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## PSA Abra PSO National ID Registration Team Registers a Centenarian in Tubo

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) National ID Registration Team registered Ms. Catalina Balas Quing-a, a centenarian resident of Tuhtuba, Tubo, Abra, in the National Identification System. She was the first Abrenian centenarian aged 102 years to register in the National ID System. This initiative showcased the commitment of PSA in ensuring that all citizens, regardless of age, have access to essential government services. The National ID registration of Ms. Quing-a was conducted at Tuhtuba Barangay Hall, Tuhtuba, Tubo, Abra on March 24, 2025. Her National ID registration had a particular significance, as it will empower her access to vital services. She will be able to register her birth record and support her application for the centenarian cash assistance program offered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).



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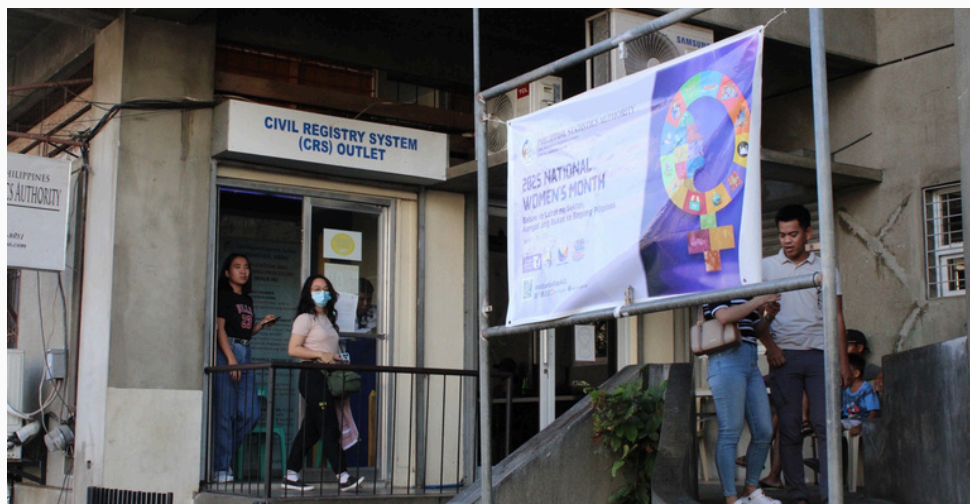
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## PSA Abra Celebrates 2025 National Women's Month with Empowerment and Wellness Initiatives

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) celebrated National Women's Month with a series of activities designed to honor and empower women within the agency and the community. Throughout March 2025, PSA Abra demonstrated its commitment to gender equality and women's well-being through a diverse program of events. The celebration commenced with the hanging of streamers in-front of the PSO, visually representing the agency's support for women's rights and contributions. This served as a daily reminder of the month's significance and the ongoing pursuit of gender equality. A key highlight of the celebration was the free issuance of Security Paper (SECPA) copies of civil registry documents, specifically targeted towards 20 women clients every Wednesday of March. This initiative aimed to alleviate the financial burden often associated with obtaining essential documents, empowering women to access their legal rights and entitlements. Recognizing the importance of physical and mental wellness, PSA Abra organized a Zumba session on March 14, 2025. This activity promoted health and camaraderie among employees, fostering a positive and supportive environment. In a crucial effort to enhance preparedness and safety, the agency partnered with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Abra Chapter facilitated Basic Life Support (BLS) training on March 27, 2025. This training equipped participants with essential life-saving skills, empowering them to respond effectively in emergency situations.





# Bangbangar Daycare Receives Support Through PSA Abra's Adopt-a-Daycare Initiative

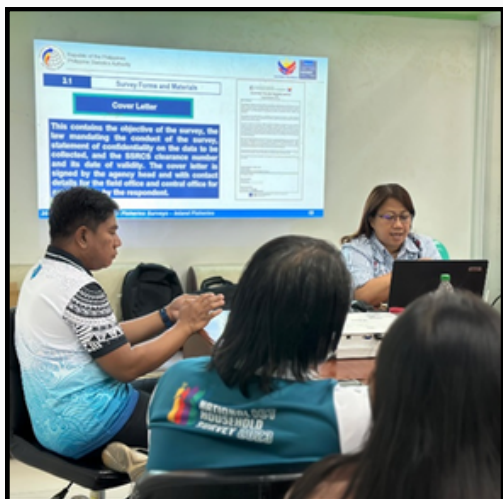
In a heartwarming initiative, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) conducted an Adopt-a-Daycare program at the daycare center in Bangbangar, Bangued, Abra, on March 18, 2025. As part of their community outreach efforts, the PSO Abra team visited the daycare pupils, bringing with them much-needed snacks and school supplies to support their early learning and development. Beyond material contributions, PSA Abra also extended its services by providing free Security Paper (SECPA) copies of birth certificates to the daycare pupils.

