



## DSWD-CAR wins 4th PSA Quiz Bee Regional Finals

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) - Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) emerged as Quiz Bee champion during the 4th Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Quiz Bee held last 30 October 2024 at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas North Luzon Regional Office BSP NLRO), Baguio City.

The said activity was conducted in celebration of the 35th National Statistics Month Closing Activity, hosted by the BSP NLRO.

14 representatives from different member agencies comprising the Regional Statistics Committee-Cordillera Administrative Region (RSC-CAR) competed in the said event (excluding PSA employees and relatives within the fourth degree of affinity and consanguinity).

The Quiz Bee consisted of three rounds: easy, average, and difficult, equivalent to one point, two points, and three points for each correct answer, respectively. Each round consisted of ten questions.

The questions for the three rounds were about the PSA products and services, statistical concepts, statistical laws and proclamations, surveys and censuses, civil registration, Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), and latest data releases of the PSA such as inflation and gross domestic product were asked.

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## CAR inflation decelerates to 1.2% in August 2024

The inflation rate in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) decelerated from 3.4% in August 2024 to 1.2% in August 2024. This was the lowest recorded inflation rate of the region from year to date, followed by the 2.1% inflation last January 2024.

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## PSA-CAR disseminates the 2023 Full Year Poverty Statistics of Cordillera

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) conducted the 2023 Full Year Poverty Statistics Regional Dissemination of CAR at the Lafaayette Luxury Suites Baguio last 16 October 2024.

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## PSA-DICT streamlines cyber services and security through webinar

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) in collaboration with the Department of Information and Communications Technology – CAR conducted a webinar streamlining cyber services and security through Google Meet last 11 October 2024.

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Accumulating the final scores of 42 points, 35 points, and 34 points, DSWD, BSP NLRO and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) bagged the Champion title, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively. The names of the winners were as follows:

Champion: Shirley N. Claver  
DSWD-CAR

2nd Place: Betina Joy V. Bermillo  
BSP NLRO

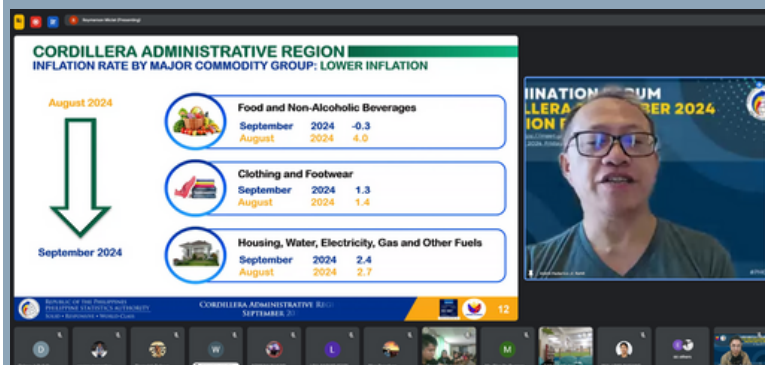
3rd Place: Mary Ann L. Gaylican  
TESDA - CAR

The competition was followed by a seminar on digital financial inclusion and the closing remarks given by BSP NLRO Regional Director Noel Neil Q. Malimban.



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Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - CAR Chief Statistical Specialist Aldrin Federico R. Bahit Jr. reported that the main sources of deceleration of the August 2024 inflation were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages which contributed a 73.1% share, Education with a 13.0% share, and Transport with a 9.1% share.

The major contributors to the September 2024 inflation were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 47.4% share, Health with 16.5% share, and Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 12.9% share.

Mountain Province had the highest inflation among the six provinces and one Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in CAR with 3.1%, while Kalinga had the lowest with 0.4%. Only Ifugao recorded a deflation in September 2024 with -1.1%. The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in CAR with 2018 as base year decreased to 80 centavos in September 2024. This means that one peso in 2018 was worth 80 centavos in September 2024.

The Chief Statistical Specialists of the PSA Provincial Statistical Offices in CAR, presented the inflation report of their respective provinces. The online dissemination of the September 2024 Cordillera Inflation Report was conducted last 11 October 2024 via Google Meet. This was attended by 90 participants from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academe, and the media.



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PSA-CAR Regional Director Villafe P. Alibuyog reported that the poverty incidence among families in Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) was estimated at 4.4% in 2023. This meant that about 20,440 families in CAR were considered poor or have income below the amount needed to afford the minimum basic food and non-food needs

Mountain Province reflected the highest estimate in 2023 with 10.5%, followed by Abra with 9.4%, Ifugao with 4.6%, Benguet with 4.2%, Apayao with 4.0%, Kalinga with 2.6%, and the City of Baguio with 0.5%.

