

Field Office
Narrative Report

**2008
SURVEY ON OVERSEAS
FILIPINOS**



Republic of the Philippines
National Statistics Office
Davao del Norte / Compostela Valley Branch

**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY AND 2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS
FILIPINOS
DAVAO DEL NORTE AND COMPOSTELA VALLEY BRANCH
NARRATIVE REPORT**

Introduction:

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and the 2008 Survey Of Filipinos (SOF) will be undertaken by the National Statistics Office simultaneously in October 2008. The Labor Force Survey as one of the quarterly surveys in the office was conducted to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population nationwide. It is primarily geared towards the estimation of the levels of employment, unemployment, and underemployment of the country. While the 2008 SOF aims to gather information on overseas Filipinos who left for abroad during the last five years. The survey aims to provide social and economic data that has been established to be correlated with poverty and socio-economic profile of Filipino families and other information relating to their living conditions.

The results of this survey would likewise serve as inputs to economic planners in the government and private sectors such as providing projections of future human resource which when compared with the future manpower requirements will help identify employment and training needs.

The October 2008 LFS and the 2008 SOF of the NSO Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley branch was conducted following the three phases of operation: Pre-enumeration, Enumeration, and Post-enumeration. Problems encountered, actions taken, observations, and suggestions were included in order to report what has been transpired for the entire operation.

1. Pre-enumeration

The 2nd Level Training was conducted by the NSO regional Office on September 26, 2008 at the Training Room, Davao City with trainers Ma. Leah C. Magracia, Stat III of Regional Office. PSO Pepito D. Amoyen, Stat II Danilo Gonzales, and SCO II Dante S. Plaza attended the training. They were responsible to train the data gatherers during the 3rd level training except for Dante Plaza who will enumerate the CES sample households starting October 1, 2008.

The 3rd Level Training was conducted on October 6, 2008 at the NSO Training Room, Tagum City. The participants during the training were three DSOs, four SCOs, four provincial staff and 4 hired Statistical Researchers. The air-conditioned room was conducive enough to handle a maximum of 30 persons, but an old karaoke was still used during the training since it can still serve its purpose. The 2nd level trainees served as the lecturers.

Concepts and definitions were discussed thoroughly by the trainers considering that there were new enumerators hired. For example:

- Importance of probing and consistency for answers given by respondents.
- Common errors observed during the past survey rounds.
- terms that need to be specified like “Others, specify” was also emphasized because this item will be encoded in the computer.
- Regarding family membership, it was emphasized by the trainer whom to include and whom to exclude.
- Occupations and kind of business should be specifically described.

Issues Raised and Recommendation Taken

Table 1 and 2 show some of the questions raised by the participants LFS and SOF during the training with the corresponding actions or recommendations taken.

Table 1. Questions Raised and Answers during the Training	
Questions Raised	Answers
1. What is the basic pay per day if the person has a monthly earning of 10,000 plus 1 sack of rice?	Impute the value of 1 sack of rice plus 10,000 and divide the no. of working days per month.
2. If during the interview, a person worked for “pakyaw” during the past week and still unable to finish the work currently, what would be the number of days used to get the basic pay per day?	Estimate the number of days to finish the work by asking the respondent and the amount to be paid for the “pakyaw”.
3. Should we include overseas family member that left the country outside the reference period?	No
4. In Q22 of SOF, How do we treat expenses spent for medical and education?	Report under code 1(consumption)

To garner support from barangay officials and increase their awareness about the survey, letters for the concerned municipal mayors and barangay captains were prepared and distributed to the enumerators at the end of the training.

2. Enumeration/Supervision

Enumeration for the two provinces started on October 8, 2008. The provincial office had a total workload of 893 sample households located in fifty-seven enumeration

areas, wherein 499 were located in Davao del Norte while 394 were at Compostela Valley. The enumerators successfully interviewed 89.78% or 448 out of the total 499 sample households in Davao del Norte, and 92.89% or 366 out of the total 394 sample households in Compostela Valley.

The non-attainment of the 100% response rate was due to the following reasons:

- a. *Households had permanently moved out and without new occupant;*
- b. *Housing units were vacant'*
- c. *demolished;.*
- d. *Absence of respondents. This means that no qualified respondents were not around during the interview period.*

The two provinces had enumerated a total of thirty four family members that are Oversees Filipino Workers. Of these, 27 OFW's were from Davao del Norte and 7 were from Compostela Valley.

Hereunder shows the name of the Team Supervisors with their designation and the area and date of supervision by Barangay and City/Municipality.

Name of Supervisor 1 : Pepito D. Amoyen
 Designation : Provincial Statistics Officer :
 Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision:

Name of Municipality and Barangay	Start Date of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Tapia, Montevista	10/16/2008	10/16/2008
Osmeña, Compostela	10/20/2008	10/20/2008
San Jose, Monkayo	10/21/2008	10/21/2008
Datu Ampunan, Laak	10/24/2008	10/24/2008
Pinamuno, Kapalong	10/25/2008	10/25/2008

Name of Supervisor 2 : Danilo A. Gonzales
 Designation : Statistician II

Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision:

Name of Municipality and Barangay	Start Date of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Camansa, Asuncion	10/10/2008	10/10/2008
New Barile, Maco	10/14/2008	10/14/2008
Talomo, Sto Tomas	10/16/2008	10/16/2008
San Francisco, Panabo City	10/16/2008	10/16/2008
Sam Remegio, IGACOS	10/21/2008	10/21/2008
Mamunga, Monkayo	10/22/2008	10/22/2008
Poblacion, Monkayo	10/22/2008	10/22/2008

Problems Encountered During the Enumeration and Actions Taken, Observations, Recommendations Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision:

