



Chief Statistical Specialist Ma. Eileen A. Berdeprado delivering her opening message during the Mid-Year Performance Review of PSA South Cotabato — a call to perseverance, passion, and purpose in every task.

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## PSA SOUTH COTABATO HOLDS 2025 (MYPR)

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – South Cotabato Provincial Statistical Office conducted its 2025 Mid-Year Performance Review (MYPR) on June 18 to 20, 2025 in two phases. The planning proper which was the first part was held at the office’s Conference Room while the teambuilding at conducted at Glan, Sarangani.

The activity was intended to primarily assess the implementation of the 2025 Work Program and attainment of targets in the first semester to determine overall performance as an operating unit; revisit strategies for enhancement to ensure achievement of its objectives for the remainder

of the year; identify setbacks and challenges; develop comprehensive catch-up plans and revised work program for the second semester; and assess financial and physical status of the office’ Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs) for potential resource allocation and optimization of resource utilization.

The three-day 2025 MYPR was opened by its Officer-In-Charge, CSS Ma. Eileen A. Berdeprado. This was followed by an inspirational message from Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon, CESO V, PSA-RSSO XII Regional Director, through OIC-SOCD Chief, SSS Wilmer S. Bacera.

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### PSA SOUTH COTABATO WELCOMES NEW BATCH OF OJTS

Trainees (OJTs) from the Mindanao State University-Gen. Santos City (MSU-GSC) who are required to complete 240 hours of internship in the Provincial Office as part of their academic requirements. The five (5) student interns were officially welcomed through an orientation on June 10, 2025.

The orientation activity was conducted by PSA South Cotabato personnel, headed by its Supervising Statistical Specialist Rodolfo M. Mendoza, Senior Statistical Specialist Florante O. Cadiz, and



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designated HR, Administrative Officer I Kudzaibe S. Cana. The trainees were briefed about agency mandates, functions, and office protocols.

The orientation concluded with the signing of the Oath to Data Privacy, highlighting the importance of confidentiality and integrity in handling sensitive information.

Through this OJT orientation, PSA South Cotabato reaffirms its commitment to nurture the skills and potential of the student interns by providing them with a supportive and conducive learning environment—preparing them for future roles in public service.

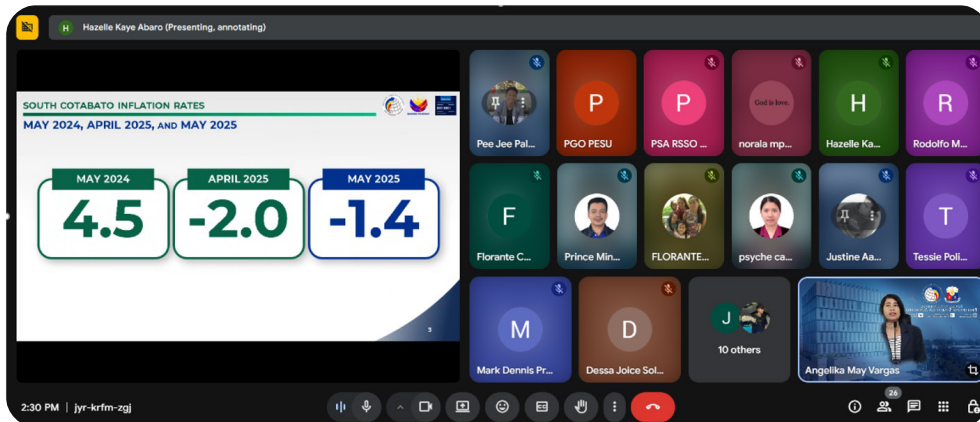


*SrSS Cadiz leading the Oath of Data Privacy, joined by OJTs in their commitment to uphold data protection standards.*

The five (5) OJTs were John Jimuel B. Glimada, Rojan Jhay A. Hamboy, Ehjie Bob Jumaway, Jason Karl B. Pagayon, and Kient Rey L. Zuyco. They will be involved in various office functions covering statistical

operations, preparation of publications, civil registry, and administrative matters, among others. They are expected to complete their internship by July 2025.

## **SOUTH COTABATO CONDUCTED THE JUNE 2025 INFLATION RATE DATA DISSEMINATION**



Chief Statistical Specialist Ms. Ma. Eileen A. Berdeprado presenting the May 2024, April 2025 and May 2025 Inflation Rates of South Cotabato

The Philippine Statistics Authority – South Cotabato successfully conducted the May 2025 Inflation Rate Data Dissemination on 13 June 2025 at 2:00 PM. The conference was held online via Google Meet platform.

South Cotabato's inflation rate for All Income Households Cotabato increased to -1.4 percent in May 2025. It was lower by 5.9 percentage points from the same month last year at 4.5 percent and 0.6 percentage point higher from April 2025 at -2.0 percent. South Cotabato's inflation was lower by 2.7

percentage points compared to the national estimate and lesser by 0.3 percentage points from the regional estimate. The key contributors to the uptrend in the province's inflation rate for the month of May 2025 were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Recreation, Sport and Culture.