As to magnitude of poor families, the Province of Benguet reflected the highest estimate in 2023 with 5,610 poor families while the City of Baguio had the lowest with about 530 poor families.

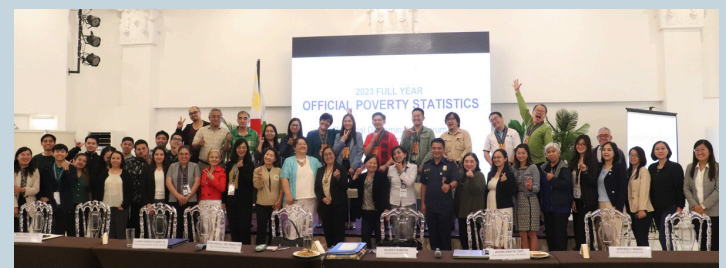
The average poverty threshold for a family of 5 in CAR was computed at 13,239 pesos per month. This was the minimum amount needed to cover the primary food and non-food needs of a family, and those with income below this threshold are considered to be living in poverty.

The highest poverty threshold among families was observed in Mountain Province with 15,050 pesos per month, while the lowest family threshold was observed in Apayao with 12,451 pesos per month in 2023.

The subsistence incidence among families in CAR was estimated at 0.7 percent or 3,330 food poor families in 2023.

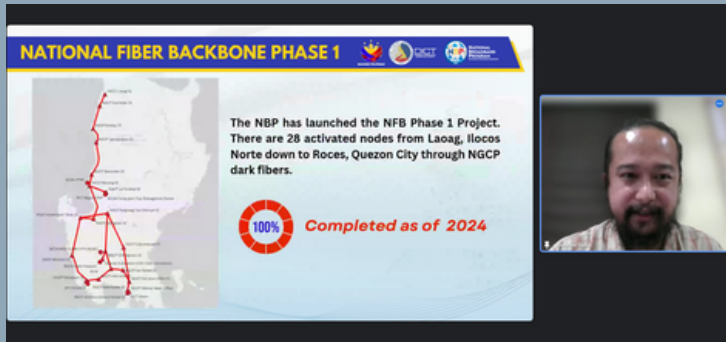
The highest subsistence incidence was in the province of Abra with 2.4%, followed by Mountain Province with 1.8%, Benguet without City of Baguio and Ifugao both with 0.6%, and Kalinga with 0.3% Apayao with 0.2%. Please note that the estimate of Baguio City with dash (-) does not pertain to absolute zero and does not categorically mean the non-existence of food poor families.

Similar to the poverty threshold, Mountain Province got the highest average food threshold among the provinces in the Cordillera. This was estimated at 10,567 pesos per month for a family of five in 2023. Meanwhile, the lowest family threshold was observed in Apayao with 8,695 pesos.



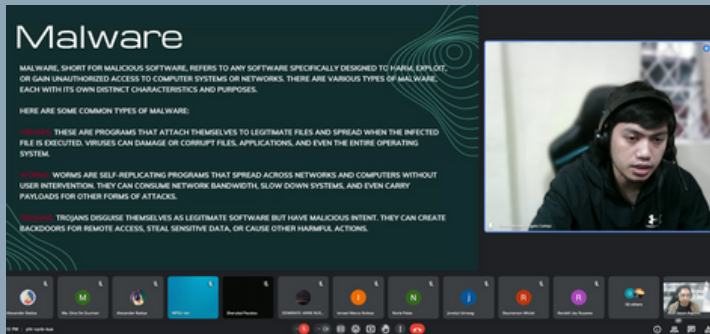
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DICT-CAR Section Head Alexander A. Badua presented an overview of the National Broadband Program that is one of the major flagship programs of the DICT which aims to close the digital divide and elevate the living standards of Filipinos by deploying broadband connectivity, through fiber optic cables and wireless technologies, across the country.

The discussion was followed by an introduction and walkthrough of the eGovPH which is a mobile app that empowers Filipino residents by giving them access to government services and information via their mobile devices.



Development Officer Reeve Michael Angelo M. Callejo of DICT-CAR presented the types of malwares and phishing. The presentation highlighted the importance of having a secure email and making careful decisions before clicking or responding to emails.

The said online activity was conducted in celebration of the 35th National Statistics Month (NSM) with the theme "Advancing Data and Statistics Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation". It was attended by 66 participants from the Private Sector, Academe, Regional Line Agencies, and Local Government Units.

# 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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