Problems Encountered	Action Taken
1. Hard to locate sample housing units especially if it is vacant	<i>- Provide them list of neighbors from the listing</i>
2. Lack of Forms	<i>- Use photocopied forms(first page only)for the sample household that moved out</i>
3. Enumerators erroneously coded1- “single” as the marital status for living together couple.	<i>- Correct EN to code the Marital Status of Living Together couple as Code 2 – “Married”</i>
4. Incorrect codes for relationship to the household head.	<i>- Verified to the enumerator and corrected codes before leaving the sample hh.</i>
5. Sometimes Columns 31 to 40 were not asked by the interviewer.	<i>- Remind the EN to ask Columns 31 to 40 for 15 yrs old members who have no work for the past week, otherwise scheduled the EN for callbacks.</i>
6. Respondent refused to be interviewed	<i>- Supervisor able to find ways and means to convince the respondent.</i>
7. Some sample respondents were not at home/ not available at the time of visit and hesitant to answer questions	<i>- Made an appointment for callbacks. Conduct courtesy calls and seek assistance from the local/Brgy. Officials.</i>
8. SR showed lack of self confidence and was doubtful in asking questions	<i>- Orient and encourage the SR assigned to the area on the importance of the survey and give instructions to the SR during the interview.</i>
9. Enumerators cannot follow skipping patterns	<i>- Explained and instruct to the Enumerator how to follow questions with skipping patterns.</i>
10. Some of the sample areas have a mountainous areas and very hard to reach specially during rainy season	<i>- Supervised the enumerator to visit the area and interview samples. Fare almost doubled.</i>

Number of households by interview status

<i>Interview status</i>	<i>Number of Households</i>	
	<i>Davao del Norte</i>	<i>Compostela Valley</i>
<i>1 – Completed</i>	<i>499</i>	<i>394</i>
<i>2 - Refusal</i>		
<i>3 - Temporarily away</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>4 – Vacant Housing Unit</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>5 – Demolished</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6 – Hh permanently moved out with out new occupant</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>

3. Post Enumeration

All accomplished LFS and SOF questionnaires were submitted on the 31st of October 2008 at the provincial office, and were generally screened and edited at the provincial office by the concerned provincial staff. Electronic copy of LFS data files together with the updated hard copy of lists of sample households were submitted to the Regional Office on November 7, 2008 while SOF forms 1 and 2 were submitted to IESD on November 17, 2008.

Table 2 shows the common errors, inconsistencies, and problems encountered while having the manual editing upon submission at the Provincial Office.

Table 2. Common Errors Encountered in the Questionnaires and Action Taken for both LFS/APIS	
Common Errors	Actions Taken
1. Inconsistent educational attainment with their occupation.	<i>Contact Enumerators and put remarks</i>
2. Unspecified occupations and kind of business/industry	<i>Contact Enumerators</i>
3. Missing questionnaires for vhu's and sample households that moved out.	<i>Insert new filled up questionnaires based on list of sample households.</i>
4. Inconsistent entries in class of worker compared with occupations	<i>Contact Enumerators</i>
5. Inconsistent occupations compared with their class of worker	<i>Contact Enumerators</i>
6. Inconsistent code for relationship to the household head and marital status.	<i>Contact Enumerators</i>

FINANCIAL REPORT

Table below shows total allocation and partial disbursement of the province in this operation as of August 14, 2008.

Activity	Allocation	Disbursement	Balance
Training expenses	29,700	3,180	26,520
Travel expenses	127,410	80,893	46,517
Wages	25,410	15,340	10,070
TOTAL	67,820	99,413	83,107

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE OPERATION

The training was conducted in accordance with the Manual of Operation and successfully done in line with the training timetable. Trainers tried their best to explain the concepts, definitions as stated in the manual and cited situational cases to further elaborate a certain topic. Common problems observed in the previous rounds were also discussed.

During the enumeration phase, all sample households were visited including those vacant housing units to verify their new status. All non-interviewed households have valid reasons. Supervisors pointed out the errors to the concerned enumerators to avoid same mistakes in the succeeding interviews. Some sample households which were not interviewed by the enumerators were revisited together with the team supervisors to verify their status.

Further Suggestions and Recommendations to the problems encountered were presented in the Table 5 below.

Problems	Suggestions and Recommendation
1) In Machine editing	Consider including the items we encoded in "Control N" in the reject listing.
2) Inconsistencies observed in occupations with industries such as: Clerks (41), Drivers (83), Mechanics (72), Carpenters (71), against PSIC - Banana Plantation (01), Mining(10)	Consider revising.
3) "Living Together" was not written in the LFS questionnaire as guide for the Codes in column 8.	Consider Revising in order not to confuse the enumerator in coding Marital Status.

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October 2008 LFS/2008 SOF Narrative Report

I. Introduction:

The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationwide survey of households being conducted on quarterly basis to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. It is primarily geared towards the estimation of the levels of employment and underemployment in the country. While the SOF as rider, aims to provide data on overseas Filipinos particularly the OCWs and their contribution to the economy.

All housing units in Rotation Group 12 – are new set of samples for Replicates 1 and 2. Likewise, all updated housing units in Rotation Group 11 last October 2007 were the samples for Replicates 3 and 4.

