Amidst pandemic, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Leyte Provincial Statistical Office conducted the Philippine Identification System (Philsys) Step 1 Registration by visiting 30 pilot municipalities of Leyte on October 12 to December 31, 2020.

Step 1 Registration aims to pre-register 313,147 household heads and extra adult members per household in the province living in island/far flung barangays, with high poverty incidence and no/low internet connectivity.

Through the use of tablet, data collectors gathered demographic data and front facing photographs of selected household heads and extra adult members. These demographic data include: 1) Full Name; 2) Sex; 3) Date of Birth; 4) Place of Birth; 5) Blood Type; 6) Permanent Address; 7) Present Address;

PSA Leyte trains Philsys data collectors

PSA Leyte conducted Provincial Level Training on Pre-registration to hired Philsys data collectors on September 28 to October 3, 2020 in Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City and November 19 to 26, 2020 at Sabin Resort Hotel, Ormoc City.

Topics discussed during the three-day training include: 1)Training Overview; 2) RA 11055 (Philsys Act and its IRR; 3) Philsys Registry Office and Its Mandate; 4) Guidelines on the Registration Process; 5) Philsys Pre-registration Team; 6) Philsys Pre-registration Procedure; 7) How to Handle Pre-registration Concerns; 8) Using the
PhilSys Registration Kits arrive in Leyte

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Leyte Provincial Statistical Office, headed by Sheryl Ann Jamisola, Chief Statistical Specialist, arranged the arrival of 255 Philippine Identification System (Philsys) Registration and Photobooth Kits on December 9, 2020 for the operation of the National ID system in the province.

In coordination with the Philippine Ports Authority, Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police, the Office ensured systematized and safe entry in Tacloban City of the Philippine Navy’s BRP Ivatan (LC-298) loading above-mentioned kits.

Safety measures and health protocols were observed in transporting the materials.

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8) Filipino Citizen/Resident Alien; 9) Marital Status; 10) Mobile Number; and e-mail address.

The Office used the Listahanan or National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) 3 of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as basis in the selection of household heads to be interviewed.

The PhilSys registration is composed of two steps namely: Pre-registration (Step 1) and the Registration (Step 2). Step 1 is demographic data collection while Step 2 is Biometric Information Capturing wherein clients visits PSA identified registration centers in scheduled dates.

The national ID or PhilSys is a platform to transform and streamline how services are delivered. The purpose is to establish a single Philippine Identification System for all citizens and resident aliens of the Republic of the Philippines for easier accessibility and application for eligibility to social welfare programs and benefits from the government.

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Pre-registration Scheduler; 9) Pre-registration Supervision and Monitoring; 10) Health and Safety Protocols; 11) Tablet-Based Pre-registration System; and 12) Testing the Tablet-Based Pre-registration System.

Participants were also taught on how to operate “Kobocollect” (the application used for capturing demographic data of registrants).

A hands-on exercise was also conducted as pre-registration simulation in which each attendee was instructed to pre-register five fellow participants.

Evaluation of the Pre-registration Simulation and written examination followed in order to measure the level of understanding of the participants.
Leyte’s inflation rate rises to 1.9 percent in December 2020

The inflation rate of Leyte rose by 0.6 percentage point, from 1.3 percent in November 2020 to 1.9 percent in December 2020. The same increase was recorded in the Region during the reference month, from 1.8 percent in November 2020 to 2.4 percent. In comparison, the inflation rate of Leyte was lower than the region’s rate during the reference month.

Commodity groups that reported positive inflation rate (IR) in Leyte are: Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (5.9 percent); Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages (3.4 percent); Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (2.2 percent); Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House (2.1 percent); Health (1.2 percent); Clothing and Footwear (0.5 percent); and Transport (0.3 percent).

Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (-1.2 percent) and Recreation and culture (-3.9 percent) posted negative inflation rates (IR) in December 2020.

Communication and Education, with 0.0 percent inflation rate during reference month, had no changes on its year-on-year CPI.

On a month-on-month comparison, six (6) major commodity groups showed no increase in its November 2020 and December 2020 inflation rates: Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (2.2 percent); Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance (2.1 percent); Clothing and footwear (0.5 percent); Communication (0.0 percent); Education (0.0 percent); and Recreation and Culture (-3.9 percent).

Moreover, two (2) major commodity groups posted decline in inflation rate during the reference month. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels were down by 0.3 percentage point, from -0.9 percent in November to -1.2 percent in December 2020. Transport slid by 0.2 percentage point, from 0.5 percent in November 2020 to 0.3 percent in December 2020.

Contrarily, two major commodity groups exhibited increases in month-on-month inflation rate. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages registered an increment of 1.4 percentage points, from 2.0 percent in November 2020 to 3.4 percent in December 2020. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 0.7 percentage point, from 5.2 percent in November 2020 to 5.9 percent in December 2020.

Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) declines at 80 centavos in December 2020

The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in Leyte slightly went down to 80 centavos in December 2020. On the other hand, the PPP in the region remains at 78 centavos during the reference month. The 80 centavos purchasing power of the peso in Leyte indicates that the same basket of goods and services worth 80 pesos in 2012 (base year) is worth 100 pesos during the reference period.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS
IN LEYTE, 3RD QUARTER 2020

Approved building constructions decline by 15.6 percent in 2020 3rd Quarter

The total number of approved building constructions in the province during the third quarter of 2020 eased slightly by 15.6 percent from 693 total construction statistics in 2019 to 585 in same quarter of 2020.

Two major types of building showed decline in the total number of constructions. The non-residential type of building constructions in the third quarter of 2020 which is 45.0 percent of the total building constructions reduced to 99 from 180 in the third quarter of 2019. Similarly, additions, alterations, and repairs decreased by 38.3 percent from 81 constructions in the third quarter of 2019 to 50 during same period in 2020.

On the other hand, 0.9 percent increase was noted on the number of applications for residential type of building constructions from 432 applications during the third quarter of 2019 to 436 applications during same period of the current year.

Total value of building constructions in Leyte drop 67 percent

The total value of constructions in Leyte during the reference year was estimated at Php832,320. This value was 67 percent down compared to P2.5 million in 2019.

In 2020, decrements were noticed in total value of all types of buildings. The residential buildings’ total value during the year in review amounting to Php516,135 shows a 10.9 percent decrease from the total value of Php579,142 in same quarter of 2019.

The value of non-residential building constructions in Leyte declined by 84.3 percent in 2020 amounting to Php287,771 from P1.8 million in same quarter of 2019. Similarly, additions, alterations, and repairs building constructions sharply declined by 73.8 percent from a total value of Php108,247 in the third quarter of 2019 to Php28,414 in same period of the reference year.

Average cost per square meter of residential building construction posts at Php 7,770

Average cost per square meter of residential building constructions during the third quarter of 2020 was recorded at Php7,770. This value slightly decreased by 8.2 percent as compared with the average cost per square meter of Php8,462 in the third quarter of 2019.

The average cost per square meter of single type of building constructions recorded the highest value during the third quarter in 2020 at Php9,164. Moreover, it is 3.8 percent higher compared with the average cost per square meter reported in the third quarter of 2019 at Php8,829.

During the quarter in review, average cost per square meter of duplex and quadruplex posted at Php 9,008. This translates an increase of 8.5 percent from Php8,300 average cost per square meter in 2019. Average cost per square meter of apartment, accessoria and other similar types of residential building constructions had slight decrease from Php7,584 in 2019 to Php6,514 average cost per square meter during the third quarter of 2020.