

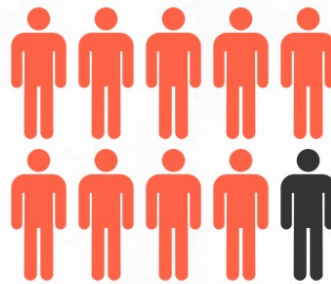
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## PSA SOX Releases 2024 FLEMMS Literacy and Media Findings for SOCCSKSARGEN

### I. Basic Literacy



**87.2% or  
9 out of 10  
Individuals in  
SOCCSKSARGEN  
Age 5 years and over**

**can**



**read,**



**write, and**



**compute**

2024 FUNCTIONAL LITERACY, EDUCATION AND MASS MEDIA SURVEY  
3 June 2025 | Mapa Hall, Regional Statistical Service Office XII,  
JYSL Annex Building, Balmores Street, Koronadal City

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Koronadal City, South Cotabato – Stakeholders from various sectors gathered on 03 June 2025, at Mapa Hall, RSSO XII, Koronadal City, for the Regional Data Dissemination Forum of the 2024 Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS). The forum brought together representatives from regional agencies, the academe, local government units (LGUs), and media organizations. OIC-CSS Norhayyah A. Tula presented the Basic and Functional Literacy results, while OIC-CSS Ma. Eileen Berdeprado of South Cotabato delivered the findings on mass media usage. The event also featured insights from Regional Director Phlorita A. Ridao of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development

XII, and Mr. Jay-ar S. Lipura, Education Program Supervisor of DepEd XII.

Regional Director Ridao highlighted the implications of the 2024 FLEMMS results for the SOCCSKSARGEN region, stressing the urgency for the Department of Education to close literacy and numeracy gaps through inclusive, evidence-based strategies. She emphasized the importance of enhancing curriculum design, teacher training, and resource allocation, while reinforcing early interventions to improve foundational skills. Ridao also called for expanded alternative learning systems, stronger community partnerships, and collaborative efforts among sectors to ensure equitable access to quality education.

Mr. Lipura emphasized the pandemic's lasting impact on literacy, particularly among children aged 10–14, and called for urgent reforms addressing both basic and higher-order literacy skills. He identified poverty, geographic isolation, and the digital divide as major barriers to learning, underscoring the need for digital literacy, localized remediation programs, and mass media engagement. Lipura recommended strengthening the Alternative Learning System (ALS), building community learning hubs, and developing culturally responsive materials to support inclusive education and improve literacy outcomes across the region. (NMHD—SOCDC)



**Philippine Independence Day**, celebrated on **June 12**, commemorates the declaration of independence from Spain by Emilio Aguinaldo on **June 12, 1898**. Initially, the Philippines observed July 4 as Independence Day, a date granted by the United States in 1946. In **1962**, **President Diosdado Macapagal shifted the celebration to June 12 to honor the original declaration** and symbolize a break from American colonial influence.

## RSSO 12 CRASD Concludes its 2025 Mid-year Performance Review Sessions

Koronadal City, South Cotabato—The Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division (CRASD) of RSSO 12 conducted its 2025 Mid-year Performance Review Sessions on 02 to 03 June 2025 at Bersales Hall, PSA RSSO XII, Koronadal City.

The said activity was spearheaded by Regional Director Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V. Also present were CRASD official and employees.

The review sessions aimed to comprehensively assess the progress and performance of all PSA Operating Units (OUs). It was



designed to evaluate the progress, identify areas for improvement, and foster collaboration within

PSA, to ensure the successful achievement of agency goals for the year. (FHSM—CRASD)

## RSSO XII SOCD Assesses Mid-Year Performance



Koronadal City, South Cotabato—The Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) of PSA Regional Statistical Services Office XII (RSSO XII) conducted its 2025 Pre Mid-Year Performance Review Sessions from 02-03 June 2025, at Virola Hall, PSA RSSO XII Office. The sessions were attended by division officials and staff, who convened to evaluate progress on the division's work plan and performance metrics for the first half



of the year.

Statistical Specialist II Nazar A. Mohammadsha opened the sessions with a presentation on the division's major accomplishments, followed by SS II Evelyn L. Quijano, who discussed the 2025 Consolidated Work Program. Senior Statistical Specialist Christy Amban then presented the Updated 2025 Workload Analysis, highlighting new and additional tasks assigned to staff.

SrSS Wilmer S. Bacera tackled the Risk Registry and Opportunity Action Plan, while SS II Hasnah G. Muyco outlined catch-up plans. The session concluded with SS II Mujahid J. Jaji leading the discussion on the updated Calendar of Activities, gathering inputs on upcoming programs and tasks from focal persons.

More than just reviewing numbers, the sessions aimed to build stronger collaboration within the team, spot areas where improvements can be made, and ensure everyone's aligned on goals for the rest of the year. (NMHD—SOCD)