II. Training:

- A. Region/Province: CAR/Abra
- B. Concern: Third (3rd) Level Training
- C. Date/Venue of Training: October 7, 2008; Prov'l Office, Bangued, Abra
- D. Number of Participants: 11
- E. Issues/Problems Encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
Enumerator's Manual (2008 SOF)	Code 3 in Q.10 is not the same in SOF Form 1 - Code 3.	SOF Form 1 is correct. Change it to 3 – Other Contract Worker.
	Instruction regarding "888888" in Q18 is not as clear as in Q12.	However, encircle "888888" and enter in the box provided
Questionnaire (SOF Form 1)	The survey aims to collect remittances of OCWs but it will not catch/count the remittances of an OCW whose last departure is before September 2003.	It is recommended that questions be added in SOF Form 1 in such a way that remittances be counted for a more realistic data.
MS Form 6 Manual	What is the Interview Status for an under construction listed during listing operation and remains unoccupied during enumeration?	Code it as vacant – Code 4.

III. Enumeration:

- A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of Interviewer	Area of Assignment (Sample Barangay)	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
1. Agaid, Jaime D.	Poblacion, Peñarubia	10/08-11
	Luzong, Luba	10/13
	Barit, Luba	10/14-18
2. Aragon, Josephine J.	Pangtud, Pidigan	10/08-11

	Monggoc, Pidigan	10/13
	Bulbulala, La Paz	10/14-17
	Zone 7, Bangued	10/20-22
3. Beñas, Ludivina S.	Pagala, Bucay	10/09-12
	Tuquib, Villaviciosa	10/15-17
	Bol-lilising, Villaviciosa	10/18
4. Bona, Leida Margarita T.	Malibcong (Pob), Malibcong	10/10-13
	Angad, Bangued	10/20-23
5. Buena, Victoriano W.	Agtangao, Bangued	07/19-26
	Pulot, Lagayan	10/14-17
6. Gadiano, Juneth B.	San Gregorio, La Paz	10/09-11
	Poblacion North, San Juan	10/13-14
	Poblacion, Pilar	10/18-21
7. Villastiqui, Evelyn B.	Guimba, San Juan	10/08
	Poblacion North, San Juan	10/09-10
	Nagtipulan, Lagangilang	10/13-17
	Zone 2, Bangued	10/20-22

B. Problems encountered, observations, action taken and recommendations:

Problems/Observations	Action Taken/Recommendations
1. Unavailability of responsible respondent who are busy with their farm work.	Enumerators made appointments and adjusted their time by going to the sample household after farm work.

Enumeration started October 8 and ended on the 26th. Team approach was applied in 1 EA for them to have even distribution of workload.

Below is a table showing the response and non-response rate.

Province	Response (Eligible)					Non-Response (Non-Eligible)			
	1	2	3	7	%	4	5	6	%
Abra	265	0	4	0	84.59	26	3	20	15.41

IV. Supervision:

A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Supervision:

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
1. Villafe P. Alibuyog	Angad, Bangued	10/16
	Poblacion, Peñarrubia	10/17
	Tuquib, Villaviciosa	10/20-21
	Malibcong (Pob.), Malibcong	10/22-24
2. Jose P. Cabarrubias	Agtangao, Bangued	10/13
	Pulot, Lagayan	10/16-17
	Bol-lilising, Villaviciosa	10/18
	Poblacion, Pilar	10/20-21
3. Felixberto B. Perdido	Poblacion, Peñarrubia	10/13
	Barit, Luba	10/14-15
	Tuquib, Villaviciosa	10/16-17

	Pagala, Bucay	10/20
4. Agnes A. Ramos	San Gregorio, La Paz	10/10
	Pangtud, Pidigan	10/11
	Pob. North, San Juan	10/13
	Nagtipulan, Lagangilang	10/14-15
	Bulbulala, La Paz	10/16
	Poblacion, Pilar	10/17-18
	Monggoc, Pidigan	10/20

B. Problems encountered, observations, action taken and recommendations:

Problems/Observations	Action Taken/Recommendations
1. Primary occupation and industry were not properly described in ISH Form 2.	ENs were advised to be specific in describing the occupation and industry for easier coding.
2. Box provided for the Others, specify entries in cols. 25, 30, 33 and 35 were not filled up by some ENs in ISH Form 2.	Advised ENs to fill up the provided boxes for easier and faster encoding.
3. There were no notations/remarks in SOF Form 1 about the shortened or extended work contract on the questionnaire.	Enumerators were reminded.
4. Column 4 of SOF Form 2 were answered for non-eligible sample.	Put a dash to non-eligible sample.

V. Manual and machine processing:

Encoded entries in the box provided for Code 6 in col. 35 such as retired and permanent disability still appear in the machine edit error listing as an error. There are <60 years old who are retirees like policemen and permanently disabled.

VI. Recommendation/s:

Please adjust in the next surveys' system accepting not an error for code 6 in column 35 of ISH Form 2 for <60 years old.

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NARRATIVE REPORT
 October 2008 Labor Force Survey/CES/SOF

I- Training

- A. Region/Province: Caraga/Agusan del Sur
- B. Date/Venue of Training: September 30 (SCOs/Staff) and October 6, 2008 (SRs) at NSO Provincial Office, Government Center, Patin-ay, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur
- C. Number of participants: 8

The briefing for the 3rd level of October 2008 LFS/SOF were conducted by OIC PSO Apellado and acting Statistician Acebu. There were two training schedules set for the briefing because the memorandum for hiring the statistical researchers was issued only on the day of the scheduled briefing of the regular employees.

The first briefing was scheduled for CES, LFS and SOF last September 30, 2008 for regular employees and the briefing for the hired statistical researchers was conducted on October 6, 2008.

- D. Issues and problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action taken
1. Questionnaire	For the items with an answer others specify. If there are HH members with code 6 (worked without pay on own operated farm or business), in col. 24 (Class of worker) there should be code 3 (self-employed).	There should be an entry at the bottom portion of the questionnaire and specify the answer. If there is no code 3 in column 24, then there should be other job for person having codes of 0 – 2 in this column. And if there is no other job reported, put a remark.
2. EN Manual	Why is it that we did not consider the person who returned home when he/she is only for vacation in item question 16 of SOF form 1.	As per instruction a person who went home for vacation in Q16 is not considered as he returned home because he/she has an existing contract abroad.
3. Field Operation	There were no issues or questions raised during briefing.	

