



Cordillera environment statistics committees set to account for energy and solid waste

The Technical Working Group (TWG) on Environment Statistics and Task Force on Energy Flow and Solid Waste Accounts are set to account for energy and solid waste of the Cordillera region. This endeavor is under the Environment and Natural Resource Accounting (ENRA) Project which adopted the United Nations (UN) System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) 2012 Central Framework, the international standard set by the UN Statistical Commission for environmental-economic accounting.

Earlier, the Cordillera region produced four environmental accounts namely, Asset Accounts for Land: 1999-2018, Asset Accounts for Timber Resources: 1999-2018, Physical Asset and Flow Accounts for Water Resources: 2008-2018, and Asset Accounts for Mineral Resources: 2004-2016. Updated mineral accounts are underway. This year, the Cordillera region will continue to embark on two new environmental accounts, the Energy Flow Accounts and Solid Waste Accounts of the Cordillera region for the period 2015-2022.

The TWG and Task Force were created by the Regional Statistics Committee-Cordillera Administrative Region (RSC-CAR) and will be responsible for facilitating initiatives for the compilation of environment and natural resources of the region and ensuring data and technical support of various agencies and offices. During the joint meeting of the TWG on Environment Statistics and the Task Force on Energy Flow and Solid Waste Accounts held last 14 March 2024 at the Philippine Statistics Authority-Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) Conference Hall, several updates, expected outputs, and timeline of activities were discussed. *(Continued on page 2)*

CAR Inflation accelerates further in March 2024

The inflation rate in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) continued to accelerate to 4.0 percent in March 2024 from 3.1 percent in February 2024. The main sources of acceleration of the March 2024 inflation were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Transport, which contributed 68.6% share and 18.5% share, respectively. This commodity group include onions, rice, fish, and other seafood. *(Continued on page 2)*

PSA-CAR conducts second Level training on the 2024 redesigned Crops Production Survey

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) conducted the 2024 Redesignated Crops Production Survey Second Level Training at Prince Plaza Hotel, Legarda Road, Baguio City last 05-07 March 2024. *(Continued on page 2)*

1.3M Individuals Register for the National ID in Cordillera as of February 2024

Baguio City - Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) has successfully registered over 1.3 million Filipinos and resident aliens under the Step 2 registration as part of the continuing implementation of the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) in CAR. *(Continued on page 3)*

Cordillera Tourism Statistics Committee devices to improve Tourism Satellite Accounts Project

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) together with its line agencies on tourism statistics like the Department of Tourism (DOT), Baguio City tourism office, Department of Interior Local Governance (DILG) and provincial tourism offices continues meet quarterly to discuss and share updated statistics to further capture the tourism situation of the Cordillera. *(Continued on page 3)*

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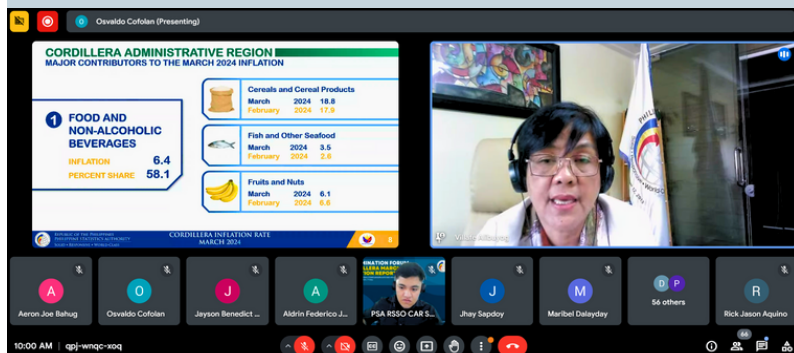
The updating of the Cordillera mineral accounts under the ENRA Project which aims to measure the mineral reserves in the region was among the focus of the meeting. Another agenda was the update on the compilation of the regional energy flow and solid waste accounts, wherein insights on approaches and possible data sources of the project were laid down.

Present during the meeting were the members of the TWG on Environment Statistics composed of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as Chairperson and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) as Co-Chair, Watershed and Water Resources Research Development and Extension Center (WWRDEC), Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Office of the Civil Defense (OCD), Benguet Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO), and the Baguio City Planning and Development Office (CPDO).

The Task Force on Energy Flow and Solid Waste Accounts members present were officials from the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO), and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA). The Energy Flow Accounts Team is led by the Department of Energy, while the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) heads the Solid Waste Accounts.

