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PSA CONDUCTS JANUARY 2021 LABOR FORCE SURVEY WITH CHED'S SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITION RIDER QUESTIONS AND UN-WOMEN'S GENDER-SENSITIVE COVID-19 RELATED QUESTIONS

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On 08 to 30 January 2021, PSA will conduct the January 2021 Labor Force Survey (LFS) with School-to-Work Transition Rider Questions of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Gender-sensitive Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) related questions under the UN Women project.

The January 2021 LFS is a nationwide quarterly survey that involves the collection of data on labor and employment including demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the labor force. It aims to provide a quantitative framework for the preparation of plans and formulation of policies affecting the labor market.

The CHED's rider questions on school-to-work transition aim to provide data support on the challenge to shorten the school-to-work transition and increase youth employment rate. It also aims to determine the impact of COVID-19 on labor and school participation. These questions will be asked to household members 25 years old and over who are at least college level from 2010 onwards.

The UN Women's rider questions aim to collect data on the gendered impacts or consequences of COVID-19. Household respondents will be asked about availment of social and health insurances, unemployment benefits and social amelioration programs during the past 12 months.

The January 2021 LFS with CHED and UN Women rider questions will use four replicates of the 2013 Master Sample (MS), or about 43,000 sample households nationwide. In Eastern Visayas, 2,688 sample households will be enumerated.

In this survey round, the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) system will be employed. The same tablets will be used for the LFS, CHED and UN Women rider questions which contain the integrated Computer-Aided Data Collection System (CADaCS) for the three surveys.

The authority and mandate of PSA to conduct surveys emanate from Republic Act 10625 or the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, which states that PSA is primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems and compilation of national accounts.

PSA adheres and commits to the confidentiality of information as stipulated in Section 26 of RA 10625 (Confidentiality of Information) and Section 8 of RA 10173 or the Data Privacy Act. All data obtained from the survey will be released only in the form summaries or statistical tables.

The continual conduct of these government-mandated surveys is pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 38, series of 2020, dated 22 May 2020. The resolution allows PSA to gather data related to COVID-19 and Philippine Identification System, provided that data gathering will be carried out under strict physical distancing measures and other health protocols.

PSA appeals to the public to cooperate and respond to this survey. The office assures that all teams that will be deployed are healthy and will follow DOH-specified precautionary measures against COVID-19, such as wearing of face mask and face shield, physical distancing, proper hygiene and sanitation, and wearing of PSA ID.

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