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Data that Drives: PSA Guimaras presents key development statistics

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18 July 2025- Guimaras. In a move to turn numbers into insight and insight into action, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras presented key development statistics on literacy, inflation, and PhilSys operations during the June 2025 Data Dissemination Forum—providing data that drives smarter, more inclusive planning in the province, held on July 17 at the BPI Function Hall in Jordan, Guimaras.

The forum brought together representatives from national government agencies and LGU head offices, offering them timely, localized data to guide policy discussions and planning directions.

Among the major findings was the result of the 2024 Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS), which revealed that while 90% of Guimarasnons aged 5 and over are basic literate, only 70% of individuals aged 10 to 64 are functionally literate.

Functional literacy is the ability of a person to read, write, compute, and comprehend. It includes a higher level of comprehension skills, such as integrating two or more pieces of information and making inferences based on the given information.

The data also showed that 6.4% remain illiterate and 2.4% are low literate, with many having no formal schooling. Learners with disabilities (LWDs), particularly those in non-graded or partially included learning arrangements, were identified as among the most vulnerable.

“These numbers show us where to act. We need to move from basic literacy to functional learning, especially for marginalized learners,” said Suzette G. Talaman, Education Program Supervisor of DepEd Guimaras.

She underscored the importance of curriculum enhancement, inclusive strategies, and community support in improving education outcomes.



PSA Guimaras Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare presents 2024 Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS) results, during the June 2025 Data Dissemination Forum on July 17 at the BPI Function Hall, Jordan, Guimaras.



PSA Guimaras Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare presents June Inflation results during the June 2025 Data Dissemination Forum on July 17 at the BPI Function Hall, Jordan, Guimaras.



PSA Guimaras Information Officer I Orle E. Tabia presents PhilSys Operation updates during the June 2025 Data Dissemination Forum on July 17 at the BPI Function Hall, Jordan, Guimaras.

PSA Guimaras Chief Statistical Specialist Nelida B. Losare also presented the June 2025 inflation rate, which was recorded at 0.5%, signaling a slowdown compared to the previous month's rate at 0.8%. However, inflationary pressure remains in sectors such as communication, personal care, and utilities. The depreciation of the peso continues to affect import-dependent goods, while declining food prices benefit consumers but strain farmers' earnings.

Francisco E. Gentoral, EnP, Provincial Economic Development Officer, highlighted the importance of targeted local responses. Among the interventions discussed were enhanced price monitoring, farmer support through financial assistance and crop diversification, investment in local sourcing, and public education on budgeting and energy conservation.

The forum also featured updates on the rollout of the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) in Guimaras, reported by Information Officer Orlie E. Espinosa-Tabia, shared progress on registration and ongoing Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns to encourage awareness and usage of the national ID—particularly among those in remote and underserved areas. PhilSys aims to simplify access to public services and foster digital inclusion.

In her closing message, PSO Losare emphasized the role of data in shaping equitable development.

“Statistics are not just reports, they are decision-making tools. When shared and used correctly, they can help transform communities,” Losare said.

Through the timely presentation of official statistics, PSA Guimaras reinforces its role in supporting evidence-based governance and empowering local stakeholders to turn data into direction.

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Participants from national government agencies and LGU head offices engage in discussions during the June 2025 Data Dissemination Forum facilitated by PSA Guimaras on July 17 at the BPI Function Hall, Jordan, Guimaras.