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## PSA Abra Personnel Attends the 2024 Stakeholders' Convergence of DepEd SDO Abra Highlighting Collaboration and Shared Purpose

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*SSS Jaeriel R. Bersamina delivering his message during the DepEd SDO Abra 2024 Stakeholders' Convergence*

**26 November 2024 – BANGUED, ABRA.** The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) Supervising Statistical Specialist (SSS) Jaeriel R. Bersamina, representing Chief Statistical Specialist Felixberto B. Perdido, attended the 2024 Stakeholders' Convergence of the Department of Education (DepEd) – Schools Division Office (SDO) of Abra at Gabaldon Conference Hall, ASIST, Zone 3, Bangued, Abra on November 21, 2024. The event was intended to express DepEd's heartfelt appreciation to its partners for the consistent support throughout the years.

The event commenced with preliminary activities, acknowledgement of participants, and welcome remarks by Chief Education Supervisor Ronald T. Marquez, Ph.D. Outstanding creative endeavors were recognized through the Division Parol-making contest awards. Participants also signed a commitment pledge, affirming continuous support for the agency's programs, and



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followed by receiving of Plaques of Recognition. The participants delivered their messages. SSS Bersamina delivered his message, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and shared purpose. He highlighted DepED SDO Abra's commitment in nurturing young learners and acknowledged the PSA's data-driven and citizen-centric services which directly support educational development and administrative efficiency. The PSO's key services include:

- Census of Population (POPCEN), the data provided are invaluable in forecasting school-age population, identifying areas in need of more educational infrastructure, and ensuring equitable distribution of educational resources;
- Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), the CBMS data provides an evidence-based approach to identifying communities with high dropout rates, low literacy levels, or inadequate school facilities, allowing for targeted interventions to address these gaps;
- Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS), in which the survey provides critical data on literacy levels, educational attainment, and access to mass media among Filipinos. These insights help identify gaps and opportunities to improve the functional literacy of the population. Such data enables the education sector to design targeted programs that empower learners with skills relevant to the modern world;
- Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), in which the verification of identities for enrollment, school records, and various educational services are needed. It also promotes financial inclusion by enabling easy access to government assistance programs; and
- Civil Registry Services (CRS), in which DepEd needs the accurate birth records which is vital in validating student enrollment, determining eligibility for programs, and monitoring dropout rates.

SSS Bersamina concluded his message with expression of gratitude to DepEd and assured that the agency will continue to bring its services for the betterment of the community, particularly the young learners. The event ended with a message from Assistant Schools Division Superintendent and Keynote Speaker Christopher C. Benigno, Ph.D, EdD, CESO VI.

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