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## Community in Focus: Highlights of the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System Data Turnover Ceremony of the Municipality of Rizal

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*Municipal Administrator Isagani D. Visey (middle) together with OIC-MPDC Marc Louie M. Almario and DPO Elmira M. Nicolas of LGU Rizal received the 2022 CBMS token and the encrypted CBMS data from Chief Statistical Specialist Magdalena T. Serqueña of PSA Laguna and Senior Statistical Specialist William T. Perez of PSA RSSO IV-A which was handed over last 12 February 2024.*

Rizal, Laguna, Philippines – 12 February 2024 - The municipality of Rizal, in collaboration with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Laguna, proudly hosted the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Data Turnover Ceremony (DTC) at the Sangguniang Bayan Hall in Rizal, Laguna. This significant event brought together officials from the municipal Local Government Unit (LGU), as well as from the PSA regional and provincial offices, along with stakeholders, to unveil the insights gleaned from the latest CBMS data.

On behalf of Regional Director Charito C. Armonia, William T. Perez, Senior Statistical Specialist of PSA Regional Statistics Services Office (RSSO) IV-A, graced the event by delivering RD's welcome message. He expressed gratitude for the LGU's unwavering support in successfully implementing the CBMS and anticipated that more effective programs and policies would be implemented. Moreover, he also looked forward to their continued cooperation for the upcoming 2024 CBMS National Rollout.

National Statistician and Civil Registrar General Claire Dennis S. Mapa conveyed his appreciation through an audio-visual presentation for LGU's steadfast support in executing the CBMS. He emphasized the importance of the CBMS findings, particularly in guiding initiatives designed to alleviate poverty within the local community.

Senior Statistical Specialist, Annelyn A. Condino, CBMS Provincial Focal Person, presented key findings from the 2022 CBMS results. These highlights included data on various aspects of life for the 4,463 responding households across 11 barangays, encompassing experiences of food insecurity, education, employment, access to basic services, sanitation, shelter, and safety. Additionally, she emphasized the potential of these findings to provide more detailed data at the community level, offering opportunities to improve the well-being of Rizaleños.

Moreover, Municipal Administrator Isagani D. Visey conveyed Hon. Vener P. Muñoz' appreciation of the exemplary data gathering efforts in households for the CBMS in their locality and for including Rizal as a recipient of PSA programs and projects. He also mentioned that these data, though they may not be very good, have at least shown the true state of their municipality and aspects that need focus. He reiterated that gathered information will be used in the best possible way for the benefit of their community.

In full support of the activity was the Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO) headed by its OIC-MPDC Marc Louie M. Almario. He stated that this DTC is timely and relevant in the current development program endeavors of Rizal for the updating of their Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and the formulation of their Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). He also assured that the data turned over will be used with utmost care and diligence, in line with their data protection policy and governed by existing laws, rules and regulations.

Closing the activity, PSA Laguna Chief Statistical Specialist Magdalena T. Serqueña conveyed sincere appreciation to the municipality of Rizal for their support in the successful execution of the 2022 CBMS in the 11 barangays. She also urged the LGUs to maximize the utilization of CBMS data to its fullest potential for more evidence-based policymaking and program implementation, ultimately empowering communities to address their most pressing needs effectively..

The successful execution of the DTC underscores the enduring partnership between PSA, the LGU, and all those who have contributed their service and commitment to making this initiative a reality.

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