



PSA-CAR highlights agency's role and accomplishments during Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas

PSA-CAR Regional Director Villafe P. Alibuyog presented the role of the agency and its recent accomplishments during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas hosted by Philippine Information Agency (PIA) – CAR and anchored by PIA-CAR Regional Director Helen R. Tibaldo last 23 July 2024 at the PSA-CAR Conference Hall, Baguio City. This edition of the Kapihan featured the PSA regional offices and simultaneously conducted across the Philippines.

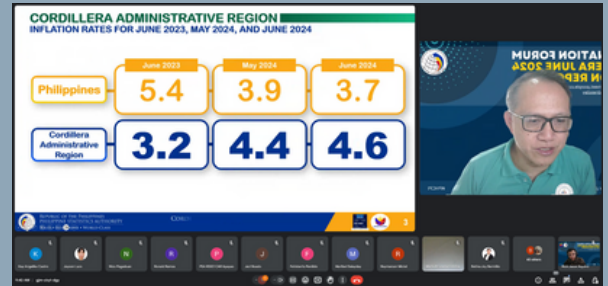
Director Alibuyog said "PSA's contributions to daily life are vast and varied in influencing decision-making, planning, resource allocation, and access to essential services for individuals, communities, businesses, and government entities across the Philippines. All these we plan to achieve with our mantra of solid, responsive, and world-class service to the Filipino people especially our fellow Cordillerans."

She highlighted the Data Turnover Ceremonies (DTCs) of the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) where Baguio City had their 2021 DTC last March 2023, 61 Local Government Units of the region had their 2022 DTCs completed last March 2024, and Natonin, Mountain Province had their 2023 DTC last July 2024. The 2024 Census of Population – CBMS was also introduced in which it aims to update the population statistics and the list of the beneficiaries of social protection initiatives and other government programs and projects.

She also presented updates on the Birth Registration Assistance Program (BRAP), the 2023 economic growth of CAR, updates on the national ID, and some of PSA-CAR's innovations that include the release of the CAR Physical Asset and Flow Accounts for Water Resources: 2008-2018 publication,

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CAR inflation accelerates in June 2024



The inflation rate in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) accelerated from 4.4% in May 2024 to 4.6% in June 2024. PSA-CAR Chief Statistical Specialist Aldrin Federico R. Bahit Jr. reported that the main sources of acceleration of the June 2024 inflation were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels which contributed a 83.3% share, Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with a 6.3% share, and Transport with a 5.6% share.

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PSA-CAR conducts 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Regional Press Launch



PSA – CAR launched the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) on 12 July 2024 at the Paragon Hotel, Baguio City.

PSA – CAR Regional Director Villafe P. Alibuyog imparted the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS operations and its role in community development. She remarked that the POPCEN facilitated the identification of individuals in the country without birth registrations and was even utilized in the development of national programs such as the Bayanihan to Arise as

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the publication of the CAR Tourism Satellite Accounts Report: 2016-2021, and the Compendium on Tourism Statistics of CAR.

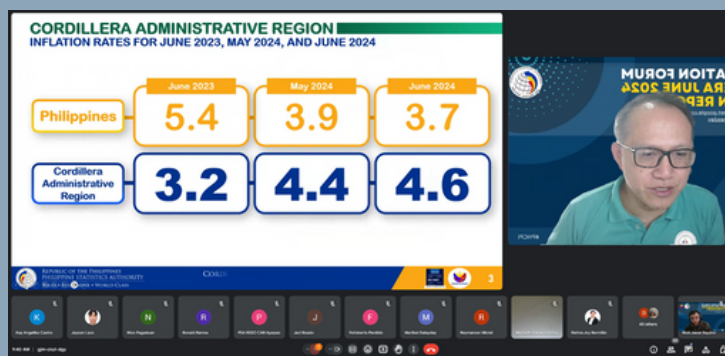
The panelists who joined Dir. Alibuyog were PSA-CAR OIC Chief Administrative Officer Juanito Y. Yabes, Chief Statistical Specialist Aldrin Federico R. Bahit, Jr., Registration Officer IV Gerard A. Tolito, and PSA Benguet Chief Statistical Specialist Imelda L. Buyuccan who presented further details on topics highlighted and presented

PSA-CAR enjoins the public to support the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS and provide truthful information to the enumerators. The enumeration started last 15 July 2024 and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2024.



