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PSA Region VI to conduct the First Women and Information Communications Technology (ICT) Development Index (WIDI) Survey

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25 January 2022 – Iloilo City. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) RSSO VI will conduct the 2022 Women and Information Communications Technology (ICT) Development Index (WIDI) Survey starting 31 January 2022 in the provinces and highly urbanized cities of Western Visayas.

The WIDI Survey, in collaboration with Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), is a nationwide survey focusing on women, girls and children, and ICT access and usage. The survey is one of DICT's several sectoral surveys to be conducted as part of its baseline series. It aims to provide information on how ICTs are used to expand women's social, economic, and livelihood opportunities. Furthermore, the data gathered is hoped to provide information on women's participation in the Digital Economy, particularly the use of ICTs and online digital platforms in employment, livelihood, and entrepreneurship.

Overall, the survey aims to obtain data on ICT access by women and girls in target households; to indicate extent of ICT use for education, employment, livelihood and entrepreneurship among women and girls; and to provide the evidence for ICT policy and planning focused on women and girls.

Western Visayas has a total of 2,922 sample households – 389 in Aklan; 390 in Antique; 388 in Capiz; 192 in Guimaras; 394 in Iloilo City; 385 in Iloilo Province; 395 in Bacolod City; and 389 in Negros Occidental – to be enumerated by 15 hired Statistical Researchers, and seven hired Team Supervisors. The personal interviews will be conducted using tablets through the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) application.

In connection with this, the PSA RSSO VI is soliciting the public support and cooperation in the conduct of the said activities. All collected data will be held strictly confidential in compliance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

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