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PSA Southern Leyte Leads the Nation in Turning Over 2024 CBMS Data to LGUs

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The Philippine Statistics Authority – Southern Leyte Provincial Statistical Office achieved another milestone as the first in the country to officially turn over the 2024 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data to all 19 city and municipal, as well as the provincial local government units within the province.

The ceremonial turnover was graced by several key leaders and stakeholders, including Vice Governor Rosa Emilia G. Mercado, PSA Regional Statistical Services Office – 08 Chief Statistical Specialist Mae R. Almonte, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator-Designate Binky D. Vasquez, DILG Representative LGOO II Jose Reynaldo A. Abad, DICT Provincial Head Marian C. Go-Soco, along with municipal mayors and their representatives, city and municipal planning and development coordinators, data protection officers, municipal statisticians, members of the media, representatives from the academe, and personnel from PSA Southern Leyte.

In her welcome remarks, Hon. Mercado reaffirmed the provincial government's commitment to supporting data-driven policymaking. On the other hand, CSS Almonte commended Southern Leyte for being the first province in the country to successfully complete and formally turn over the CBMS data, and she extended her appreciation to all stakeholders who played a role in this accomplishment.



Vice-Governor Mercado gave the welcome remarks to officially commence the event.



CSS Almonte expressed pride in PSA Southern Leyte and extended her gratitude to the LGUs.

Supervising Statistical Specialist Elissa P. Carbonilla presented the key highlights of the 2024 CBMS results, while PPDC-Designate Vasquez underscored the importance of utilizing the data for local development. She also outlined measures to safeguard the information, such as conducting privacy training, assigning designated officers, and forming a data breach response team.

LGOO II Abad emphasized the value of data-informed leadership, stating, “Effective governance starts with understanding our people.” DICT’s Go-Soco echoed this sentiment, noting that “evidence-based governance empowers communities and leads to meaningful change.”



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PPDC-Designate Vasquez presented the province's plans and programs in utilizing and securing the CBMS data.



DICT Provincial Head Go-Soco addressed the participants during the turnover event.



Key officials after signing the Data Turnover Agreement between PSA and LGUs.



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In closing, PSA Southern Leyte Chief Statistical Specialist Eutemio A. Llevado, Jr. expressed gratitude and reminded everyone that beyond numbers, the CBMS is a tool to close service gaps and improve lives.

About CBMS:

The Community-Based Monitoring System is a tool designed to generate household-level data for use in local planning, program implementation, and impact monitoring. It empowers communities by making their needs visible and guiding responsive governance.



CSS Llevado, Jr. expressed his gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the 2024 CBMS.

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