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Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) Highlights in the province of Abra for the Years 2021-2023

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PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM SERVICES

1. PhilSys Step 2 Registration

Bangued, Abra – The PSA – Abra Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) Registry Team had registered 16,134 Abreños in 2023. These were the registrants who are 5 years and over under the PhilSys Step 2 Registration. A cumulative total of 188,570 registrants or 81.81% over the target population of 230,488 registrants were successfully registered in the province since the start of PhilSys Step 2 Registration in 2021. (Table 1)

Table 1. PhilSys Step 2 Registration Target Registrants, Total Registration and Percentage of Registration by municipality, Abra: 2021 - 2023

Municipality	Target Registrants	Total Registration			Cumulative Total	Percentage of Registration over the Target Population
		2021	2022	2023		
ABRA	**230,488**	**103,849**	**68,587**	**16,134**	**188,570**	**81.81**
Bangued	46,166	27,560	6,275	8,812	42,647	92.38
Boliney	4,146	2,836	0	274	3,110	75.01
Bucay	16,487	4,132	8,725	663	13,520	82.00
Bucloc	2,204	1,810	0	152	1,962	89.02
Daguioman	1,853	1,436	0	107	1,543	83.27
Danglas	3,728	1,999	1,559	60	3,618	97.05
Dolores	10,638	3,572	4,369	405	8,346	78.45
La Paz	15,183	6,246	4,875	316	11,437	75.33
Lacub	3,238	2,055	0	336	2,391	73.84
Lagangilang	13,604	5,448	5,209	316	10,973	80.66
Lagayan	4,108	1,425	1,667	434	3,526	85.83
Langiden	3,283	2,169	352	21	2,542	77.43
Licuan-Baay	4,193	819	1,784	487	3,090	73.69
Luba	6,007	5,054	377	287	5,718	95.19
Malibcong	3,691	873	1,384	435	2,692	72.93
Manabo	10,637	1,917	6,130	392	8,439	79.34
Peñarrubia	6,403	1,825	3,002	331	5,158	80.56
Pidigan	11,517	3,207	4,824	342	8,373	72.70
Pilar	9,414	3,434	3,922	164	7,520	79.88
Sallapadan	5,930	4,013	0	566	4,579	77.22
San Isidro	4,407	1,318	2,544	124	3,986	90.45
San Juan	9,752	2,679	5,351	369	8,399	86.13
San Quintin	5,235	2,301	1,608	343	4,252	81.22
Tayum	13,677	8,466	1,763	274	10,503	76.79
Tineg	4,492	1,785	320	0	2,105	46.80
Tubo	5,263	3,661	56	9	3,726	70.80
Villaviciosa	5,232	1,809	2,491	115	4,415	84.38

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority: Philippine Identification System – ABRA

Among the 27 municipalities of the province, Danglas had the highest percentage of completion with 97.05 percent, followed by Luba with 95.19 percent and Bangued with 92.38 percent. The PhilSys Fixed Registration Center is located at Bangued. It caters registrants coming from the different municipalities. (Table 1)

The Abra PhilSys Registry Team (PRT) continued the PhilSys Step 2 Registration and exerted all efforts to register the remaining unregistered individuals in compliance to the Chief Executive's directive to expedite the implementation of PhilSys to achieve digital transformation of social protection systems in order to enable more efficient, effective and just delivery of social protection programs. Below were the strategies during the conduct of PhilSys Step 2 Registration:

- **School-based Registration**

The Abra PRT coordinated with different schools, university, and colleges for the conduct of PhilSys operations in their school premises to register the remaining unregistered individuals aged 5 to 15 years old and also the college students. This is in adherence to Office Memorandum No. 2023-34 re: PhilSys School Registration Campaign. The team conducted PhilSys operations in 216 schools and registered 8,456 students for the year 2023. This strategy also aims to increase the number of schools that support the conduct of PhilSys institutional registration and effectively cascade pertinent information to teachers, parents, and students through the conduct of school/class briefing and distribution of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign materials.

- **"PhilSys on Wheels"**

The Abra PRT conducted PhilSys on Wheels in three (3) barangays of the province. They conducted this mode of registration at North Poblacion and South Poblacion, Bucay, and Zone 5, Bangued, Abra. This strategy was initiated to help and make it more convenient for students, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and working individuals who do not have time to go to the registration center.