II- Enumeration

A. Personnel Involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

There were four regular employees and four statistical researchers who were manned to cover the 35 sample ea/barangays of the province, expecting to hurdle an equivalent of 518 workloads out of 481 sample households. Again, it should be noted that SCOs Espinosa and Torregosa were fully involved in CES operations.

The statistical researchers doubled their time to finish their assigned areas as early as possible because they are also hired to enumerate the special survey of Agusan del Sur, the Local Service Delivery of MDGs which was scheduled on the last week of October. The table below shows the personnel involved with their corresponding assigned areas and timetable:

Name of EN/Designation	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
1. Rufino P. Razo DSO	Wasian (EA 002), Rosario Poblacion (EA 002), Trento Poblacion (EA 006), Trento Libuac (EA 001), Rosario	Oct. 8- 10, 2008 Oct. 13, 2008 Oct. 14, 2008 Oct. 24, 27-29, 2008
2. Lolita A. Espinosa SCO I	Zillovia , Talacogon Poblacion, Sibagat	Oct. 13-17, 2008 Oct. 18-21, 2008
3. Samuel L. Torregosa SCO I	Sta. Isabel, Sta. Josefa Del Monte, Veruela Cuevas, Trento Imelda, Bunawan	Oct. 12-14, 2008 Oct. 17-18, 2008 Oct. 19-21, 2008 Oct. 22-24, 2008
4. Demetrio T. Dejolde Jr. SCO I	Bentahon, Esperanza Dakutan, Esperanza Poblacion, San Luis Nuevo Trabjo, San Luis Bunaguait, Esperanza	Oct. 8-9, 2008 Oct. 10-11, 2008 Oct. 13-14, 2008 Oct. 17-19, 2008 Oct. 22-25, 2008
5. Eldie Cañete Statistical Researcher	Brgy. 2, San Francisco Brgy. 5 (EA 000), San Francisco Hubang (EA 000), San Francisco Sta. Cruz (EA 003), Rosario	Oct. 8- 9, 2008 Oct. 10-13, 2008 Oct. 14-15, 2008 Oct. 17-20, 2008
6. Myra Sanchez Statistical Researcher	Patin-ay (EA 002), Prosperidad Poblacion, Prosperidad Awa (EA 000), Prosperidad Sta. Irene (EA 001), Prosperidad	Oct. 8-11, 2008 Oct. 13-15, 2008 Oct. 17-20, 2008 Oct. 21- 23, 2008
7. Glorevie Liston Statistical Researcher	San Juan, Bayugan Berseba, Bayugan Taglatawan (EA 001), Bayugan Taglatawan (EA 004), Bayugan Poblacion (EA 007), Bayugan Poblacion (EA 003), Bayugan Cagbas, Bayugan	Oct. 8- 9, 2008 Oct. 10- 13, 2008 Oct. 14, 2008 Oct. 15, 2008 Oct. 17, 2008 Oct. 18, 2008 Oct. 20- 22, 2008
11. Michelle P. Padios Statistical Researcher	San Isidro (EA 000), Loreto Valentina (EA 000), La Paz San Agustin, Talacogon Labnig, Talacogon	Oct. 8- 10, 2008 Oct. 11, 13- 14, 2008 Oct. 15, 17- 18, 2008 Oct. 19- 21, 2008

B. Number of households by interview status:

The enumeration luckily went smoothly well, no untoward incidents experienced during the enumeration except for occasional heavy rains that made difficult access to some sample households especially in the hinterlands.

Of 453 total households, 434 were the actual samples interviewed or a response rate of 95.81 percent; among them only eight (8) were SOF sampled. At the end of the enumeration period, the outcome was consolidated as follows:

Interview Status	Number of Households
1- Completed Interview	434
2- Refusal	0
3- Temporarily away/ not at home/on vacation	19
4- Vacant housing unit	37
5- Housing unit demolished/destroyed by fire, etc.	8
6- Permanently moved out	59
7- Critical area, flooded area	0

Note: The number of Households for completed interview includes 29 New occupant Households.

C. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Action taken
1. Listing (MS Form 6)	Some names listed in the listing sheet were misspelled or incorrect, giving the SRs hard time to locate.	The SRs, by their own initiatives, exerted efforts in locating those names. The common strategy they adopted was to seek the help of barangay officials who were also willing to help.
2. Concepts	The respondent found difficulty recalling the number of months the Overseas Filipino workers working abroad during the last 5 years.	Gave enough time for the respondents to recall how many months the Overseas Filipino worked abroad.

III- Supervision

A. Personnel Involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Supervision:

Monitoring is one of the most important aspects in any survey to ensure quality and reliable data. Out of 35 sample ea/barangays, 11 or 31.4 percent were visited by the provincial supervisors who conducted supervision to enumerators. Shown below is the summary of supervision loads and itinerary:

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
1. Jesus G. Apellado	San Isidro, Loreto	Oct. 9
	Bgy. 5, San Francisco	Oct. 13
	Patin-ay, Prosperidad	Oct. 14
	Poblacion, Sibagat	Oct. 18

	Dacutan, Esperanza Sta. Isabel, Sta. Josefa	Oct. 22 Oct. 23
2. Brigidito R. Acebu	San Juan, Bayugan Bentahon, Esperanza Taglatawan, Bayugan Poblacion, San Luis San Agustin, Talacogon	Oct. 9, 2008 Oct. 13, 2008 Oct. 15, 2008 Oct. 18, 2008 Oct. 20, 2008

B. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action taken
1. Listing (MS Form 6)	There were some errors in coding the update code column; instead of code 1 for changed of HH head they coded it 2 (correction of name and address).	Correct the code base on the remarks and correction posted in the listing sheet.
2. Concepts	There were still minor problems with concepts such as housewives who actually have sustenance activities but reported as plain housewives. Marginal cases of HH membership.	Exhorted on exerting efforts in probing.
3. Others	In the HAI portion of the questionnaires some SR's coded 2 for replicates 1 and 2 (rotated sample) EAs or barangays instead of code 3.	Remind the SR's that only code 3 is applicable code in HAI for replicates 1 and 2 sample ea/barangays.

