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PSA UNDERTAKES 2ND VISIT FOR 2015 FAMILY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURVEY (FIES)

Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) undertakes 2015 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) second visit from January 11, 2016 to January 31, 2016. It shall cover the enumerated households during the 1st visit conducted last July 2015. The FIES 2nd visit comes as rider survey of the January 2016 Labor Force Survey. This is to complete the one year record of income and expenditure of the sample households, as required in the survey.

The 2015 FIES is a nationwide survey of households undertaken by PSA which emanates from Republic Act (RA) No. 10625. The 2015 FIES is the seventeenth survey undertaken since 1957. Region I has a total of 2,876 sample households deemed necessary to come up with reliable estimates at the regional level.

FIES aims to accomplish the following objectives: (a) to gather data on family income, sources of income, family expenditure and related information affecting family income and expenditure levels and patterns in the Philippines; (b) to determine the income distribution, levels of living and spending patterns and degree of income distribution, levels of living and spending patterns, and the degree of inequality among families; (c) to provide benchmark information to update the weights used in the estimation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and (d) to provide inputs in the estimation of the country's poverty threshold and incidence.

Likewise, data gathered from FIES serve as basic source for the following: (a) estimation of the household account in the System of National Accounts and balances, (b) measurement of the Human Development Index (HDI), (c) measurement of poverty, and (d) measurement of levels of living of different sections of the population and disparities in levels of living across geographical regions and socio-economic groups and for inter temporal comparisons of these levels and disparities.

The data collected under FIES shall be covered by the confidentiality of information clause under Section 26 of RA 10625 which stipulates that individual data furnished by a respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys and censuses of the PSA shall be considered privileged information and such shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding. The PSA releases data gathered in the form of summaries of statistical tables, in which no reference to individual, corporation, association, partnership, institution or business enterprise shall appear.

Like other statistical surveys of the PSA, the successful conduct of the FIES second visit shall be attributed to the cooperation of the household-respondents and officials of the sample barangays.

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