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NSCB RD I Releases Pangasinan Poverty Maps

The National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) Regional Division (RD) I announces the release of the poverty maps for the Province of Pangasinan for the years 2000 and 2002. The maps come in printed and CD-ROM format.

The poverty maps of Pangasinan were produced by the NSCB RD 1, in collaboration with the Provincial Government of Pangasinan, in support to the government's poverty alleviation program. The NSCB embarked into the poverty mapping activity to identify the poor areas in the province through the use of social and economic indicators. The maps will serve as basis of policy and decision makers in identifying what and where poverty reduction programs/projects will be implemented.

The data used in the poverty mapping in Pangasinan were provided by the local government units through the Provincial Housing and Urban Development Coordination Office (PHUDCO) of Pangasinan where the office of the Local Poverty Reduction Action Officer is based. The initial results were earlier presented in a user's forum conducted at the Narciso Ramos Sports and Recreation Center in Lingayen, Pangasinan last February 16, 2005 where the maps were validated by the participants who represented the cities and municipalities of the province. The maps were finalized based on new data submitted by the local government units (LGUs).

The following indicators were used in generating the poverty maps: number of underweight children 0-5 years old, number of underweight children 7-10 years old, number of newborn with weight less than 2.5 kg., infant mortality rate, child mortality rate, number of medical and other health workers, number of households with access to safe water, number of crimes against properties, number of crimes against persons, participation rate in public elementary schools and cohort survival ratio in public elementary schools.

The poverty index of each municipality was computed using these indicators and the municipal indices were compared with the provincial index. The indices were plotted in maps using the Geographic information System (GIS) software of the NSCB.

The NSCB RD 1 has completed in 2004 the poverty maps for La Union. The poverty maps for Ilocos Sur will be prepared in the 3rd quarter of 2005 while the poverty maps for Ilocos Norte will be programmed in the 4th quarter of 2005 after the submission of data from the LGU.

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