IV- Post-Enumeration

As continuing strategy, the questionnaires were submitted to the Provincial Office as soon as a sample enumeration area or barangay is completed. And there were instances that the Supervisors collected the questionnaires from the statistical researchers assigned in far EAs/barangays. Encoding of questionnaires were immediately done every available free time of the staff members

V - Financial Report

The completion of the financial transactions regarding the LFS operations could not be completed until the later part of the second week of November due to simultaneous activities and preparations of monthly reports. By November 14, 2008 however, every financial obligation and reports were finally completed which paved the way for the inclusion of the financial reports in this narrative.

The summaries of the disbursements made are as follows:

Training (Second Level) : TE : 0
PD : 3,520.00

		Gas	: <u>500.00</u>
		<i>Total</i>	: 4,020.00
Training (Third Level)	:	TE	: 498.00
		PD	: 2,960.00
		Wages	: 924.00
		Utilities	: <u>2,000.00</u>
		<i>Total</i>	: 6,382.00
Enumeration	:	TE	: 16,835.00
		PD	: 43,600.00
		Wages	: <u>11,088.00</u>
		<i>Total</i>	: 71,523.00
Supervision	:	TE	: 1,750.00
		PD	: 5,500.00
		Gas	: <u>3,815.30</u>
		<i>Total</i>	: 11,065.30
Supplies			: 900.00
			=====
		Grand Total	: <u>93,090.30</u>

The gas expenditure during the training appears to be very minimal because the main bulk was charged to the Regional Office's account. This was so because the venue of the training was in Tandag City where the condition of the road system could be damaging to small cars such as the RD's service car. The Provincial Office vehicle was used by the Regional Director and her staff with the materials, supplies and equipment. The participants from this province only hitched-ride which was really part of a strategy to minimize on gas consumption.

During enumeration, big costs on transportation could not be avoided because, as the undersigned themselves experienced, there were many interior barangays which could not be reached except through a combination of single motor hires and walking. The fares are truly exorbitant but the personnel including the SRs had no choice simply because there are no alternatives. This is one problem in the localities where the undersigned plans to include in NSO's advocacies for LGU intervention because apparently, the single-motor operators whimsically dictate fares. These informal transports do not even have registrations, insurances and gadgets leaving the riding public with no protection whatsoever.

VI - Overall Assessment of Operation

The October 2007 Labor Force Survey and the rider Survey on Overseas Filipinos was conducted in the province on October 8- 31, 2008. The regular staff and hired Statistical Researcher were properly and technically trained. There was no serious problem encountered during enumeration. Moreover households and local officials were cooperative which contribute much to the success of the survey.

VII- Suggestions/Recommendations to improve future surveys.

Highly recommending a far advanced Cost Estimates and Cash Allocations to allow judicious study and prompt feedbacks on manpower, workloads and disbursement of funds

especially for SRs who had to start enumeration with nothing, thus, becoming a burden of the provincial management.

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OCTOBER 2008 LFS/SOF
Narrative Report from Provincial Offices
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TRAINING:

The Labor Force Survey is a survey conducted every quarter to gather data to estimates the levels of employment and unemployment rate in the country with rider of 2008 SOF that seeks to gather information on Filipino citizens who left for abroad during the past five years.

The 2nd Level briefing was attended by PSO Solidum, Stat Panadero last September 25-26, 2008. The 3rd level training was held at NSO Provincial Office, last October 6, 2008 attended by (2) DSOs, four (4) SCOs, (1) Stat Aide and (1) Casual.

ENUMERATION

The enumeration period started October 8, 2008, and the areas of assignment were as follows:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Lemuel A. Militar | - Nagustan, Nabas |
| 2. Rowen C. Telentino | - Dumaguit, New Washington |
| 3. Rey M. Campos | - Solido, Nabas |
| | - Jawili, Tangalan |
| 4. Ferex O. Revestir | - Magpag-ong, Batan |
| | - Polo, Banga |
| 5. Monina F. Gomez | - Badio, Numancia |
| 6. Glenda S. Sampaton | - Poblacion, Altavas |
| | - Tigayon, Kalibo |
| 7. Sharlynn Kay M. Tagala | - Morales, Balete |
| 8. Peter S. Mangilog | - Mambuquiao, Batan |
| | - Logohon, Madalag |
| | - Poblacion, Madalag |

SUPERVISION

During supervision, demolished housing unit was checked and reinterview of some of the household visited by enumerator were done. Accomplished questionnaires were scrutinized. No problem was encountered during the enumeration.

EDITING/ PROCESSING

During the machine processing and editing, we could not do the matching of LFS with the previous round because our LFS hardcopy file were all damaged by the flashflood and mudflow which also affects the editing and processing.

The updated system of LFS was installed and the deleted out of range error for column 26 is again present, resulting to more error when in fact, we could not do otherwise but to retain the actual amount given by the respondent during the interview.

