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PSA Guimaras highlights socio-economic trends in 2024 CBMS presentations

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Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Nelida B. Losare delivers her opening message during the data presentation to the LGUs

Statistical Specialist II (SSII) Ellen Grace F. Galaura presents preliminary statistics on key indicators derived from CBMS

07 August 2025 – The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras presented the preliminary results of the 2024 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) to local government units across four municipalities, providing vital socio-economic data to support evidence-based planning and governance.

"Preliminary results presentations were held in Nueva Valencia on July 22, in Sibunag and San Lorenzo on July 29, in Jordan on July 31, and will conclude in Buenavista on August 11, with the official CBMS data turnover to all five municipalities set for September 2025," Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

The activity aimed to equip local government units with technical insights and initial findings from the 2024 CBMS, enhancing their capacity to formulate targeted and responsive programs.

Local chief executives, CBMS focal persons, municipal statisticians, Data Protection Officers, Municipal Planning and Development Officers (MPDOs), department heads, MCCB members, and representatives from various sectors attended the events, reflecting a strong commitment to data-driven development.

San Lorenzo Municipal Mayor Hon. Jimmy O. Gajo expressed full support for the CBMS, noting how the data has strengthened their local planning. San Lorenzo remains the only municipality in Guimaras to have conducted the PSA-funded CBMS twice, in both 2022 and 2024.

In Sibunag, Hon. Luben G. Vilches, Municipal Mayor, and Hon. Reynaldo G. Segovia, Vice Mayor, acknowledged the depth and relevance of CBMS data in updating their community profiles and designing more inclusive interventions for vulnerable sectors.

Statistical Specialist II Ellen Grace Galaura served as the resource person during the data presentations, delivering key statistics and insights drawn from the preliminary 2024 CBMS data.

"The results covered a wide range of indicators reflecting socio-economic conditions at the local level," Losare said.

PSA Guimaras presents preliminary results of the 2024 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) to the Local Government Units of Nueva Valencia (top left), Jordan (top right), San Lorenzo (bottom left), and Sibunag (bottom right)

Among the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-aligned indicators discussed were access to electricity, clean fuel, safe drinking water, sanitation, financial services, education, employment status, internet use, and women's representation in leadership roles. Additional data included food insecurity, perception of public safety, and reasons for non-attendance in school.

Map visualizations also presented data on housing characteristics, senior citizens living alone, households with persons with disabilities, and the distance of health and evacuation facilities from communities. Barangay-level indicators such as garbage collection services, cellphone signal availability, and presence of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) measures, were also highlighted.

"The CBMS plays a crucial role in tracking progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals by providing granular data that reflects the lived realities of households," Losare said

"This empowers LGUs to develop evidence-based policies, deliver targeted programs, and address socio-economic issues more effectively," she added.

Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators actively participated in the data review sessions. MPDC Zurinie Zaldivar of Nueva Valencia advocated for the creation of a Statistical Officer Plantilla position, emphasizing the need for institutional support in managing and analyzing CBMS data.

Atty. Mary Janelle Marahay, Executive Assistant of Hon. Mayor John Edward Gando of Jordan appreciated the initial result of the 2024 CBMS stating that data presented are not just numbers but a reflection of the people, this reminds us of the grassroots whom the LGUs truly served, let us act on this, and not let this data go to waste so that in the next CBMS we can see improvements and better results.

"*With the data in their hands, LGUs will be fully equipped to make informed decisions, craft sustainable policies, and promote inclusive development at the community level*," *Losare said.*

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