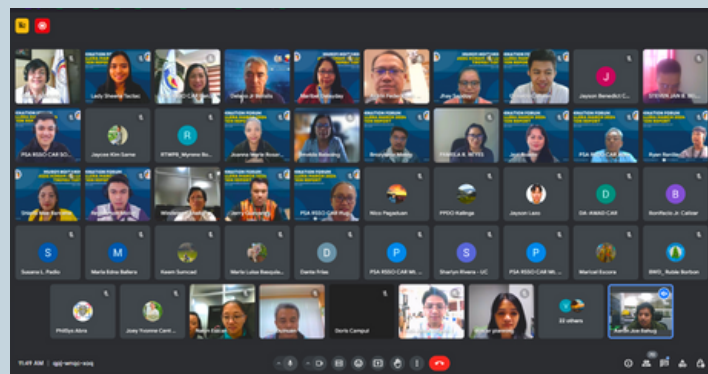
The compilation of environment accounts and statistics in the Cordillera region serves as the basis for policymaking as regards to a holistic approach to counter environmental degradation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and ensure environmental sustainability and preservation. *JPLazo/JRBoado*

CAR Inflation accelerates further in March 2024 (from page 1)



Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - CAR Regional Director Villafe P. Alibuyog further reported that the major contributors to the March 2024 inflation were also Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with a percent share of 58.1%, Transport with 9.4%, and Education Services with 7.6%.

Ifuao had the highest inflation among the six provinces and one Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in CAR with 6.8%, while Mountain Province had the lowest with 1.4%. The Purchasing Power of the Peso in CAR was 81 centavos in March 2024 with 2018 as base year. This means that one peso in 2018 was worth 81 centavos in March 2024.



The Chief Statistical Specialists of the PSA Provincial Statistical Offices in CAR, together with their representatives, presented the inflation report of their respective provinces. The online dissemination of the March 2024 Cordillera Inflation Report was conducted last 12 April 2024 via Google Meet. This was attended by 70 participants from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academe, and the media. *RJPAquino*

PSA-CAR conducts second level training on the 2024 redesigned Crops Production Survey (from page 1)



The objective of the training was to equip and provide the participants information on the background of the survey, uses of data, operational concepts and definition of terms, and the use of Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) and Data Processing System.

The Crops Production Survey (CrPS) is one of the major agricultural surveys conducted by the PSA. This survey aims to generate estimates on volume of production, area planted/harvested, number of bearing trees/hills/vines, and farmgate prices for crops other than palay and corn at the national sub-national levels.

The CrPS adopted a new sampling design on the third quarter of the 2023 round through PSA Board Resolution No. 14, Series of 2023 entitled, "Approving and Adopting the New Sampling Design of the Crops Production Survey." This involves separate sampling designs for household-based and establishment-based farms. Moreover, the CrPS will also collect data on farmgate prices that was previously collected in the Farm Prices Survey. For data collection, the CrPS will utilize CAPI and/or Pen-and-Paper Interviewing (PAPI).

Production data generated from the CrPS are inputs to the Value of Production in Philippine Agriculture and Fisheries and accordingly to the preparation of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The survey supports the data needs of planners, policy and decision-makers, and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector.

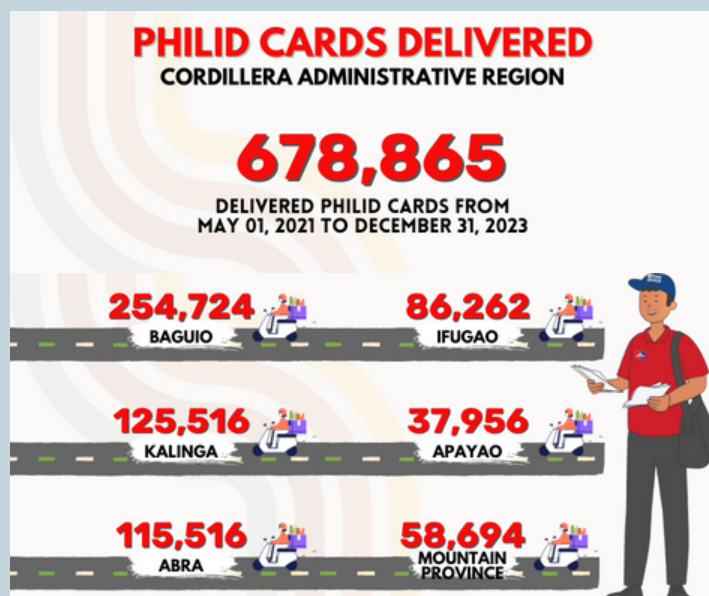
PSA-CO Senior Statistical Specialist Abella A. Regala, Statistical Specialist I Israel B. Agustin, PSA-CAR Supervising Statistical Specialist Warren B. Mamanteo, and PSA-Benguet Statistical Analyst Stonewall M. Santiago served as the resource speakers during the three-day training. The participants were the CrPS Provincial Focal Persons (PFPs) together with the alternate PFPs of the six provinces of CAR, and the alternate Regional Focal Person. *WBMamanteo*

