



RSC-CAR approves new committee members

The Regional Statistics Committee-Cordillera Administrative Region (RSC-CAR) conducted its Second Quarter 2024 meeting last May 13, 2024 at NEDA RDC Hall, Baguio City.

One of the meeting highlights was the nomination, deliberation and selection of the representatives from the Provincial Planning and Development Offices (PPDO), academe/State Universities and Colleges (SUC), and Private Sector to sit as members of the committee. The committee approved the appointment of the following to RSC-CAR effective 14 May 2024 to 15 May 2027:

PPDO Representatives:

- (1) Benguet Provincial Planning and Development Office
- (2) Kalinga Provincial Planning and Development Office

Academe/SUC Representatives:

- (1) Benguet State University (BSU)
- (2) University of the Philippines Baguio (UP Baguio)
- (3) University of the Cordilleras (UC)
- (4) Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges (CARASUC) President/Representative

Private Sector Representative:

- (1) Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc.

In reference to the guidelines for RSCs, the RSC Chair shall appoint representatives from the Provincial Planning and Development Offices (PPDO), academe/State Universities and Colleges (SUC) and the Private Sector as members of the Committee for a term of three (3) years with possible reappointment for another three (3) years, from the list of nominees submitted by the other members of the Committee

CAR inflation accelerates further in April 2024

The inflation rate in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) continued to accelerate from 4.0% in March 2024 to 4.6% in April 2024. PSA - CAR Regional Director Villafe P. Alibuyog reported that the main sources of acceleration of the April 2024 inflation were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels that contributed a 55.5% share, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with a 29.7% share, and Transport with a 14.3% share.

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RSC-CAR capacitates its member agencies on data management

The Philippine Statistical Training and Research Institute (PSRTI) in partnership with Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) conducted a three-day data management training for the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) – CAR member agencies at the 4th Floor Multipurpose Hall, DPWH-CAR, Baguio City last 04-06 June 2024.

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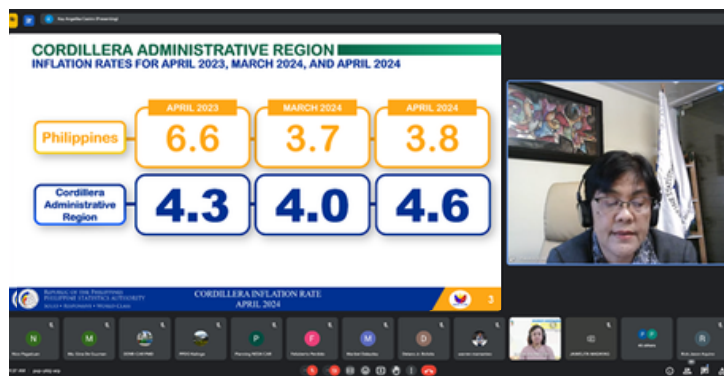
PSA-CAR spearheads the convening of RCCB-CAR

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) spearheaded the convening of the Regional Census-CBMS Coordinating Board (RCCCB) – CAR last 13 May 2024 at the NEDA RDC Hall, Baguio City. The RCCB shall be responsible for overseeing the CBMS operations in the region, ensuring logistical and other requirements are in place, and resolving issues and concerns encountered.

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The major contributors to the April 2024 inflation were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with a percent share of 55.1, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 10.3, and Transport with 10.2.

Ifugao posted the highest inflation among the six provinces and one Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in CAR with 7.2%, while Mountain Province had the lowest with 1.8%. The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in CAR with 2018 as base year remained at 81 centavos in April 2024 since September 2023. This means that one peso in 2018 was worth 81 centavos from September 2023 to April 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 March 2024 Cordillera Inflation Report was conducted last 17 May 2024 via Google Meet. This was attended by 71 participants from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academe, and the media.



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The said training focuses on the guide using Google Sheets and Microsoft Excel where Ms. Haidee Fay M. Ignacio and Mr. Ken Zedric G. Ganan of the PSRTI served as resource persons. PSRTI Executive Director III Josefina V. Almeda also took part in enlightening the participants on statistics and data management.

The data management training is the second PSRTI training for RSC-CAR after the data visualization training conducted last 26-28 September 2023. Director Almeda urged the participants to write down their preferred or needed courses on the activity evaluation forms in consideration for future PSRTI trainings for the committee and/or trainings tailored for the needs of the requesting agency.



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PSA – CAR Chief Statistical Specialist Aldrin Federico R. Bahit, Jr. presented and discussed the overview of the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS); its legal bases; and the roles and responsibilities of the Census Coordinating Board (CCB) members; and possible assistance that the members can provide. The possible assistance for the operation is not limited to publicity and information campaigns, use of equipment and facilities, transportation, first aid kits, and the like.

Statistical Analyst Denielle Bianca Roa G. Legaspi gave updates on the status of the 2022/2023 CBMS operations, particularly on the conducted data turn over ceremonies in the region and other related required documents from the previous RCCB convening.



The 2024 POPCEN-CBMS is primarily designed to update the inventory of the population nationwide and to aid government agencies in targeting beneficiaries for programs geared toward poverty alleviation and economic development.

The said meeting was attended by regional directors, office/agency heads, and representatives from the regional line agencies, academe, private sector, and other stakeholders were present during the convening.

GANGSA



A *gangsá* (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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