

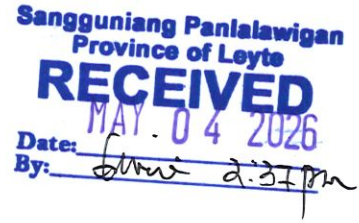


Republic of the Philippines  
**Philippine Statistics Authority**  
Region VIII – Eastern Visayas



Reference Number 260800-806

30 April 2026



**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**  
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer  
Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
Palo, Leyte

Subject: Request for Meeting on Clarification of Methodology and Data for the 2023 Municipality-Level Poverty Estimates

Dear Hon. Vice Governor Javier:

Foremost, we wish to thank your Office for initiating this dialogue and supporting an efficient mechanism that ensures dynamic statistical ecosystem and coordination at the regional and LGU levels.

In light of this, we are pleased to inform you that we have calendared the meeting on 07 May 2026 at 2:00 to 4:00 PM via Google Meet Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/vib-hsau-aqk>

The agenda of the meeting will be the highlights of the 2023 City and Municipal-level Poverty Estimates in Eastern Visayas. The presentation will include an overview of the data inputs, Small Area Estimates (SAE) methodology and coverage.

To widen the reach of the dissemination and obtain appropriate feedback from stakeholders, we respectfully request your Office to encourage the local chief executives (LCEs) of the local government units (LGUs) or their respective Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDCs) to join the online discussion.

Please do not hesitate to let us know beforehand your thoughts on the proposed meeting. Our contact person for this is Senior Statistical Specialist Jane G. Balondo with email address [j.balondo@psa.gov.ph](mailto:j.balondo@psa.gov.ph) and cellphone number 09985648556.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

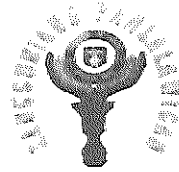
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON APRIL 21, 2026.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-814**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS OFFICE REGIONAL OFFICE VIII FOR A MEETING ON CLARIFICATION OF METHODOLOGY AND DATA FOR MUNICIPAL-LEVEL POVERTY ESTIMATES.**

**WHEREAS**, It has come to the attention of this Honorable Body that three (3) municipalities within the Province of Leyte were included among the 15 poorest municipalities in Eastern Visayas in the 2023 City and Municipal Level Poverty Estimation of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

**WHEREAS**, considering the far-reaching implications of these findings on provincial planning, budgeting, and policy formulation, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan finds it imperative to seek clarification on the methodology, data sources, and parameters utilized in arriving at these estimates;

**WHEREAS**, the **Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte** deemed it proper to set a meeting with the PSA technical team to discuss the following:

- The statistical models and estimation techniques applied at the municipal level;
- The indicators, definitions, and thresholds used in determining poverty incidence;
- The data sources, reference periods, and sampling design employed; and
- Any limitations, margins of error, and proper interpretation of the results at the local government level.

**WHEREAS**, this request is made in furtherance of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan's mandate to:

1. Exercise its oversight and legislative functions based on accurate, transparent, and properly contextualized statistical data;
2. Ensure that provincial appropriations, and development programs, and policy interventions are responsive to verified socio-economic conditions; and
3. Formulate evidence-based measures to effectively address poverty incidence in the concerned municipalities.

**WHEREAS**, this engagement will strengthen coordination between the PSA and the Provincial Government of Leyte and will ensure that subsequent policy actions are grounded on clear and accurate understanding of the data.

**WHEREAS**, the August Body, deemed it proper to request Regional Director Wilma A. Perante, PSA Regional Office VIII for a meeting with the August Body;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion presented by Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, duly seconded by Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que and Honorable MJ Luinly D. Lumen, be it


**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to **REQUEST THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS OFFICE REGIONAL OFFICE VIII FOR A MEETING ON CLARIFICATION OF METHODOLOGY AND DATA FOR MUNICIPAL-LEVEL POVERTY ESTIMATES.**

Approved unanimously.

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

**ATTESTED:**

  
**HON. CARLO P. LORETO**  
5<sup>th</sup> District Board Member  
Temporary Presiding Officer

  
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Secretary to the Sanggunian  
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