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## NSO to conduct the 2013 National Demographic and Health Survey

The National Statistics Office will conduct the 2013 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) nationwide on August 12 to September 24, 2013. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> in a series of demographic surveys undertaken at five-year intervals since 1968. Generally, this survey aims to provide information on fertility, family planning, and health in the country mainly for the use by the government in monitoring the progress of its programs on population, family planning and health. It also aims to collect data on awareness of tuberculosis, to determine the knowledge of women on HIV or AIDS virus and access to HIV testing, and to determine the extent of violence against women.

In the six (6) provinces of Bicol Region, there will be four (4) teams to conduct the survey. Each team is comprised of one (1) regular NSO employee as Team Supervisor, one (1) hired Editor, and four (4) hired Field Interviewers. They will cover about 800 households from 44 enumeration areas spread in the entire region. The NDHS will involve interviewing all women who are 15 to 49 years old or those in their reproductive age. They will be asked questions about their background, their children, their knowledge and use of family planning methods, the health of their children, reproductive health and other information which will be helpful to policymakers and administrators in the health and family planning sectors.

The previous NDHS showed that in the Bicol Region only about 39 percent of the currently married women ages 15 – 49 years old were currently using any family planning methods which put the region among the lowest, next only to ARMM at 15 percent in this category. The results showed also that Bicol Region is among the regions with the highest unmet needs at 32 percent, next to ARMM at 33 percent. Women with unmet needs are those currently married women who do not want any more children or want to wait at least 2 years before their next birth but are not currently using a method of family planning.

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These results, along with many others, will either be confirmed as subsisting or new levels and trends will be discovered in the 2013 NDHS round.

The NSO Regional Office V enjoins the cooperation of the public to support the said undertaking. It appeals to the local officials and more importantly to the sample households all over the region to support the survey by allowing the enumerators to conduct the interview and provide accurate information.

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