We have a total of 220 workload for the 13 sample barangays with a total of twenty four (24) non-interview of household, of which ten (10) was Demolished Housing Unit, four (4) temporarily away, one (1) Vacant Housing Unit, six (6) Permanently Move Out, while we have a total of four (4) new occupant with an update code of five (5).

A total of seventeen (17) SOF forms were submitted duly accomplished by field enumerators.

SUBMISSION:

We have submitted on October 30, 2008 the October 2008 LFS data file to Ms. Estelita Marquez copy furnished the Regional Office thru e-mail, while the MS Form 6 was submitted to Regional Office and the 2008 SOF was submitted to Central Office, attn to IESD, thru JRS Express with waybill # 195453 and 195452.

PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SOF form has still vague questions, so, here's some of the suggestions for some questions. In SOF Q15, it should be specified that the number of months working abroad being asked refers to that which is with contract. Also, SOF Q17 should be "Has _____ finished contract and returned home since his/her (last) departure?" to emphasize that we refer to those overseas workers who has finished contract and has come home.

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NARRATIVE REPORT RE: OCTOBER 2008 LFS/SOF
Province of Antique

INTRODUCTION

OCTOBER of each year is considered as one of the busiest months at NSO. Aside from celebrating the yearly National Statistics Month, the office is having its regular survey, the quarterly Labor Force Survey with its rider Survey on Overseas Filipinos. Well a great challenge is put in the hands of personnel and staff, the generation of the world class and quality statistics. A challenge that calls for everyone's concerns and participation in nation building most specifically in this times that the country is facing many trials, economically and politically.

The National Statistics Office responsibly responded to these challenges by gathering and generating updated employment statistics beneficial for monitoring the economic situation of the country.

For its part NSO Antique Provincial Office had conducted the survey in 12 sample barangays in the province. HENCE, this report would tackle only to the conduct of October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and its rider Survey on Overseas Filipinos.

NARRATIVE REPORT

PRE-ENUMERATION PERIOD

A one-day briefing was attended by PSO Escote and Stat. Catalino G. De Gracia at the regional office in Iloilo City on September 26, 2008.

For the third level, the briefing of field and selected provincial office personnel was conducted on October 6, 2008. All regular NSO field personnel composed of 2 District Statistics Officers, 5 Statistical Coordination Officers, one provincial staff and one hired statistical researcher had attended the said training. They were provided with two snacks and one lunch through fund for utilities. The briefing consists of discussion on the errors found during the previous surveys of LFS, review on the updating of MS Form 6 and the errors found during the matching and editing of this form and the discussion on the proper filling up of ISH form 2.

Though regular employees are adept in the accomplishment of the forms, but still a proper review and reminders would made more competent and effective in the survey.

The following were the issues presented by the participants:

1. The personnel requested that they should be given additional mandays for travel from one municipality to another as weather condition is unpredictable since the month of October is a typhoon month. Their request was granted provided they have to do their best to finish the enumeration within or before the end of their travel and submit the accomplished questionnaires as soon as they finished the survey.
2. Shall they adopt teamwork? Yes, it is encouraged provided that they can cover their area of assignment within or before the enumeration period provided to them.

ENUMERATION PERIOD

The enumeration period took place on October 8-31, 2008. As mentioned earlier, there were 12 sample barangays enumerated for this survey round. For replicates 1 and 2, all housing units in the 12th rotation group were used and they are new set of sample housing units. On the other hand, for replicates 3 and 4, all housing units in the eleventh (11th) rotation group and updated samples last October 2007 were used in the survey. The field personnel worked in the output of 6 questionnaires per day for LFS. Just like in previous surveys, the following strategies were employed during the enumeration of barangays:

1. Shifting of the barangay assignments. It would enable each personnel to be assigned in both near and remote barangays.
2. Team approach was practiced in order to maintain close supervision. The DSO accompanied the SCO in enumerating Batbatan Island and mountainous areas;
3. The Provincial Statistician, Statistician Aide who served as the driver and DSOs were given appropriate mandays for supervision.
4. The PSO made use of the office vehicle in closely monitoring the conduct of the surveys. It has greatly made supervision easier than before.

Some perennial problems were encountered during the enumeration of barangays, to wit:

1. There were still respondents who could not be reached during the first visit because most of them were at work in the farms, business or job. Of course, callbacks were done in such cases.
2. A number of those who are temporarily away from their places or their housing units vacant due to job opportunities in other areas of the province or region.
3. It could not be denied that series of interviews in some households would make them experience boredom especially those belonging to replicates 3 and 4 in the eleventh rotation group. Patience and proper interviewing skills are needed.

4. Costly enumeration of households in Batbatan Island due to hiring of pumpboat as there is no regular trip going there. This is the last barangay being covered in District II because weather condition was not good on the first two weeks of enumeration in the province.
5. Continuous rain caused flooded rivers. The field personnel who was assigned in Latazon and Tigunhao in Laua-an had to wait for days to let flood subside before he could cross the river.
6. The personnel were involved in the conduct of activities for the 19th National Statistics Month such as 17th Philippine Statistics Quiz High School and College level, and data dissemination. However, overtime was rendered in doing all these activities and the conduct of the LFS in the barangays.

