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Guimaras achieves full CBMS coverage: A step toward evidence-based dev't

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PSA Guimaras personnel conducting Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data collection using the Household Profile Questionnaire (HPQ) during the 2025 CBMS rollout in Guimaras.

27 May 2025– Guimaras. 27 May 2025– Guimaras. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras has achieved full coverage of the 2024 Census of Population and Housing (POPCEN) and Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) operations across all 98 barangays of the province, with 100% completion of all data collection and processing activities as of April 2025.

"This accomplishment marks a crucial step toward building a more data-informed and responsive local governance framework", Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

Losare highlighted that the comprehensive data collection efforts under the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS involved five key undertakings.

"From May until June 2024, we conducted the Barangay Profile Questionnaire (BPQ, to capture detailed information about each barangay's governance, population, economy, infrastructure, and disaster risk management, and Listing of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP), which allowed us to enumerate essential infrastructure and public services such as schools, health centers, roads, and water systems", Losare added.

Losare also shared that the Household Profile Questionnaire (HPQ) and Institutional Living Quarters (ILQ) data collection, gathering vital data on education, employment, health, housing, and access to services, including profiling of group quarters like dormitories and boarding houses was carried out in July to September 2024.

"Through Map and Data Processing in October to December 2024, we transformed raw field data into digital maps and shapefiles to support poverty mapping and strategic planning", Losare said.

"The geotagging of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP) from March to April 2025 enabled us to capture accurate geographic coordinates of these assets to inform infrastructure development, disaster preparedness, and effective resource allocation", Losare added.

To ensure data continuity and completeness of the listing of SFGP, CBMS Form 8 was utilized to update features previously recorded during the 2022 and 2023 CBMS operations and to include new or unlisted facilities and government projects identified during the 2024 listing.

Currently, the PSA Guimaras continuously conducting post-evaluation and data validation activities, which involve cross-checking geotagged points, digital shapefiles, and on-the-ground data to ensure accuracy and consistency.

"These quality assurance procedures are essential to maintain the integrity of the datasets before submission", Losare clarified.

"Validation is a critical part of our process. We want to ensure that the information we provide accurately reflects the actual situation in every barangay", Losare added.

The municipal-level data review and official data turnover of the final and consolidated 2024 POPCEN-CBMS dataset to the Provincial Government of Guimaras are both scheduled for July 2025, during which each LGU will verify and confirm their respective datasets in coordination with PSA Guimaras, ensuring a complete, accurate, and ready-to-use statistical package for evidence-based local development planning.

"These validated datasets will play a vital role in shaping national statistics, informing policies, guiding programs, and determining development priorities", Losare stated.

"We are committed to delivering not just on time but with the highest standard of accuracy and utility", Losare added.

Completing all CBMS activities, PSA Guimaras reinforces its commitment to building resilient and well-informed communities through inclusive, evidence-based governance.

"This is more than just a data collection initiative—it is a foundational step toward smarter governance and an improved quality of life for every Guimarasnon", Losare concluded.

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