Efforts of the Philippine Statistical System for the Post-2015 Development Agenda

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Outline of Presentation

I. Key Developments, 2011-2014

II. Issues and Challenges

III. Preparing for the SDGs
   • Mechanisms for Monitoring/Reporting
   • Statistical Programs 2015-2017
I. Key Developments, 2011-2014

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

• Hosting of the International Conference on MDG Statistics and 20th Meeting of the Interagency Expert Group on MDG Indicators, Dusit Hotel, Philippines, October 2011

• Technical Workshop on the Universal Goals and National Targets proposed by the UN High-Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, September, 2013

• Release of the 5th Philippine Progress Report (on MDGs) August 20, 2014

• MDG monitoring at the subnational level
  Nine (9) regional offices of the PSA maintain a database of their respective regions’ MDG indicators and publish the MDG Watch.
I. Key Developments, 2011-2014

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

• Participation in global consultation on the preparation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda

  a. Accomplishment of questionnaire from the Friends of the Chair (FOC) on Broader Measures of Progress, established by the UN Statistics Commission – October 2014

  b. Accomplishment of questionnaire on the “Assessment on the Proposed Preliminary UN Indicators for the Post 2015” – March 2015
I. Key Developments, 2011-2014

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

• Participation of the Philippines in various international fora on SDGs

  a. ESCAP / ADB / UNDP Sub-Regional Workshop on accelerated achievement of MDGs and the Post-2015 development agenda in South-East Asia (21-23 November 2012)

  b. Side event: Special Event of Paris 21 on “Post-2015 and the Global Partnership for Development Data” (26 September 2013)

  c. Expert Roundtable Discussion on “Designing Indicators for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Collecting Comprehensive, Timely Data” (June 2014)
I. Key Developments, 2011-2014

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Participation in the Inter-Agency Experts Group on the SDGs of the Philippines thru the PSA National Statistician who currently serves as Co-Chair of the Group.

- 1\textsuperscript{st} meeting was held on 1-2 June 2015 in New York City
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} meeting will be held on 26-28 Oct. 2015 in Bangkok
I. Key Developments, 2011-2014

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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I. Key Developments, 2011-2014

Reorganization of the Philippine Statistical System

The Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 created the **Philippine Statistics Authority**, merging four former major statistical agencies:

- National Statistics Office (NSO)
- National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)
- Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS)
- Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES)
I. Key Developments, 2011-2014

Reorganization of the Philippine Statistical System

- Offices directly under the National Statistician were created:
  - Statistical Methodology Unit
  - Legal Services Unit
  - International Cooperation Unit
  - Planning and Management Service

- These offices shall be the sources of innovation and shall lead the transformative agenda of the PSA and the Philippine Statistical System.
II. Issues and Challenges

• Given the numerous indicators initially identified for the monitoring of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 Targets, there is great demand for the availability of relevant, timely, disaggregated and better quality statistics.

• Need to improve admin-based data to serve as possible source of various data requirements in the SDG framework.

• Need for optimal use of information technology for wider utilization and dissemination of the SDG indicators.
III. Preparing for the SDGs

Continuous collaboration/coordination with relevant Inter-Agency Committees and Technical Committees

- Advocacy on MDGs/SDGs
- Official concepts and definitions for statistical purposes
- Identification, discussion and resolutions of statistical issues
Mechanisms for Monitoring/Reporting

SDG Website

The PSA link an SDG Website where users can view the metadata, database, SDG watch and other related links.

SDG Watch

Similar with the MDG Watch, PSA will also try to develop an SDG Watch that will monitor the relevant and available indicators for better appreciation of the stakeholders.

SDG Focal Points

For easier coordination and data gathering of the indicators, the PSA will propose data-source agencies to identify focal points on the SDGs.
Mechanisms for Monitoring/Reporting

**Data Producers**

To provide data support for the monitoring of SDG indicators

**Data Users/Policymakers/Government**

Demonstration of relevance of MDG monitoring to actual policy and decision-making

**Media Advocacy**

Raise public awareness on issues related to the achievement of the SDGs.
III. Preparing for the SDGs

Philippine Statistical Development Program

- The PSDP is a roadmap for the Philippine Statistical System (PSS).
III. Preparing for the SDGs

Philippine Statistical Development Program

- In view of recent developments,
  a. the establishment of the Philippine Statistics Authority;
  b. updating of the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016;
  c. discussion of the Post 2015 Development Agenda and data revolution
- Need to revisit and update the PSDP 2011-2017
III. Preparing for the SDGs

Philippine Statistical Development Program

- A separate PSDP chapter on SDGs to further highlight the current situation, key activities, issues/challenges on the monitoring of SDGs is being prepared.
### Statistical Programs, 2015-2017

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<td>Conduct of consultative fora to identify relevant indicators for national monitoring of the SDGs and discuss with possible data source agencies how to possibly address data gaps</td>
<td>NEDA/PSA</td>
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<td>Conduct of studies on the estimation methodology to be used upon the adoption of the 2013 Master Sample (MS) in the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)</td>
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<td>Putting in place the Administrative Records Review and Clearance System</td>
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To modernize data collection infrastructure and technology to address users’ demand for timely, relevant and accurate data.

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<td>Establishment/identification of focal persons on SDGs in various data source agencies</td>
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<td>Preparation of the 6th MDG Progress Report – final reporting on the MDG indicators</td>
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