

**“EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1st REGULAR RSC-I MEETING HELD ON
03 FEBRUARY 2021 AT NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
REGIONAL OFFICE I, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION”**

RSC Resolution No. 01, series of 2021

**ENJOINING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ILOCOS SUR TO ESTABLISH
THEIR PROVINCIAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7160 entitled “Local Government Code of 1991,” local government units (LGUs) shall endeavor to be self-reliant and shall continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them. They also discharge the functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them and shall likewise exercise such other powers and perform such other functions and responsibilities as necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of basic services and facilities;

WHEREAS, in 1993, Executive Order No. 135, “Providing for the Establishment of a Well-Coordinated Local Level Statistical System” was issued to address the need to establish a well-coordinated statistical system at the local level that would be responsive to planning and monitoring requirements and capable of generating statistics which can be integrated and harmonized with statistics being produced at the national level;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistical System aims to rationalize and promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of statistical services, promote the development of a statistical system capable of providing timely, accurate, and useful data for government and the public, through the establishment of the statistical infrastructure necessary to facilitate statistical needs of local development planning;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10625, otherwise known as the “Philippine Statistical Act of 2013,” mandates the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to coordinate with government departments and LGUs on the promotion and adoption of statistical standards involving techniques, methodologies, concepts, definitions, and classification and on the avoidance of duplication in the collection of statistical information;

WHEREAS, the need for the LGUs to exercise autonomy in discharging their functions and responsibilities, and in making decisions to address statistical issues at the provincial level, various Regional Statistics Committees (RSCs) have initiated the establishment of the Provincial Statistics Committees (PSCs);

WHEREAS, the PSCs shall be established to serve as the policymaking body on statistical matters and as the venue for the discussion and resolution of statistical issues at the provincial/local level. The PSCs shall report every quarter to the concerned RSC and ensure the policies issued by the PSC, RSC, and PSA Board are adopted at the provincial level;



WHEREAS, the PSC will also coordinate all statistical concerns and efforts at the sub-regional levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, to enjoin the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur to establish its Provincial Statistics Committees with the following composition, functions, and responsibilities:

Section 1. Composition

Chair : Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator of the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO)

Vice-Chair : Provincial Statistics Officer, PSA

Members : Heads of Provincial Executive Offices with devolved functions from national agencies including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Provincial Agriculture Office (PAO)
- 2) Provincial Agrarian Reform Office (PARO)
- 3) Provincial Budget Office (PBO)
- 4) Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO)
- 5) Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- 6) Provincial Health Office (PHO)
- 7) Division Superintendent of Schools – DepEd
- 8) Philippine National Police (PNP)
- 9) Provincial Engineers Office (PEO)
- 10) Provincial Public Employment Services Officer – DOLE
- 11) Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO)
- 12) Provincial Tourism Office (PTO)
- 13) Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office
- 14) Provincial Representative of Philippine Statistical Association Inc.
- 15) Private Sector Representative
- 16) SUC Representative

The SUC representative and private sector representative shall both be appointed by the PSC Chair, from a list of nominees submitted by other PSC members, for a term of three (3) years with possible reappointment. The Supervising Statistical Specialist of the PSA Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) will serve as the secretariat.



Section 2: Functions and Responsibilities:


1. Oversee the implementation of policy decisions made by the RSC-I, and adoption of prescribed statistical standards methodologies and classification systems in the provinces;
2. Formulate statistical policies designed to resolve provincial statistical issues and recommend workable schemes towards the improvement of provincial level statistics;
3. Institute measures to strengthen the statistical capacity of the provincial statistical system including institutions and the personnel thereof;
4. Elevate to the RSC - I, statistical matters which cannot be resolved at the provincial level;
5. Create inter-agency/office statistical working groups, as the need arises, which would attend to technical issues and problems and supervise the activities of these working groups;
6. Meet at least once a quarter at such date, time and place it may decide, preferably before the conduct of the regular meeting of the RSC – I; and,
7. Submit periodic reports to the RSC – I through its secretariat, the PSA-RSSO I.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur, through the Provincial Governor and the PPDO for concurrence;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that members of the RSC – I with provincial offices shall encourage their provincial counterparts to support and actively participate in the institution of the PSCs;

APPROVED, this 3rd day of February 2021 at Justo Orros Conference Hall, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), City of San Fernando, La Union.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


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CONCURRED BY:


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