Below are the comparative sample barangays for July and October 2008 Labor Force Survey:

Municipality	July 2008	October 2008
Anini-y	Sagua	Sagua
		Butuan
T. Fornier	Igcado	Igcado
		Sto. Tomas
San Jose	Funda-Dalipe	Funda-Dalipe
Sibalom	Pangpang	Pang-pang
	Rombang	Rombang
Patnongon	Samalague	Badiangan, Samalague
Bugasong	Centro Pojo	Centro Pojo
Laua-an	Lactudan	Latazon
		Tigunhao
Barbaza	Capoyuan	Capoyuan
Tibiao	Importante	Importante
		San Isidro
	San Isidro	Martinez
Culasi	Batbatan Is.	Batbatan Island
Libertad	Taboc	Centro Weste, Taboc

SUPERVISION

The following are schedule of supervision:

Name of Supervisor	Date of Supervision	Places Visited
PSO Jesus F. Escote, Jr.	October 8-9	Importante , Martinez
	October 10-11	Badiangan, Centro Pojo
	October 16-17	Butuan, Sagua, Funda-Dalipe
Stat. Catalino G. De Gracia	October 8-13	Taboc, Centro Weste, Rombang, Pangpang, Capoyuan
Stat Aide Ramonette Petinglay	October 10-11	Tigunhao, Latazon
DSO Noel M. Sanchez	October 8-9	Santo Tomas, Igcado
DSO Daniel N. Vescatcho, Jr.	October 20-21	Batbatan Island

The following were the highlights during the supervision of personnel:

1. The sample barangays were all covered and all sample households were interviewed.
2. Households who were temporarily away and on vacation were checked and ascertained.
3. There were housing units which were difficult to locate and it took much time for the field personnel to locate them specially for the barangays belonging to replicates 1 and 2. Well then, field personnel were patient and enduring in locating the sample housing units.
4. Field edit and consistency check were done on the accomplished questionnaires.
5. Occupation and industry were keenly checked and matching of entries was also done.
6. Those difficult to locate were referred to the barangay officials.
7. The service vehicle was fully utilized for supervision. It has a great helped in smooth supervision of the personnel.
8. The supervisors assisted the field personnel in explaining the purpose of the survey to those who really are in doubt of the survey.

POST ENUMERATION PERIOD

The field personnel spent two days in finalizing and coding of the questionnaires in their respective district offices. The DSO went over the accomplished questionnaires, then update codes of the occupation and industry. To ensure proper editing and correctness of the entries, each SCO exchanged work with one another and check and edit the questionnaires of the other. MS Form 6 was properly filled up and matched with the LFS questionnaires.

The following problems were observed in the LFS questionnaires during the machine editing:

1. Inconsistent PSOC and PSIC despite of the effort to eliminate the commission of error still this is imminent, however, it is corrected during the machine editing.
2. Unacceptable range in wages or salaries- these are accepted as it is the real situation and wage quotation in the province so justification was made during the machine editing..
3. Inconsistent entries in auxiliary information and the membership in the households – corrected in manual and machine processing.

The October 2008 LFS data files were submitted to IESD on November 4, 2008. As of this writing the processing SOF forms and MS form 6 is still going on.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The conduct of the October 2008 Labor Force Survey was very satisfactorily and successfully conducted in Antique. Minor problems were met and resolve out rightly in the field. The early submission of the reports was realized through concerted efforts of the personnel and staff of this branch office.

Thanks for the early release of the funding. As of this writing, all field personnel were already paid of their per diems and traveling expenses.

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2008 October Labor Force Survey/ Survey on Overseas Filipinos Narrative Report for Training, Enumeration and Supervision

I. INTRODUCTION

The Labor Force Survey is a quarterly statistical operation that the office undertakes during the months of January, April, July and October. For this round, LFS and SOF used rotation group 12 of replicates 1 and 2 and rotation group 12 of replicates 1 and 2 are all new while those in rotation group 11 of replicates 3 and 4 will use the sample households in the October 2007 LFS.

II.A. BRIEFING

A briefing on LFS/SOF was conducted on September 29, 2008 at the NSO-CAR Conference Room. Stat II Marilyn Santiago and DSO Delano Bolislis of Benguet acted as trainers. Common errors in the Labor Force Survey system were presented and discussed. The table below lists the participants:

Name	Designation	NSO Office
Villafe P. Alibuyog	PSO	Abra
Jose P. Cabarrubias	Stat. II	Abra
David S. Lupante	PSO	Benguet
Marilyn Santiago	Stat. II	Benguet (trainer)
Delano Bolislis	DSO	Benguet (trainer)
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Christophere J. Gonzales	SCO	Benguet
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Camille Carla D. Ubungen	Asst. Stat.	Regional Office
Jocelyn O. Tayaban	Stat. Aide	Regional Office

II.B. ISSUES/QUERIES ENCOUNTERED DURING TRAINING

The following are the issues/comments encountered during the second level training:

Issues/Comments	Action Taken
1. In Q.22, are we to add another box for a hundred percent figure? Example: If remittance is spent all for consumption. If no percent spent in the category, will we leave it blank, put zero or a dash sign?	If 100% consumption, write at the side of the box & put remarks. Leave it blank if no percent in the category.
2. In Q.22, where will we include educational plans, medical insurances, medical health plans, education of children, educational plans?	Under savings.
3. In Q.22, what will we write in the left box?	The number of the corresponding category if there's an entry.
4. If remittance is directed to parents and not to own family?	Not included.
5. If remittance is directed to son in Baguio for his education but sample household is in Mankayan, for example.	Included put remarks

III. ENUMERATION and SUBMISSION

All provinces started their enumeration on October 8, 2008. The table below shows the provinces' submission of the LFS data to the regional office.

LFS Data Submission by Province

PROVINCE	DATE SUBMITTED
Abra	5-Nov-2008
Benguet	9-Nov-2008
Ifugao	5-Nov-08
Kalinga	8-Nov-08
Apayao	5-Nov-08
Mt. Province	11-Nov-08

IV. SUPERVISION

Stat. Aide Jocelyn O. Tayaban with Statistician Thea Batol of IESD supervised on October 8, 2008 with the following areas visited. Observations on conduct of interview, review of questionnaire in the enumeration area, spot-check of field personnel, re-interview of sample households were done.