The monthly briefing brought together stakeholders throughout the province, including local authorities and representatives from various sectors. Its purpose is to keep the public and key groups updated on current price trends and will serve as inputs to local development planning and policy formulation.

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SSS Mendoza wrapping up the Mid-Year Performance Review of PSA South Cotabato with insightful closing remarks and encouragement for the months ahead.

The discussions in the planning proper comprised presentations of accomplishments and issues encountered in the implementation of various statistical operations, civil registration and the National ID, as well as initiatives on Information Dissemination (ID), Statistical Planning and Coordination (SPC), Partnership and Linkages (PL), and Gender and Development (GAD),


among others. Aside from formulating the catch-up plan and the revised workplan for the second half of the year, the workload analysis was likewise discussed to address concerns on inadequate number of personnel due to retirement, maternity leave and resignation of some staff this second semester.

The second part featured a tribute program for the two

PSA-South Cotabato incoming retirees - Ms. Josephine L. Severino and Lilibeth F. Galia, recognizing their 30-years remarkable contributions to public service. It was followed by team building activities to foster stronger bonds and camaraderie among employees.

The activity concluded with a Closing Program on 20 June 2025 through a Synthesis of the matter taken in the last two days and stressing the importance of prioritizing continuous learning and improvement, drive for excellence, and collaborative efforts between and among employees.

The participants of the PSA-South Cotabato 2025 MYPR included all the regular and coterminous employees together with the project-based staff.



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# FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO 17 BENEFICIARIES IN SITIO TACUB, TANTANGAN



ABRC John Eric V. Sarsua together with the LCRO Tantangan led by MCR Engr. Norman M. Erbina and the BRAP Beneficiaries of Sitio Tacub, Brgy. Magon, Tantangan, South Cotabato

Seventeen (17) residents of Sitio Tacub, Barangay Magon in Tantangan received their official PSA birth certificates free of charge on June 5, 2025, through the Birth Registration and Assistance Project (BRAP).

The activity was a joint effort of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the Municipal

Civil Registrar's Office (MCRO) of Tantangan under Engr. Norman M. Erbina, and PSA South Cotabato and RSSO XII, represented by Mr. John Eric V. Sarsua and Ms. Aileen B. Javier-Mantilla, respectively.

Beneficiaries were assisted throughout the process from securing omnibus certification

and processing late registration to receiving their birth certificates in PSA Security Paper (SECPA). All services were provided at no cost.

BRAP is a nationwide campaign aimed at reducing the number of unregistered births, especially in remote and disadvantaged areas. The issuance of official birth certificates enables individuals to access education, government services, and establish legal identity.

This initiative reaffirms PSA's commitment to inclusive civil registration, ensuring that every Filipino regardless of location or circumstance is counted and recognized.

# PSA SOUTH COTABATO BRINGS NATIONAL ID REGISTRATION CLOSER TO SENIOR CITIZENS



RKO Elreen Jay F. Agustin capturing the biometric information of a bedridden senior citizen at Brgy. Ambalgan, Sto. Niño, South Cotabato on June 28, 2025

In a continued effort to make government services more accessible to all, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) South Cotabato, in partnership with the

Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), successfully conducted mobile registration for the National Identification System throughout the month of June 2025. This

special campaign focused on senior citizens, including those who are bedridden and residing in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs).

Mobile registration activities were conducted across various municipalities and barangays in the province. In Polomolok, a special registration for bedridden seniors was held in Sitio Lapu on June 28. In Tantangan, the registration team reached Barangays New Lambunao (June 16), Cabuling (June 23), New Iloilo (June 24), Libas (June 25), and Maibo (June 27). Koronadal City also benefited from the initiative, with registrations conducted in

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Brgy. Namnama on June 18 and Brgy. Carpenter Hill on June 26.

In Sto. Niño, a barangay-wide registration drive was rolled out in coordination with OSCA from June 21 to 30, covering all barangays. Specific dates included activities in Brgy. Katipunan on June 21 and Brgy. Panay on June 26. Meanwhile, in Tampakan, special registrations were carried out in Brgy. Poblacion on June 18 and Brgy. Maltana on June 23. Tupi also held a dedicated senior citizen registration in Poblacion on June 9.

The municipality of Tboli conducted an extensive series of registrations in partnership with local OSCA offices. These included Brgy. Lemsnolon (June 3), Kematu (June 4-5), Desawo (June 6), Afus (June 7), Tbolok (June 10), Maan (June 11), New Dumangas (June 12), Laconon (June 13), Talufo (June 17), and Lambuling (June 18).

In Lake Sebu, additional registrations specifically for senior citizens were held in Brgy. Talisay on June 16 and Brgy. Poblacion on June 17.

