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## PSA-CAR is Top 1 for the 7th Year

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) emerged as the top Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) for the seventh consecutive year last 12 September 2023 at the PSA Headquarters, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City. The awards ceremony coincided with PSA's 11th Anniversary.

During the awarding ceremony, PSA-CAR received the following awards:

- 1st Place – Information Dissemination
- 1st Place – Statistical Frameworks and Indicators System
- 2nd Place – Civil Registration
- 4th Place – Partnership and Linkages
- 5th Place – Statistical Operations
- Special Award for Community-Based Monitoring System

PSA Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) in CAR also emerged as top provinces. PSO Mountain Province claimed 2nd Place in the Top 15 Best Provincial Statistical Offices (PSO) and garnered the following awards: 1st Place in Statistical Operations and 1st Place in Information Dissemination. PSA Benguet ranked 9th in the Top 15 PSOs. PSA Kalinga was awarded 5th Place in Statistical Operations and PSA Abra was awarded 5th Place in Financial, Human Resource and Administrative Services

## Conduct of Second Level Training on the Data Processing of 2023 HECS

PSA-CAR conducted the second level of training on the 2023 Household Energy Consumption Survey Data Processing on 23 to 25 September 2024 at Prince Plaza Hotel, Legarda Road, Baguio City.

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## National ID Authentication Services

Baguio City – PSA-CAR continues to advocate authentication services that promote greater security in transactions through stronger methods of verification and lower risks of forgery through two platforms, the National ID eVerify and the National ID Check.

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Rank	Commodity	Inflation Rate		Contribution to Inflation	
		July '24	August '24	%	Percentage Point
1	Rice	21.5	19.0	38.1	1.2
2	Other Passenger Transport by Road	11.8	11.8	15.3	0.5
3	LPG	18.8	16.4	11.1	0.3
4	Rentals	0.8	0.8	4.2	0.1
5	Electricity	3.4	4.8	4.2	0.1

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The major contributors to the August 2024 inflation were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with a percent share of 42.2, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 20.4%, and Education with 8.3% share.

Mountain Province had the highest inflation among the six provinces and one Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in CAR with 4.9%, while Kalinga had the lowest with 2.8%. The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in CAR with 2018 as base year decreased to 80 centavos in August 2024. This means that one peso in 2018 was worth 80 centavos in August 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 August 2024 Cordillera Inflation Report was conducted last 10 September 2024 via Google Meet. This was attended by 55 participants from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academe, and the media.

## Conduct of Second Level Training on the Data Processing of 2023 HECS

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During the three-day training, resource speakers from PSA - CAR discussed the data processing objectives, which mainly focus on the data evaluation of data collected from households of the Cordilleras. The session highlighted the acceptable answers to each question, the correct codes for each entry, and the skipping pattern. Participants during the training were able to assess errors of the system as they had a hands-on testing of the Data Processing System - a system developed for ease and efficient data processing.



Before the said activity, the different Provincial Statistical Offices conducted the data collection from 17 June to 19 July 2024. Data on household energy usage from electricity, petroleum products, biomass residue, and renewable energy were gathered to draw patterns of household energy consumption. The survey also collected data on different appliances for household use, energy used for transportation, household practices and attitudes towards the use of energy sources, and awareness of energy issues.



## National ID Authentication Services

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The new authentication services have been introduced, in partnership with the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT), to further the country’s digital transformation process. The platform offers a trusted solution to enhance security and streamline the onboarding process to the National ID system of relying parties, especially for government agencies.

The National ID eVerify enables stronger verification of an individual’s identity minimizing risk of fraudulent activities in transactions. It allows government agencies and private establishments to verify the authenticity of a person’s Digital National ID. It features advanced facial recognition technology for real-time matching of an individual’s face, among other registered information, with the National ID registry.

The National ID Check complements the eVerify platform. This is a simple, efficient, and secure way to verify the authenticity of any format of the National ID, including the Digital National ID, by scanning the QR code feature. It is also accessible via National ID eVerify (<https://everify.gov.ph/check>).

These services streamline transactions, enhance service delivery, and make it easier for individuals and organizations to verify identities in the Philippines.

# 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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