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PSA CONDUCTS JANUARY 2015 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS)

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is currently conducting the January 2015 Labor Force Survey (LFS) nationwide. The LFS is a quarterly survey which aims to collect information on employment characteristics of the country to provide a quantitative framework for the preparation of plans and formulation of policies that affects the labor market. The survey involves the collection of data on labor and employment, and the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the labor force. It covers a nationwide sample of about 51,000 households deemed sufficient to measure the levels of employment and unemployment at the national and regional levels. The data collection started last January 8, 2015 and it will be completed in January 31, 2015.

In Region I, around 2,900 sample housing units in 175 sample barangays or enumeration areas will be visited by enumerators. The enumerators include 43 regular employees of the PSA and 19 hired statistical researchers.

All the data gathered by PSA are covered by a law on confidentiality of information. Section 26 of RA 10625 states that: "... individual data furnished by a respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys and censuses of the PSA shall be considered privileged communication and as such shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding. The PSA may release aggregated information from statistical inquiries, surveys and censuses in the form of summaries or statistical tables in which no reference to an individual, corporation, association, partnership, institution or business enterprise shall appear...."

The PSA would like to solicit the support of all household-respondents as well as the local officials of the sample barangays to ensure the timely completion of the survey.

The preliminary results of the January 2015 LFS will be available by April 2015.

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