This month-long initiative highlights PSA's commitment to inclusivity by ensuring that elderly and physically challenged individuals are not left behind in the national effort to provide legal identity through National ID System. With the National ID, senior citizens gain improved access to government services, benefits, and social protection programs. PSA South Cotabato remains steadfast in reaching underserved communities through mobile and community-based registration services.

# PSA BRINGS VITAL SERVICES TO BRGY. MIASONG, TUPI THROUGH TWO-DAY MOBILE REGISTRATION



Residents of Barangay Miasong availing of various civil registry services brought closer to the community by PSA RSSO XII through the CRS Mobile Outlet.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – South Cotabato Provincial Statistical Office, in partnership with the PSA Regional Statistical Services Office XII, successfully conducted a two-day mobile registration activity in Barangay Miasong, Tupi, on June 6-7, 2025. The initiative aimed to bring essential services closer to residents in remote and underserved areas. Services offered included application, issuance, and Transaction Reference Number (TRN) retrieval for the National ID, as well as on-site printing of civil registry documents through the CRS Mobile Outlet.

More than 200 residents took advantage of the services, many of whom expressed their appreciation for the convenience of processing important documents within their own community eliminating the need to travel to distant municipal offices. The integration of National ID registration and CRS services proved highly efficient, especially for individuals who had not yet registered for the National ID due to lack of supporting documents. Several residents were able to secure their birth certificates on-

site and immediately proceed to the National ID booth for National ID registration.

The activity received full support from Barangay Miasong officials, while PSA South Cotabato extended its gratitude to the Municipal Government of Tupi and local leaders for their assistance in mobilizing the community and ensuring the smooth flow of operations.

This initiative reflects PSA's ongoing commitment to providing inclusive, responsive, and accessible public service especially for residents in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs). Through collaborative efforts between PSA South Cotabato and PSA RSSO XII, the mobile registration was able to successfully reach individuals who need these vital services the most.

PSA South Cotabato will continue to conduct mobile registration activities in other barangays across the province. These efforts aim to expand coverage and improve access to both civil registration and National ID services.



# PSA SOUTH COTABATO STRENGTHENS CIVIL REGISTRATION KNOWLEDGE IN LOCAL HEALTH FACILITIES

On June 26, 2025, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – South Cotabato served as a resource agency in the One-Day Seminar on Civil Registration and Related Laws held at the Medical Records Office of Dr. Arturo P. Pingoy Medical Center (DAPPMC), the third hospital in Koronadal City to host such an event. The activity was conducted in collaboration with the City Government of Koronadal through the City Civil Registry Office, headed by City Civil Registrar Perla C. Quidilla. The seminar aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of medical records personnel from various hospitals on the proper preparation of civil registry documents and the application of relevant laws.

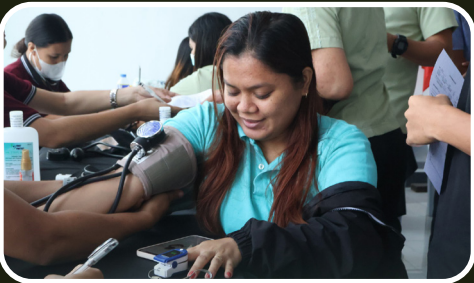
Among the topics discussed were the proper



accomplishment of the Certificate of Live Birth, presented by Registration Officer II Dessa Joice J. Solatorio; the Certificate of Death and Certificate of Fetal Death, presented by Registration Officer I Mark Jude R. Robles; and Republic Act No. 9255, which allows illegitimate children

to use their father's surname, discussed by Registration Officer II Lilybeth F. Galia from PSA RSSO XII. This initiative forms part of PSA's continuing commitment to improving civil registration practices in local health facilities and ensuring accurate and legally compliant documentation of vital events.

## UPM CONDUCTS HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHECK AND MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM AT PSA SOUTH COTABATO



On June 17, 2025, the University of the Philippines Manila (UPM) School, in partnership with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) South Cotabato, conducted a Health and Wellness Check and Medical Symposium at the PSA South Cotabato Conference Hall. The wellness check was open to PSA employees and walk-in clients, offering free Body Mass Index (BMI) assessments, blood pressure monitoring, and blood sugar testing to promote health awareness and early detection of potential health issues.

The activity also featured a medical symposium covering topics such as blood sugar management, rabies awareness, cancer prevention, and diabetes education. The session was led by Ma. Cristie O. Cariga, Assistant Professor I, along with UPM student speakers Rica-May S. Baay, Khloe Belle R. Legisma, Kris Angela C. Guerrero, Jerluyde O. Piñas, Vel John A. Francisco, and Orly Jhon D. Magbanua. PSA South Cotabato expressed appreciation for the collaboration, emphasizing the importance of partnerships in promoting public health and wellness in the workplace and community.