

**PSA Memorandum Order No. 09**  
Series of 2019

**CREATING THE TASK FORCE ON CITIZEN-GENERATED DATA  
FOR OFFICIAL REPORTING**

**WHEREAS**, monitoring of national development plans and the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development pose a challenge to national statistical systems to produce and provide quality and more disaggregated data;

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10625, also known as the “Philippine Statistical Act of 2013”, mandates the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to develop and maintain appropriate frameworks and standards for the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data;

**WHEREAS**, PSA Resolution No. 4, Series of 2016, “Enjoining Government Agencies to Provide Data Support to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”, tasks the PSA to lead in calling on the international community, private sector, and civil society to provide assistance in terms of resources and advocacy support in the conduct of statistical development activities to generate useful/meaningful information for progress monitoring on the SDGs, among others;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) 2018-2023 underscores the need to engage Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in assessing data and improving statistical frameworks on: social protection statistics; peace, security and justice statistics; income, poverty and hunger statistics; statistics on children, gender and development; and information society statistics;

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the PSA joined the Inclusive Data Charter where governments committed to leave no one behind by producing data with the following disaggregations: income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, and geographic location;

**WHEREAS**, the PSA in collaboration with the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (PARIS21) held a Launching Workshop on Citizen-Generated Data (CGD) for Official Reporting on 24 July 2019 which paved the way to a profound discussion on how citizen-generated data could be used as possible data source in addressing data gaps for the monitoring of the SDGs and other development plans;

**WHEREAS**, one of the major recommendations during the Launching Workshop was to establish a core group/task force comprising of representatives from the government, CSOs/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), development partners, private sector and academia to institutionalize the use of CGD for official reporting of SDGs and key development indicators;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in view of the foregoing, the Task Force on Citizen-Generated Data for Official Reporting is hereby established with the following composition;

Chair: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Vice Chair: Demographic Research and Development Foundation, Inc.  
(DRDF)

Members:

Government Agencies:

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)  
Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI)

Civil Society Organizations/Private Sector:

Association of Foundations  
Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO)  
Grameen Foundation  
International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) –  
Local Governments for Sustainability, Southeast Asia  
Secretariat  
Management Association of the Philippines (MAP)  
Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Human  
Resources Development Foundation (PCCI-HRDF)

Academia:

University of the Philippines School of Statistics (UPSS)

International Organizations:

Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century  
(PARIS21)  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Resource Persons:

Ayala Foundation  
First Philippine Holdings Corporation (FPH)  
Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc.  
Makati Business Club (MBC)  
Philippine Business for the Environment (PBE)  
Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP)  
Philippine NGO Council on Population, Health and Welfare, Inc.  
(PNGOC)  
SM Foundation  
Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF)











The Task Force is tasked to:

1. identify CGD as possible data source for official reporting;
2. develop a harmonized data ecosystem in collaboration with different stakeholders to establish a framework of data sharing, exchange of good practices on CGD;
3. involve stakeholders in data planning/gap assessment in SDGs and/or key development indicator frameworks;
4. craft a capacity building program for CSOs on SDGs and data quality frameworks;
5. develop a quality assurance framework for CGD for possible use in official reporting;
6. recommend to the PSA Board measures to provide a viable environment for CGD to be used to better inform/complement official reporting; and
7. recommend to the PSA Board policies, standards and validation mechanisms on the utilization of CGD for official reporting for the PSS, especially in support of monitoring the SDGs.

For effective conduct of meetings, the identified core group shall serve as basis for determining a quorum. Other resource persons are to be invited as the need arises. A technical and secretariat group to be drawn from the Statistical Standards Division of the PSA shall be provided to the Task Force while other agencies may also be requested to participate in the work of the said group. The Task Force is to render reports on its operations to the PSA.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 27 August 2019.

Attested by:

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