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PSA-BARMM conducts Training on October 2019 LFS and 2019 SOF

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Participants and Resource persons during the training

Philippine Statistics Authority in BARMM (PSA-BARMM) conducted the Second Level Training on October 2019 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and 2019 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) on 25 to 27 September 2019 at PSA-BARMM Regional Office, Cotabato City. A total of twelve (12) participants headed by OIC-Regional Director Razulden A. Mangelen and Chief SOCD Mahmur H. Sarail, together with Provincial Statistics Officers (PSOs) of provincial offices of PSA-BARMM and Regional/Provincial Focal Persons (R/PFPs) attended this training.

Estrella R. Padilla, Supervising Statistical Specialist, and Aquessa L. Macud, Statistical Specialist II are the RFPs for this statistical activity. They also served as resource persons during this three-day training.



Padilla discusses the overview of the training.

The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationwide quarterly survey of households undertaken by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The survey involved the collection of data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population in general. The reporting unit was the household which implied that statistics emanating from this survey referred to the characteristics of the population residing in the private households. Persons who reside in the institutions are not within the scope of the survey. The survey provides information as basis for the formulation of policies and programs on creation and generation of gainful employment and livelihood opportunities, statistics on levels and trends and reduction of unemployment and underemployment for the country and regions, and enhancement of the welfare of working person. The survey is used for the projection of future human resource, which when compared with the future manpower requirements, will help identify employment and training needs and it helps in the assessment of the potential human resource available for economic development; and it provides labor statistics profile of the population across domain and socio-economic groups. The LFS aims to provide a quantitative framework for the preparation of plans and formulation of policies affecting the labor market. Specifically, the LFS is designed to collect information on the distribution of household population 15 years old and over by employment status, by sex, and age group; distribution of employed persons by major occupation group, major industry group, class of worker, number of hours worked, highest grade completed, nature of employment, and by sex; distribution of underemployed persons by total hours worked, major occupation group, class of worker, and by sex; and distribution of unemployed persons by age group, highest grade completed, by number of weeks looking for work, job search method, and by sex.

The October 2019 LFS is the 4th quarter of the LFS 2019, and this round survey is with Kasambahay Module and the 2019 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) as its riders. The

rider Kasambahay Module aims to generate information on the employment and working conditions of domestic workers focusing on indicators necessary to the setting of minimum wages based on the concept of the minimum wage and relevant law. For this purpose, the National Wage Productivity Commission (NWPC) proposed to the PSA the inclusion of the rider Kasambahay Module to the LFS and engaged the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI) to provide technical assistance in developing an empirical framework for setting minimum wages for domestic workers. As an LFS rider, the module on domestic work shall cover all households with live-in domestic workers under the October 2019 LFS. Like LFS, the reporting unit of Kasambahay Module is the household, which means that the statistics emanating from this survey will refer to the characteristics of domestic workers in private households and are on live-in arrangements. Domestic workers who do not reside in private households and are on-call arrangements are not within the scope of the survey.

The Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) is a nationwide survey that seeks to gather information on Filipino citizens who left abroad during the last five (5) years. It is a rider survey to the October round of the LFS every year. The SOF aims to provide data on overseas Filipinos particularly the overseas contract workers (OCWs) and their contribution to economy. The conduct of SOF is to obtain national estimates on the number of overseas Filipinos including overseas workers and their socio-economic characteristics and to provide



Macud discusses the accomplishment of the ISH Form 2 of LFS.

estimates on the amount of cash and in-kind transfer received by the families and mode of remittances. For the purpose of the survey, only those family members who traveled outside of the Philippines within the period October 2014 to September 2019 for any reasons are included. The survey results are useful information to the formulation of policies and programs on overseas Filipinos. In addition, the other uses of SOF is to provide government planners inputs for policy and programs of the government. Data

gathered in the survey include the demographic and economic characteristics of OFWs and the remittances they send to their families here in the Philippines. Related information such as the place of destination, length of stay abroad, type of work abroad, date of departure and return were also included. Like LFS and the rider Kasambahay Module, the reporting unit of SOF is the household, which means the statistics emanating from the survey refer to OFWs who are members of private households. Institutional population is not within the scope of the survey. Two forms were used in this survey – these are the SOF Form 1 which gathers the socio-economic characteristics of OFs and the SOF Form 2 which is the control form.

Enumeration of the October 2019 LFS with the riders Kasambahay Module and 2019 SOF started on 08 October 2019 nationwide and ended on 31 October 2019.



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