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NSCB Releases the 2005 Women and Men in the Ilocos Region Statistical Handbook

The National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) Regional Division (RD) I announces the release of the third edition of the Women and Men (WAM) in the Ilocos Region Statistical Handbook. The WAM is the NSCB's contribution to the efforts of the region for the institutionalization of Gender and Development (GAD). Likewise, it supports the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which are the world's time-bound and quantified targets for addressing extreme poverty and ensuring human development, particularly the goal on the promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women.

The WAM contains the latest available gender and related statistics on various areas of concern on women and children in the Ilocos region. The gender statistics are presented in tables and charts with brief analyses highlighting salient features of the data. The data were gathered from the results of surveys and censuses, and reports from administrative records generated by the different line departments and agencies that make up the Philippine Statistical System.

The handbook is a significant source of information for decision-makers, project planners, implementers and evaluators to guide them in their advocacy works and in the formulation of effective plans and programs for the advancement of women in the region. Likewise, it shall serve as a reference material for the Regional Knowledge Center for Women and Children (RKCWC) which is being administered by NSCB Regional Division I with funding assistance from the United Nation's Children's Fund (UNICEF) through the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region I's Local Policy and Institutionalization Development (LPID) Project.

The publication is now available at the National Statistical Information Center (NSIC) library, which is open to the public for free from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Mondays to Fridays. The NSIC is a one-stop shop of statistical information and services managed by the NSCB. The NSIC Region 1 Branch is located at 2/F L.M. Chan Bldg., 663 Quezon Avenue, San Fernando City, La Union. Personal copies of the publication can be availed in printed and CDROM at the NSIC Bookshoppe at a very minimal price. Subscription can be done through the internet (www.nscb.gov.ph/ru1) or at the bookshoppe.

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