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PSA Conducts the First Model Functioning Survey

The Philippine Statistics Authority conducts for the first time the 2016 Model Functioning Survey (MFS). This survey provides detailed and nuanced information about how people conduct their lives and the difficulties they encounter regardless of any underlying health condition or impairment. The study helps the country identify the barriers that contribute to the problems that people encounter, which, in turn, help guide policy and service development; as well as contribute in monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The MFS is being conducted by PSA in collaboration with the Department of Health (DOH) and National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA). Meanwhile, the World Health Organization (WHO) provides the technical assistance.

Data from MFS will be used in developing a metric of disability, which will allow for the collection of comprehensive and relevant information that helps the country construct a complete picture of disability with particular relevance to disability policy, direct and reliable international comparisons of disability data, and national and global monitoring of the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

The conduct of the survey is pursuant to Republic Act 10625 also known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 which states that the PSA shall be primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, including sectoral statistics, consolidation of administrative recording system, and compilation of national accounts. Furthermore, Section 26 of RA 10625 stipulates the confidentiality of information wherein individual data furnished by the respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys, and censuses of PSA shall be considered privileged communication and such shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding. The PSA may release data gathered from censuses only in the form of summaries or statistical tables, in which no reference to an individual, corporation, association, partnership, institution or business enterprise will appear.

The 2016 NDPS/MFS will be conducted for 20 days from 21 November to 13 December 2016. Like other statistical surveys of the PSA, the successful conduct of the 2016 MFS shall be attributed to the cooperation of the household-respondents and officials of the sample barangays.

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