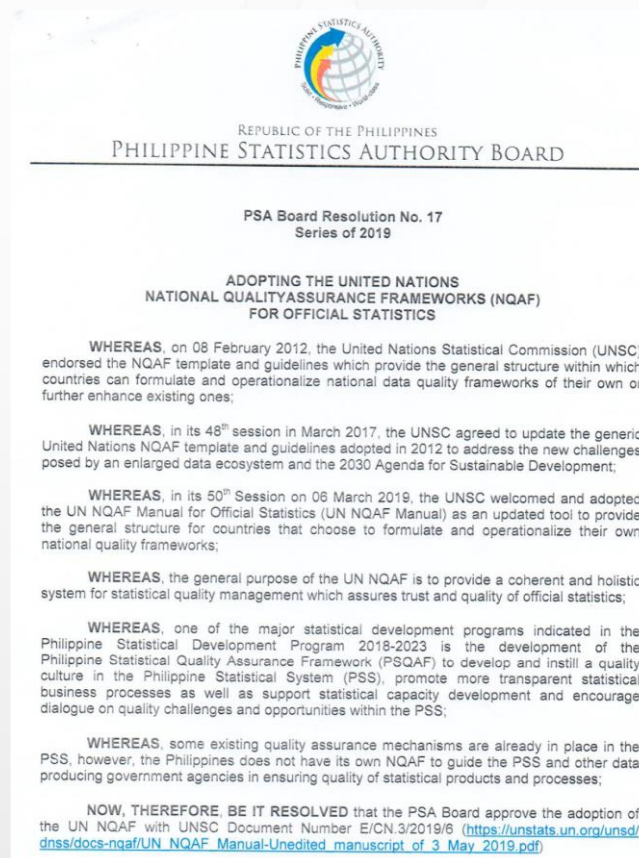# Implementation of UN National Quality Assurance Framework in the Philippines

Institutionalizing the UN NQAF in the Philippine Statistical System

- *PSA Board Resolution No. 17, s. 2019 – Adopting the United Nations Quality Assurance Frameworks for Official Statistics*

Assessment of PSA's Compliance to the UN NQAF

- Assessment by the PSA Standards Service from August to October 2019

Methodology

1. The assessment tool is in excel file. The list of elements identifies possible activities, methods and tools that can provide guidance and evidence for the implementation of the UN NQAF principles and requirements. It should be noted that not all elements from the list are equally needed or relevant. Each element is being scored as 1-implemented/met and 0-not implemented/met.

2. Degree of compliance in NQAF requirements were derived by assessing NQAF elements.
   - Full compliance: all elements were complied.
   - Partial compliance: at least 50% of elements were complied.
   - No compliance: less than 50% of elements were complied.

3. Compliance scores per principle and per level were computed based on the degree of compliance in NQAF requirements (expressed as percentage between 0-1). The score for a principle is calculated as the average score across all requirements under this principle with the following weights: full compliance (1), partial compliance (0.5) and noncompliance (0).

Assessment of PSA's Compliance to the UN NQAF

- PSA-wide Orientation on UN NQAF and GSBPM (16-17 December 2019)

Outputs of the workshop

1. The PSA central and field office officials and staff were made aware of various concepts, definitions and salient features of UN NQAF, different phases of the GSBPM, and where the PSS stands in ASEAN in terms of the PSS compliance to the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Code of Practice (CoP).

2. The participants provided recommendations on the development of the Philippine Statistical Quality Assurance Framework (PSQAF) by using the UN NQAF assessment tool and checklist.

3. Assessment results on the adherence of PSA to the UN NQAF principles and requirements were discussed and updated using inputs from the sectoral and relevant divisions/offices/units of the PSA.

4. The PSA Standards Service documented the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for improvement of the PSA vis-à-vis the UN NQAF requirements.

5. An assessment report was prepared and submitted in March 2020 containing the outputs of the workshop and some recommendations on the ways forward.

Existing Data Quality Assurance Mechanisms

- PSA Board
- Statistical committees (Interagency Committees, Technical Committees and Task Forces)
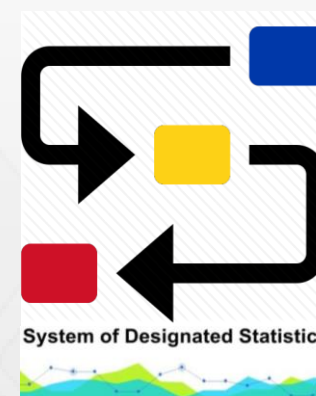- Regional and Provincial Statistical Committees

Pioneering statistics – The compilation of Baguio City Product Accounts would be the first product account for a city in the Philippines, spearheading more granular economic accounts to be used as basis for more responsive policies and development programs This was discussed during Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) 4th meeting on November 21, 2019 (Photo courtesy of NEDA Cordillera Administrative Region)

Existing Data Quality Assurance Mechanisms

- Review and clearance of statistical surveys and censuses

- Monitoring of timeliness of statistical releases

- Monitoring of adoption of statistical standards and classification systems at the local level

Existing Data Quality Assurance Mechanisms

- Updating of standard protocols and quality manuals
- Periodic updating of PSA Strategic Plan for 2021-2025 and the Philippine Statistical Development Program
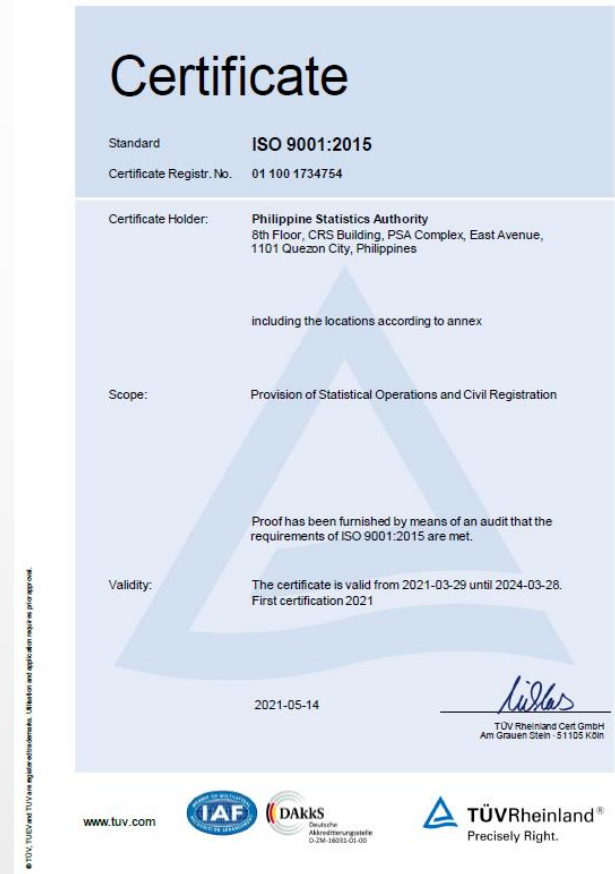
Ways Forward

- Development of Philippine Statistical Quality Assurance Framework in 2022
- Review of Administrative Forms and Reporting Systems
- Review of Citizen-Generated for Possible Use in Citizen-Generated Data for SDG Official Reporting
- Implementation of Standard Protocols for Implementation of the Community-Based Monitoring System in 2022

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