- **Co-location with Civil Registry (CRS) Outlet**

Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) established a PhilSys co-location site inside the Civil Registry System (CRS) Bangued Outlet in adherence to the directive of the National Statistician. This is to cater the clients of the outlet who do not have PhilID yet, especially those who do not have any valid identification.

- **Co-location with Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)**

Abra PRT established co-location with Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in their educational assistance pay-outs and meetings to render PhilSys services to their social protection beneficiaries. This is also in adherence to the OM No. 2023-144 re: Philippine Identification System Registration of all Department of Social Welfare and Development Programs' Beneficiaries and Dependent Children.

- **Mobile Registration**

The Abra PRT conducted mobile registration in most of the sitios and barangays of the province. All barangays in the 26 municipalities of the province were catered except for the municipality of Tineg. This strategy aimed to reach the unregistered individuals residing in remote and far-flung areas.

- **Institutional Registration**

The Abra PRT conducted PhilSys Step 2 registration in various institutions. This strategy was done to render the PhilSys services closer to the working group in their workplace and to cater also their clients.

Table 2. List of Institutions catered in the year 2023

NAME OF INSTITUTION	TOTAL REGISTERED
Hospitals	
Assumpta Family Clinic	14
Abra Provincial Hospital	74
Abra Medical Diagnostic Center	33
National Government Agencies	
National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP)	17
National Irrigation Administration (NIA)	13
National Tobacco Administration (NTA)	7
Land Transportation Office (LTO)	67
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)	32
Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)	6
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)	3
Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)	25
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)	23
Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)	9
Social Security System (SSS)	4
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)	7
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)	5
UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OFFICES, CAMPS, AND STATIONS	
Abra Police Provincial Office (PPO)	120
PNP 1504 MC RFMB	54
PNP Bangued Municipal Station (MPS)	31
PNP Peñarrubia Municipal Station (MPS)	4
PNP 2nd PMFC, San Jose Norte, Manabo	37
PNP 2nd PMFC, Tangadan, San Quintin	7
Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Bangued	10
Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Bucay	3
AFP 24th Infantry Battalion	26
CAFGU Bugbog, Bucay Patrol Base	4
CAFGU Pitao, Bagalay, Tayum Patrol Base	8
JAILS	
Abra Provincial Jail	193
Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Bucay	1
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS	
Metro Bangued Water District	20
Abra Vegetable Seed Grower Cooperative	7
Centro Department Store	12
OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
Office of the Mayor - Licuan-Baay, Abra	12
Office of the Mayor - Manabo, Abra	4
Office of the Mayor - Sallapadan, Abra	6

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority: Philippine Identification System – ABRA

2. Issuance of Printable ePhilIDs

The Abra PRT implemented the issuance of printable ePhilIDs in the province. This is a proactive strategy of the PSA that allows registrants to immediately enjoy the benefits of being PhilSys-registered. The features of the ePhilID contain the registrant's PhilSys Card Number (PCN) and basic demographic information together with the QR code which is used for authentication. The issued ePhilID has the same functionality and validity as the physical card. Additionally, the issuance of ePhilIDs can now be done in real-time.

Table 3. ePhilID Issuance by year and municipality, Abra: 2022 - 2023

MUNICIPALITY	2022 Total ePhilID Issued	2023 Total ePhilID Issued	Total ePhilID Issued
Abra	60,128	77,519	137,647
Bangued	7,945	14,349	22,294
Boliney	804	1,546	2,350
Bucay	7,972	4,432	12,404
Bucloc	428	713	1,141
Daguioman	465	633	1,098
Danglas	511	967	1,478
Dolores	6,295	2,620	8,915
La Paz	2,892	3,829	6,721
Lacub	796	573	1,369
Lagangilang	4,112	2,471	6,583
Lagayan	1,133	953	2,086
Langiden	1,116	1,104	2,220
Licuan-Baay	312	2,052	2,364
Luba	1,838	2,518	4,356
Malibcong	268	1,850	2,118
Manabo	4,045	3,958	8,003
Penarrubia	479	3,209	3,688
Pidigan	2,711	4,384	7,095
Pilar	2,683	4,254	6,937
Sallapadan	0	1,999	1,999
San Isidro	1,830	2,053	3,883
San Juan	2,578	3,856	6,434
San Quintin	2,125	1,836	3,961
Tayum	4,324	4,751	9,075
Tineg	337	2,052	2,389
Tubo	583	2,089	2,672
Villaviciosa	1,546	2,468	4,014

