



NSCB Memorandum Order No. 003
Series of 2012

**RECONSTITUTING FURTHER
THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON POVERTY STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, the Technical Committee on Poverty Statistics (TCPovStat) was created through NSCB Memorandum Order No. 8, series of 2003, to recommend improvements in the official poverty estimation methodology;

WHEREAS, the TCPovStat had been reconstituted thru NSCB Memorandum Order No. 8, series of 2005, NSCB Memorandum Order No. 001, series of 2008, NSCB Memorandum Order No. 005, series of 2009, and NSCB Memorandum Order No. 003, series of 2011, due to the need to avail of the needed expertise in the field of poverty statistics;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further reconstitute the TC PovStat to enhance consultation with and participation of stakeholders for effective resolution of current and emerging issues and concerns on poverty statistics;

NOW, THEREFORE, the composition of the TCPovStat is hereby amended as follows:

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The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

1. Review and assess the current issues and problems on poverty statistics and other related indicators being produced by the Philippine Statistical System;

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2. Study the methodologies and estimation procedures used in generating official poverty statistics and related indicators and recommend improvements that will strike a balance between the requirements of data users and the resources available to the NSCB and concerned data producers;
3. Recommend measures to ensure that the data requirements for poverty estimation are being produced by the concerned agencies; and
4. Provide expert advice in the development of an efficient system of poverty estimation, taking into consideration the best practices in the generation of official poverty statistics in different countries.


The membership of the Technical Committee may be increased or decreased, as the exigencies of its work require, provided that this shall be authorized by the NSCB Secretary General. Furthermore, the Committee may invite other individuals or experts as resource persons as the need for them arises.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Technical Committee, the NSCB Technical Staff shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. For effective conduct of meetings, the Committee is authorized to define its own quorum. The NSCB Technical Staff shall continue to provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the Committee. It shall also monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the NSCB Executive Board.

The Technical Committee may create technical working groups (TWGs) and task forces (TFs), as the need arises, to assist in the exercise of its functions, subject to the approval of the NSCB Secretary General. Technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the TWGs/TFs shall be provided by the concerned agencies.

The Technical Committee shall adhere to the NSCB Guidelines for Interagency Committees, Technical Committees, Technical Working Groups, and Task Forces in the implementation of its activities and in the preparation of reports and recommendations. It shall submit to the Secretary General its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 9 February 2012.


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and Chairman, NSCB

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