

**CRESS Dissemination Forum – 28 August 2015
Issues/Concerns and Recommendations**

On the statistical budget

- allocate more budget for MOOE, e.g., for data dissemination;
- increase CO budget, specifically for inter-connectivity as data are not usually printed anymore but are made available electronically;
- enhance IT/software compatibility across departments for data sharing and other purposes;
- tap role of IACs/TCs in identifying the needs in respective sectors;
- re budget for statistical personnel – there must be prioritization in view of resource constraints (revenue collection);
- address statistical requirements vis-à-vis underutilization of budget – optimize budget;
- identify “baby PAPs” from “mother PAPs” (see DOJ model) – disaggregate budget by sector/area of concern;
- propose legislation to allocate portion of the total agency budget for statistics

On providing separate line items for statistics in the annual budget

- clarify first where these should be placed under in the annual agency budget;
- provide definitions/typology of “statistical activities” and “statistical programs” (see climate change expenditure tagging);
- for the DBM to find a way to include statistics code in the system of budgeting (PREXC);
- request DBM to include in the budget call the PSA Resolution re line items for statistics

On enhancing appreciation and improving awareness on statistics/”marketing” statistics

- for more schools to offer statistics as course;
- package statistics for the business sector;
- draft a good communication plan to inform public re availability of statistics;
- for PARIS21 to develop modules to enhance appreciation on statistics among agency heads and policymakers, and of the need to invest on them;
- policy direction to share data among agencies to be agreed at the level of Department Secretaries, to compel cooperation in operationalizing/institutionalizing the agreement

On the budget review process

- refer to the CRESS in the budget review process to see how the funds were used and what happened to the activities;
- capture in the budget review the status of compliance of agencies re designated statistics;
- strengthen coordination between PSA and DBM re budget review process;

- push for reforms in the budgeting process

On statistical capacity building

- strengthen statistical capacity initiatives in Departments, e.g., DOLE (now without BLES);
- provide more statistical training;
- provide for enabling environment and opportunities for career growth;
- consider cross-posting PSA staff in various agencies and LGUs to produce admin data and address data requirements;
- TCs/IACs to assist agencies in cluster/sector statistics, e.g., DOJ (Justice Research Center)
- consider use of ICT in data collection

On the National Development Indicators System

- cost activities to generate national development indicators;
- use the NDIS as basis for identifying the statistical activities to be conducted and the corresponding required budget;
- link to the SDGs and estimate cost of generating each indicator

On responding to challenges of SDGs

- look at both designated and non-designated statistics, and see how we can respond to challenges of the SDGs

Other concerns:

- develop the culture of statistics;
- PSA Board can serve as “national statistical advisory council;”
- consider including representative from the NWPC (Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board) in the Board and IACs, as clamored by social partners
- identify data needed at the local level;
- conduct a logical review of statistical activities;
- clamor to include SEC data in the system of designated statistics – support from DBM, PSA and government statistical compilers needed for the creation of a statistical unit in SEC;
- harmonize PSDP results monitoring tool with the CRESS reporting system (if the CRESS will be used as inputs for the PSDP updating);
- adopt special approach to encourage GOCC participation in the CRESS.