Recognizing the fundamental importance of birth registration, this initiative aimed to ensure that each child has proper legal documentation, paving the way for their access to future opportunities and services. The activity fostered a positive interaction between the PSA Abra personnel and the young learners, creating a supportive and engaging environment. This Adopt-a-Daycare program underscores the PSO's commitment to not only fulfilling its statistical mandates but also actively contributing to the well-being and development of the Abra community, starting with its youngest members.



## PSA Abra PSO Conducts the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 CrPS, LPS, and QIFS Provincial Level Trainings

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 Crops Production Survey (CrPS), the Livestock and Poultry Survey (LPS), and the Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS) Provincial Level Trainings at PSA Abra PSO on 11 to 14 March 2025. The trainings aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of hired statistical researchers (SRs) in collecting accurate and reliable data on Crops, Livestock and Poultry, and Fisheries. Statistical Specialist II (SS II) Judith W. Panabang served as trainor on the 1st Quarter 2025 LPS and 2025 CrPS. Information Officer I (IO I) Angelee Ann B. Perez assisted the SS II in the training. The CrPS is a quarterly survey which aims to generate basic production statistics for crops other than palay and corn at the national and sub-national levels while the LPS aims to provide estimates of the current supply and disposition practices for livestock and poultry in the country. On the other hand, Statistical Analyst (SA) Leida Margarita B. Purugganan served as trainor in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 QIFS. The QIFS is a survey on volume and price fish, by species caught by the households engaged in inland fishing. The general objective of QIFS is to generate information on the quarterly volume and value of inland fish catch by species at the provincial, regional, and national levels. The participants include nine (9) Statistical Researchers (SRs). They were taught on the concepts and definitions of the surveys. They also underwent hands-on exercises and mock interviews to ensure their understanding of the surveys. The PSA Abra ensured that all participants were equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively conduct the surveys.







## PSA Abra Brings Essential Services to Abreños Through Festival Job Fairs and Caravan



The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) actively participated in two (2) community events in March 2025, bringing Civil Registration services and National ID mobile registration directly to the people. PSA Abra rendered these services during the 108<sup>th</sup> Abrenian Kawayan Festival Job Fair held on March 4-5, 2025 at Abra Provincial Capitol and on March 6, 2025 at ASIST Gabaldon Building, and during the 2025 Laga Festival “Aldaw Para Kenni Lagayano” - Local Government and National Line Agencies Service Caravan on March 16, 2025 at Poblacion, Lagayan. PSA Abra set up mobile registration booths in both events, providing the participants with convenient access to essential government services, recognizing the importance of accessible government services. During the Kawayan Festival Job Fair, attendees were able to avail of the services such as acceptance and issuance of requests for SECPA copies of Civil Registry documents and National ID registration, seamlessly integrating these services with the job fair's primary focus. This participation is aimed at streamlining access to essential documents of job seekers for their employment applications. PSA Abra also extended its services on Civil Registration and National ID to the Lagayan community during the 2025 Laga Festival One-Stop-Shop Caravan. This one-stop-shop approach was designed to bring various government services under one event and venue, allowing residents to efficiently address multiple needs in a single visit. The presence of PSA Abra Provincial Statistical Office at the 108th Abrenian Kawayan Festival Job Fair and the 2025 Laga Festival One-Stop-Shop Caravan demonstrated its proactive approach in bringing its services closer to the public.



# PSA Abra Joins Celebrations at 2025 Abrenian Kawayan Festival

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office added its presence to the colorful and festive 2025 Abrenian Kawayan Festival Grand Parade on March 9, 2025, actively participating in the community celebration. The agency's involvement underscored its connection to the local populace and its commitment to being a visible part of Abra's cultural events.

PSA Abra personnel joined the parade, contributing to the vibrant atmosphere with their participation. They distributed informational materials and engaged with parade-goers, taking the opportunity to raise awareness about the agency's role in providing vital statistical and civil registration services.



## PSA Abra Enhances Data Accuracy with Data Collection on 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Geotagging on SFGP

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) commenced the data collection phase for the 2024 Population and Housing Census and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) Geotagging activity on March 12, 2025. Field personnel meticulously gathered precise geographical coordinates for service facilities and government projects across the province. This crucial undertaking, employed specialized GPS devices and mobile applications to accurately capture location data. The collected geotagged information will be instrumental in enhancing the spatial analysis capabilities of the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS, providing valuable insights for evidence-based planning and resource allocation at both the local and national levels. The PSO Abra ensured that enumerators adhered to strict protocols and quality control measures throughout the data collection process, contributing to the overall accuracy and reliability of the census and monitoring system results for the province.