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority: Philippine Identification System - ABRA

The issuance of ePhilID started in October 2022. Abra PRT had issued 137,647 ePhilIDs to registered individuals as of December 29, 2023. This is 125.95 percent of the 109,290 ePhilIDs targeted to be issued in the province. Based on the issuances of ePhilIDs per municipality, the municipality of Bangued had the highest number of issuance with 22,294 ePhilIDs, followed by Bucay with 12,404 ePhilIDs and Tayum with 9,075 ePhilIDs. Daguioman had the lowest issuance of ePhilIDs with only 1,098 ePhilIDs. (Table 3)

3. PhilSys Transaction Number (TRN) Retrieval

The absence of the TRN ultimately hinders a registered individual from obtaining his/her ePhilID and accessing its accompanying benefits. PhilSys TRN Retrieval is another service feature which was added to Registration Client System to allow PRT to promptly retrieve the registered person's TRN and provide real-time updates on their registration status. The Abra PRT received 459 TRN retrieval requests and granted 336 requests successfully. The possible reasons for those with unsuccessful requests were wrong information provided by the requester, that the requester is still not yet registered to PhilSys, and the data packets cannot be located at the PhilSys backend systems.

4. Replacement of damaged and/or defective front-facing photograph PhilIDs

In adherence to OM No. 2023-44 re: Specific Guidelines and Procedures in Handling Requests for Replacement of PhilIDs with Damaged and/or Defective Front-Facing Photographs, the PSA shall issue a replacement PhilID, free of charge, upon request of registered persons who have received PhilIDs with damaged and/or defective front-facing so that the latter can avail the PhilSys-enabled services. The Abra PRT received 38 replacement requests in the year 2023. 30 of these requests were already successfully processed by the PhilSys Registry Office – ID Processing Management Division (IDPMD) while the 8 requests are still on process.

5. Return-to-Sender (RTS) PhilID Delivery

As indicated in the OM No. 150 re: End-to-end Process for Return-to-Sender PhilIDs, all unclaimed PhilIDs tagged as RTS shall be kept for a period of one year to provide ample time for the PSO to exhaust all means to locate the PhilID owners. As of December 2023, PSO Abra received 203 unclaimed RTS PhilIDs due to changed address (moved-out) or unlocated PhilID card owners and deceased card holders. The Abra PRT re-delivered a total of 92 RTS PhilIDs.

PhilSys Partnership and Linkages

The Abra PRT participated in different caravans and activities of different agencies and government units. Chief Statistical Specialist Felixberto B. Perdido and PhilSys Focal Person Jonnel P. Aveño provided technical assistance to the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Peñarrubia on the PhilSys Integration Plan of their municipality on January 31, 2023. The Abra PRT also rendered PhilSys Step 2 Registration and Issuance of Printable ePhilIDs during the Philippine National Police (PNP) Medical and Outreach Programs at Palang, San Quintin on February 11, 2023, Ampalioc, Luba on July 22, 2023, and Kili, Tubo on November 15, 2023, Red Cross Medical Mission and Health Caravans at Poblacion, Luba on November 17, 2023 and Cabayogan, San Isidro on November 21, 2023, and People's Day Caravans of Abra Provincial Government at Libtec, Dolores on May 12, 2023 and San Juan East, Pilar on April 12, 2023 and their Financial Assistance Pay-outs to teachers and students at Abra Sports Complex, Bangued on October 14-15, 2023.

TECHNICAL NOTES

- **Philippine Identification System (PhilSys)** – refers to the government's central identification platform for all Filipino citizens and resident aliens of the Philippines.
- **PhilSys Registry Team** - comprises of PhilSys office-based and registration personnel responsible for all the services of PhilSys.
- **PhilSys Step 2 Registration** – collection of demographic information, validation of supporting documents, and collection of biometric information (iris scan, fingerprint, and front-facing photograph)
- **PhilID** – refers to the physical ID card that serves as a valid proof of identity that can be used to transact in different government and private sectors. This ID contains unique security features and the demographic information of the registrant and a QR code used for authentication and verification.
- **ePhilID** – refers to the digital copy of the PhilID. It has the same functionality and validity as the physical card.
- **Return-to-Sender (RTS)** – refers to the turnover of sealed, unsealed, and undelivered Philippine Identification (PhilID) cards to the Provincial Statistical Office (PSO).

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