1.3M Individuals Register for the National ID in Cordillera as of February 2024 (from page 1)

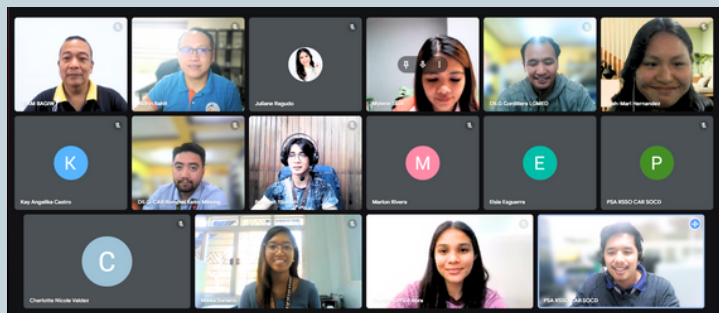
From 31 May 2021 to 29 February 2024, a total of 1,356,784 individuals were successfully registered at the different registration centers in CAR which make up 83.10 percent of the target registrants of 1,632,709.

Province	Registered Individuals		Target
	Total	% to Target	
CAR	1,356,784	83.10	1,632,709
Abra	192,132	83.36	230,488
Apayao	99,603	86.33	112,768
Benguet	628,501	83.64	751,446
Ifugao	147,024	78.75	186,706
Kalinga	175,961	84.96	207,110
Mountain Province	113,563	78.76	144,191

678,865 PhilID cards were issued to the recipients as of December 2023, based on the data from the Philippine Postal Corporation, while 1,001,746 printed ePhilIDs, the digital version of the PhilID, were also issued by the PSA in the region. *CSNglob*



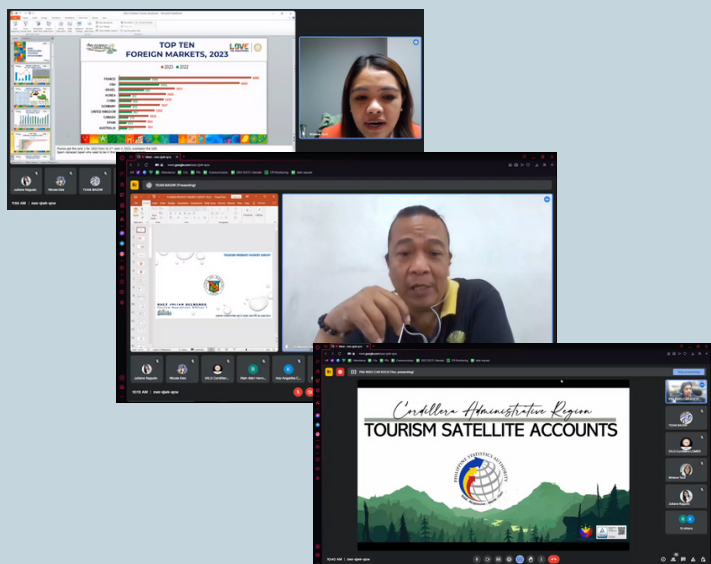
Cordillera Tourism Statistics Committee devices to improve Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) Project (from page 1)



Last 26 March 2024, the TSA Project staff conducted an online Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting to inform each member of new data and statistics on tourism within the Cordillera. Ms. Mylene Tauli, Senior Tourism Operations Officer (STOO), presented the Cordillera Situationer where data shows that more tourists came to the Cordillera in 2023 with 1.6 Million tourist arrivals. Mr. Rhey Delmendo, Tourism Operations Officer I (TOO I) presented a recent research conducted by the Baguio City Tourism Office where part of the research shows that an average tourist spends an approximate amount of Php4,338 throughout their trip.

TSA Project Staff Aeron Joe Bahug presented the Cordillera TSA and expressed the importance of tourism data collected from all provincial tourism offices by the DOT. He further explained that the project plans to expand the current estimates and add multiple tourism related data and estimates to have a more comprehensive tourism statistics.

Mr. Aldrin Federico R. Bahit, Jr., Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS), expressed his gratitude to all attendees of the meeting and urged everyone for their continuous support to PSA's statistical endeavors. *AJCBahug*



GANGSA



A *gangsa* (gong) is an indigenous musical instrument of the Igorots ("people of the mountain") of the Cordillera region. It is usually played during cultural celebrations, rituals and festivities. It is a cultural symbol of fellowship and unity among the Igorots.

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