# PSA Abra Upscales National ID System Knowledge and Awareness with PSO Personnel Cascading



The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) conducted a crucial information cascading session focused on the National Identification System (National ID System), for its staff on March 3, 2025 at Data Processing Room, PSA-Abra, DZPA Bldg., Rizal St., Zone 6, Bangued, Abra. The session led by Information Officer I (IO I) Angelee Ann B. Perez, aimed to ensure that all PSO Abra personnel were thoroughly updated on the latest procedures, policies, and developments related to the National ID System. Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Felixberto B. Perdido delivered the opening remarks, formally launching the activity. The CSS emphasized that it is crucial for all PSO personnel to be well-versed in the National ID (NID) System, regardless of whether they are directly involved in NID-related work. This is because, inevitably, clients or acquaintances may approach them with inquiries, given their association with the PSA. The activity proper began with the Salient Features of RA No. 11055, also known as the Philippine Identification System Act. This law establishes a single national identification system, providing valid proof of identity for Filipino citizens and resident aliens. The PSO staff learned about the key provisions and benefits of the law, which aims to improve the delivery of public services and reduce bureaucratic fraudulent activities. IO I Perez also elaborated on the National ID process, citing the reasons behind the lengthy period between registration and delivery of the ID card to the cardholder. The training also explored the Various Formats of National ID, including the National ID card, National ID in paper form, and Digital National ID. PSO personnel learned about the features and benefits of each format, as well as the process of obtaining and verifying National IDs. The Digital National ID, in particular, was highlighted as a secure and convenient way to access and verify one's identity online. The importance of being National ID-registered was emphasized, as it provides citizens with a valid proof of identity, making it easier to access public services, open bank accounts, and conduct transactions. Personnel were encouraged to promote the benefits of National ID registration to the public, particularly in remote and underserved areas. To address common concerns and issues related to the National ID, IO I Perez provided the participants with Standard Spiels on Addressing NID Concerns. This included guidance on how to respond to queries about the frequently asked questions regarding the National ID system. Finally, the IO I cascaded about the rebranding of the National ID. She explained the objectives of the rebranding, its scope, and also its limitations. And to conclude the activity, IO I Perez facilitated an interactive quiz to assess the learning of the participants on the topics discussed. Winners got cash as their prizes.



# PSA Abra's Information Officer Conducts Cascading Sessions on National ID Rebranding



The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office had successfully conducted series of cascading sessions aimed at disseminating information regarding the rebranding of the National Identification System. Information Officer I (IO I) Angelee Ann B. Perez facilitated and conducted these sessions with the National ID personnel on two (2) batches, PSO personnel, CRS - Bangued Outlet Personnel, and Municipal Civil Registrars on January 18 & 31, February 15, and March 3 & 7, 2025, respectively.

The rebranding initiative necessitates a comprehensive communication strategy designed to enhance public understanding and promote stronger and more recognizable brand identity and broader acceptance of the National Identification System among the public. The cascading sessions served as a crucial platform for the PSO to clarify the rationale and objective behind the rebranding. Discussed also were the scope, limitations, new slogan, and implementation and monitoring of the National ID rebranding of the Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs). IO I Perez emphasized the importance of these cascading sessions in ensuring a smooth transition and fostering public confidence in the rebranded National ID system.

“Our goal is to ensure that all stakeholders and interested parties are well-informed about the changes and understand the significant benefits of the National ID System and these sessions provide a valuable opportunity for PSO Abra to engage directly with the community and address any misconceptions.”, the IO I stated.

## QUICKSTAT

INFLATION RATE (%) ALL ITEMS			
FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2025	FEBRUARY 2025	
2.8	6.9	5.7	
PURCHASING POWER OF THE PISO			
FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2025	FEBRUARY 2025	
0.92	0.77	0.80	
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL ITEMS 2024-2025			
2024	2025	2026	2027
JANUARY	125.2	125.2	125.2
FEBRUARY	125.3	125.3	125.3
MARCH	125.3	125.3	125.3
APRIL	125.3	125.3	125.3
MAY	125.3	125.3	125.3
JUNE	125.3	125.3	125.3
JULY	125.3	125.3	125.3
AUGUST	125.3	125.3	125.3
SEPTEMBER	125.3	125.3	125.3
OCTOBER	125.3	125.3	125.3
NOVEMBER	125.3	125.3	125.3
DECEMBER	125.3	125.3	125.3
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT 2024-2025			
2024	2025	2026	2027
LABOR FORCE	125.3	125.3	125.3
EMPLOYMENT	125.3	125.3	125.3
UNEMPLOYMENT	125.3	125.3	125.3
UNDEREMPLOYMENT	125.3	125.3	125.3
LABOR PRODUCTIVITY	125.3	125.3	125.3

CEREALS: FARMGATE PRICES BY CULCATION, COMMUNITY, YEAR AND PERIOD			
2024	2025	2026	2027
JANUARY	125.3	125.3	125.3
FEBRUARY	125.3	125.3	125.3
MARCH	125.3	125.3	125.3
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DECEMBER	125.3	125.3	125.3

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