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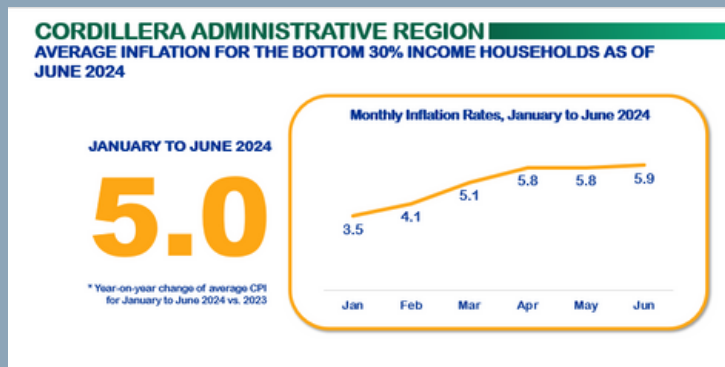
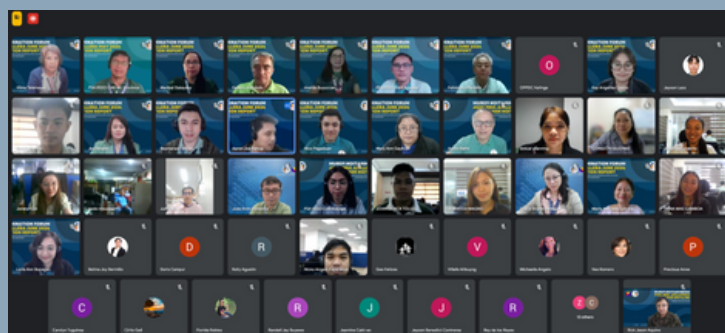
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The major contributors to the June 2024 inflation were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with a percent share of 51.9, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 12.8, and Transport with 12.4.

Ifugao remained to have the highest inflation among the six provinces and one Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in CAR with 5.9%, while Abra had the lowest with 3.8%. The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in CAR with 2018 as base year remained at 81 centavos in May 2024 since September 2023. This means that one peso in 2018 was worth 81 centavos from September 2023 to June 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 June 2024 Cordillera Inflation Report was conducted last 17 July 2024 via Google Meet. This was attended by 66 participants from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academe, and the media



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One bill during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also emphasized that in Baguio City, the local officials used the 2021 CBMS result to update their database of senior citizens who may be given financial assistance. Planners and policy-makers maximized the same result for the Asian Development Bank-assisted implementation of the Faecal Sludge Management Plan, and traffic and transportation management studies. Director Alibuyog added that the official population counts can be anticipated to be released by December of this year.

The activity also highlighted the messages of support given by National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)-CAR Regional Director Susan A. Sumbeling, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)-CAR Policy and Plans Division Officer-in-Charge Chief Marifil C. Jugal, and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-CAR Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Assistant Chief Bable G. Adnol.

Philippine Information Agency (PIA)-CAR Regional Director Helen R. Tibaldo facilitated the open forum where queries from onsite and online participants were addressed by panel members composed of Director Alibuyog of PSA-CAR, Director Sumbeling of NEDA-CAR, Ms. Jugal of DSWD-CAR, Ms. Adnol of DILG – CAR, together with Mr. Aldrin Federico R. Bahit Jr. of PSA – CAR, and Ms. Imelda L. Buyuccan of PSA-Benguet. This was shortly followed by the ceremonial launching and photo opportunity.

To optimize government resources and to avoid fatigue to respondents, the PSA deems it necessary to integrate the POPCEN with the CBMS operations ahead of its original schedule in 2025. Data collected from the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS will be used in updating the inventory of the country's population, as well as the list of beneficiaries of social protection initiatives. It will also serve as basis in targeting households in the planning, formulation, and implementation of programs and projects geared towards poverty alleviation.

Due to the importance of this joint major statistical activities, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. declared July 2024 as the "National Census and Community-Based Monitoring System Month" last July 9, 2024.

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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