLC aims to collect data and information on all agricultural farm operators and its activities, inland fishing, and landing centers in the whole country. The information will be used for the continuous development of sampling frame for quarterly agricultural and fisheries surveys.

The PSA XII solicits all stakeholders in the region, especially households, to support the 2025 ULAFO-LMFLC. (VAS—SOCD)

#### PSA RSSO XII Conducts Second Level Training for the 2025 National Migration Survey

Koronadal City, South Cotabato—The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) XII conducted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Training for the 2025 National Migration Survey (NMS) on July 21-25, 2025 at Bersales Hall, PSA RSSO XII, Koronadal City.

The five-day training was attended by the PSA RSSO XII Regional Director, Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V, together with the Provincial Focal Persons, Statistical Researchers, and their respective Chief Statistical Specialists.

Assistant Statistician, Hasanal Fakri M. Ismael of PSA RSSO XII and Supervising Statistical Specialist, Nazar A. Mohammadsha of PSA Cotabato served as trainers discussing the NMS concepts and operational definition.

Chief Statistical Specialist, Teodoro M. Orteza, of the Demographic and Health Statistics Division (DHSD), PSA Central Office and Statistical Analyst, Aubrey Nicole B. Dangca, PSA Central Office, served as observers and discussed the significance of the training.

The NMS aims to provide information on the mobility of the Philippine population to assist policymakers and program managers in evaluating and designing strategies for improving services and assistance to people abroad or moving within the country. The PSA Board approved on 16 February 2024 the conduct of the National Migration Survey every 10 years



starting 2025 through PSA Board Resolution No. 16 Series of 2024.

The PSA XII solicits all stakeholders in the region, especially sample households, to support the 2025 National Migration Survey which will be conducted from August 04 to September 05, 2025. (HFMI—SOCD)

#### PSA RSSO 12 Culminates 51st Nutrition Month Celebration



Koronadal City, South Cotabato — The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) XII joined the nation in the celebration of 51st Nutrition Month with the theme "Food at Nutrition Security Maging Priority! Sapat na Pagkain Karapatan Natin!.

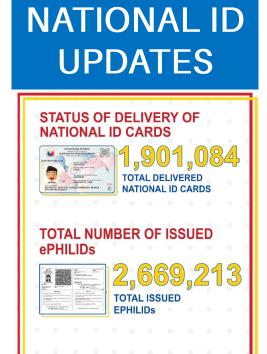
A NutriRUN was conducted on 31 July 2025 at South Cotabato

Sports Complex, Koronadal City. It was aimed to promote a healthier PSA, encourages commitment to active lifestyles, and raise awareness on food and nutrition security.

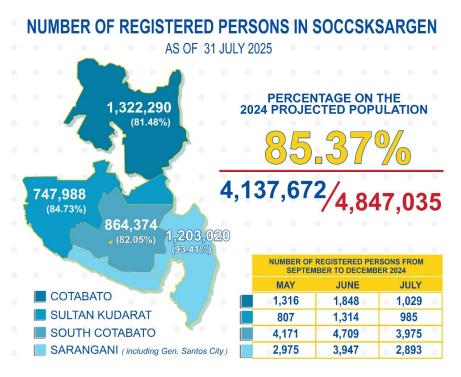
The said activity was participated by regional staff and selected provincial personnel of

PSA South Cotabato. The NutriRUN has two (2) categories, 3km and 5km. More than half of the employees were 5km finishers.

PSA XII will continue its efforts to improve nutrition and health intervention in the workplace. (FHSM—CRASD)



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## Koronadal CCRO Among Nation's Best: Bags 9<sup>th</sup> Place and Circle of Excellence in 2025 CRVS Awards



The Philippine Statistics Authority - Regional Statistical Services Office XII proudly congratulates the Local Government Unit of Koronadal, through its City Civil Registry Office (CCRO), for its outstanding achievement as one of the Top 10 Most Outstanding Local Civil Registry Offices in the Philippines under the Super Extra Category, securing 9<sup>th</sup> place in the 2024 LCRO Awards.

Gensan's CCRO Shines as 2<sup>nd</sup>
Runner-Up in 2025 Most
Innovative LCRO Nationwide
Search

The City Civil Registry Office (CCRO) of General Santos was recognized as the Regional Winner for the Most Innovative Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) in SOCCSKSARGEN and was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up in the prestigious 2025 Nationwide Search for the Most Innovative LCRO for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS).

The awarding ceremony was held on July 30, 2025, at the SMX Convention Center, Clark, Mabalacat, Pampanga. The plaque of recognition was received by City Civil Registrar Marlene C. Pelayo of CCRO General Santos, together with PSA Regional Director Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V.

The Plaque of Recognition was formally received by City Civil Registrar Perla C. Quidilla, accompanied by PSA RSSO XII Regional Director Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V, during the 4<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) held on 30 July 2025 at the SMX Convention Center, Clark, Pampanga.

In addition to this notable recognition, the Koronadal CCRO was further honored with the prestigious Circle of Excellence Award, a distinction reserved for LCROs that demonstrate sustained commitment to innovation, service excellence, and best practices in civil registration.

This milestone reflects the unwavering dedication of the LGU of Koronadal and its CCRO team to deliver efficient, inclusive, and citizen-focused civil registration services. (*ELG—CRASD*)



With the theme "Building a Resilient, Agile, and Future-Fit Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System," the national search highlights excellence in innovation, service delivery, and best practices among LCROs across the country. CCRO General Santos was lauded for its exemplary efforts in fostering a culture of innovation, implementing sustainable solutions, and inspiring other offices through its initiatives. (ELG—CRASD)

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# Civil Registry System (CRS) Koronadal City Outlet

The Civil Registry System (CRS) Koronadal City Outlet was inaugurated last 27 June 2022 that will cater requests of Koronadal City residents as well as its nearby cities and municipalities.

#### Services offered:

- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR)
- Certificate of No Death (CENODEATH)
- Marriage Certificate
- Death Certificate

For Online Appointments, kindly access this link: https://appointment.psa.gov.ph/

Thank you.