# May 2025 Inflation in SOCCSKSARGEN Drops to -1.1 percent

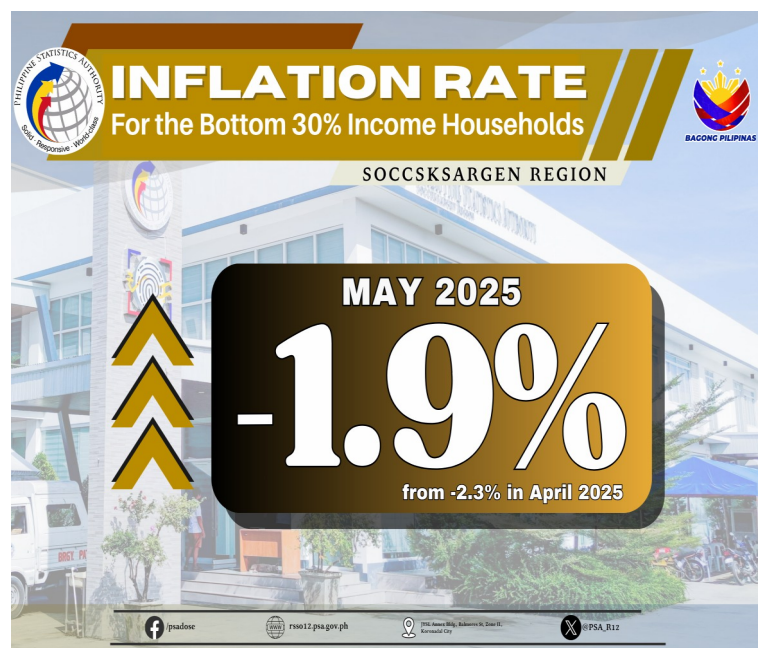
*Koronadal City, South Cotabato* – The Philippine Statistics Authority RSSO XII held a data dissemination forum on 16 June 2025, in Koronadal City to present the region’s May 2025 inflation figures. The forum gathered representatives from regional agencies and stakeholders to discuss economic implications.

Regional Director Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon reported a -1.1% inflation rate—the fourth straight month of deflation. Despite a -2.9% drop in Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, the group remained the top contributor due to its 95.2% weight. Key drivers included Fish (3.7%), Fruits and nuts (6.9%), and Transport (-4.3%). Top inflation



contributors were Rice (18.8%), Gasoline (-13.2%), Corn (-14.1%), Eggplants (-22.4%), and Squash (-14.8%).

For the bottom 30% income households, inflation was lower at -1.9%, driven by a -4.7% rate in food-related items. In contrast, the Housing and Utilities group showed an uptrend, recording 4.3% inflation with a 40.7% share. (NMHD—SOCD)



## PSA XII Conducts Training on Retail Price Survey (RPS) and Wholesale Price Survey (WPS)



*Koronadal City, South Cotabato* —Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) SOCCSKSARGEN Region recently held a three-day training on Retail Price Survey of Selected Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index and Wholesale Price Survey of Selected Agricultural Commodities from 09 to 11 June 2025 at Mapa Hall, PSA RSSO XII Office, Koronadal City. Statistical Specialist II Karlo C. Bonifacio, Assistant Statistician Perlicita S. Almedilla from

Price Statistics Division (PSD) of PSA Central Office, together with Hasnah G. Muyco, focal person from RSSO XII, served as resource persons during the training.

The objective of this training is to orient and capacitate the field office personnel in the implementation of the Retail Price Survey of Selected Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index and Wholesale Price Survey of Selected Agricultural

Commodities.

The activity was participated in by provincial focal persons and price collectors of the four (4) provincial offices of Region XII.

This second-level training is vital for ensuring accurate nationwide price data, emphasizing standardized methodologies, updated guidelines, and enhancing the skills of field personnel in capturing price movements. (HGM—SOCD)

## PSA XII Conducts Second Level Training on the 2025 Quarterly Survey Philippine Business and Industry (QSPBI)

*Koronadal City, South Cotabato* — The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) SOCCSKSARGEN trained the Provincial Focal Persons, including the Statistical Researchers during the Second Level Training on 2025 Quarterly Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (QSPBI) from 24 to 25 June 2025 at Bersales Hall, PSA RSSO XII Office, Koronadal City. Two staff from Statistical Services Division of PSA Central Office served as resource persons during the training, namely Janet Joy A. Dabu and Razel Mae C. Dizon, both Statistical Specialist I.

The 2025 QSPBI formerly known as the Quarterly Survey of

Establishments (QSE) is a major survey conducted by the PSA nationwide on a quarterly basis that aims to provide data on essential economic indicators from sample establishments such as Employment, Compensation, Revenue/Sales, Value of Production (for specific sectors like Mining, Manufacturing, Electricity, etc.), Inventories, and Capacity Utilization. The data will serve as the inputs to the compilation of Quarterly National Accounts of the Philippines (QNAP), construction of Quarterly Economic Indicators (QEI), and for preparation of monetary policy review of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).



Distribution of questionnaires for the first quarter 2025 QSPBI will start on 17 March to 04 April 2025 while the collection will start on 01 April to 20 June 2025 with a total of 199 sample establishments across provinces in SOCCSKSARGEN Region. (HGM—SOCD)



## RSSO XII Conducts Second Level Training for the July 2025 Labor Force Survey and 2025 Family Income and Expenditure Survey Visit 1



*Koronadal City, South Cotabato* —The Philippine Statistics Authority XII conducted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Training for the July 2025 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and 2025 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) Visit 1 on June 23-28, 2025 at Mapa Hall, PSA RSSO XII, Koronadal City.

The six-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 July 2025 LFS and 2025 FIES Visit 1 and their respective Chief Statistical Specialists.

Information Systems Analyst I, Cyrex Boy V. Quitiol of PSA RSSO XII and Statistical Specialist II, Metchilyn Lilio of PSA Sultan Kudarat served as trainers discussing the

concepts and definitions of the said survey.

The authority and mandate of the PSA to conduct the said survey emanated from Article 5, Rule 4 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 10625, otherwise known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, stipulating that the Philippine Statistics Authority is primarily responsible

for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems and compilation of national accounts.

The FIES is a survey on family income and expenditure of households undertaken by the PSA across the country. It is the main source of data on family income

and expenditure in the Philippines. The 2025 FIES marks the 21st time the survey has been conducted since 1957.

The PSA XII solicits all stakeholders in the region, especially sample households, to support the July 2025 Labor Force Survey with Tourism Employment questions and 2025 Family Income and Expenditure Survey Visit-1. (CBVQ—SOCD)



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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

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