Date	Type of Supervision	Municipality	Barangay	Name of Respondent
10/8/08	1,2	Tuba	Poblacion	Locino, Toribio
	1,2	Tuba	Poblacion	Dapyawen, Kino
	1,2	Tuba	Poblacion	Calawa, Julio
	1,2	Tuba	Poblacion	Willy, Donnie
	1,2	Tuba	Poblacion	Tataonec, Delo

V. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Activity	TE/PD	Utilities
1. Briefing	4,528	6,047

VI. RESPONSE RATE by Province

Region/Province	Response Rate
CAR	85.36%
Abra	84.59%
Benguet	68.32%
Ifugao	91.00%
Kalinga	87.22%
Apayao	90.00%
Mt. Province	91.00%

VII. SUGGESTION/ RECOMMENDATION

It is suggested that the list of errors in LFS be provided during the second level training / briefing.

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**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY(LFS)/2008 SURVEY ON
OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)
Narrative Report from Provincial Office
(Province: Benguet)**

I. INTRODUCTION

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) was undertaken together with the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF). The Labor Force Survey is primarily geared towards the estimation of the levels of employment and unemployment in the country. The Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF), on the other hand seeks to gather information on Filipinos citizens who left for abroad during the last five years (reference period is October 2003 to September 2008). The SOF aims to provide data on overseas Filipinos particularly the OCWs and their contribution to the economy.

II. TRAINING

- Date/Venue: October 6, 2008
- Trainors:

Name	Designation	Place of Assignment
Thea Batol	Statistician I	NSO-Manila
Marilyn Santiago	Statistician II	NSO-Benguet

• Participants

Participants for the 3rd level training October 2008 LFS/2006 SOF were the eleven hired Statistical Researchers (SRs) and the Assistant Statistician since the DSOs and SCOs already attended the 2nd level training on September 29, 2008.

Name	Designation
1. Anthony Pacuyan, Jr.	Statistical Researcher
2. Geronimo Badival	-do-
3. Joy Legaspi	-do-
4. Erwin Ignacio	-do-
5. Perlita Emperador	-do-
6. Shirley Na-oy	-do-
7. Dexter Marcelo	-do-
8. Jestner Tacloy	-do-
9. Socorro Corpuz	-do-
10. Thelma Matias	-do-

11. Sara Lisa Bitol	-do-
12. Cristeta Ngolob	Assistant Statistician

The data collection for the LFS and SOF requires considerable manpower in order to accomplish the task on time. For Benguet, eight (8) SRs were allotted for the enumeration. Three additional SRs were requested to augment the workforce for the province in order to meet the timetable of operation. We were thankful enough because our request was granted.

During the training, the trainers stressed the importance of probing and consistency checking for answers given by the respondents. Skipping patterns were also emphasized. The objectives of the survey must be explained to the respondents to gain cooperation from them. Thea Batol emphasized the common errors encountered at the province such as the number of households in the housing unit. The Statistical Researchers were asked to familiarize themselves with the questionnaires and to review the accomplished questionnaires before leaving the respondent for consistency and accuracy. Tabulated below were the questions/comments/issues raised and the suggestions/actions taken or recommendation.

Questions/Comments/Issues Raised	Suggestions/Action Taken/Recommendations
LFS	
1. For this survey round, can the OCWs/OFWs be considered as household heads.	-Yes, for this survey round, OCWs/OFWs can be considered as household heads.
2. For this survey round, what would be the Household Auxiliary Information (HAI) of replicates 1 and 2/ 3 and 4.	-Household Auxilliary Information (HAI) for replicates 1 and 2 is 3 while for replicates 3 and 4 is either 1 or 2.
SOF	
1. Are there no changes in the SOF Form 1?	- There is only an additional question on how was the remittance of the OCW/OFW spent.
2. What if the respondent cannot recall exactly the date of the OCW's/OFW's last departure.	- As long as the respondent can remember the year of last departure.

III. ENUMERATION

Enumeration for this survey round started on October 8 and ended on October 31, 2007. Each Statistical Researcher was given four to five Enumeration Areas (EAs). Meanwhile, SCOs were assigned one barangay each only due to their other regular workloads and the enumeration of the Consumer Expectation Survey (CES).

Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, Recommendations

Tabulated below were the problems encountered, actions taken, observations and recommendations:

Questions/Comments/Issues Raised	Suggestions/Actions Taken/Recommendations
1. Far distances of one sample household to another household specially in Benguet.	-Exerted more time and effort in walking and hiking thus additional mandays recommended.
2. Cases of refusals especially in Baguio City especially when they see the thick questionnaire.	-Cases were reported to supervisors, callbacks were done. Explained the confidentiality of data gathered and the importance of the survey.
3. No eligible respondents or temporarily away during the visit.	-Callbacks were done. SCOs and SRs have to interview even during nighttime.
4. Uncooperative/unwilling/hesitant/suspicious respondents.	-The importance of the survey was emphasized and its confidentiality was

explained.

IV. SUPERVISION

For the supervision, the PSO, Statistician II, Assistant Statistician and the DSO were involved. Action to problems such as cases of refusals and cannot be located were undertaken during the supervision. Accomplished forms were scrutinized for correctness, consistencies and completeness. Thea Batol of the Central Office also came to supervise. Cases of refusals were reported to her and were visited. Shown in the table are the areas supervised and the date of supervision.

A. Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision

Concerned Personnel	Place of Supervision	Duration
1. David S. Lupante	Lengaoan, Buguias; Paoay, Atok; Taba-ao, Kapangan; Ba-ayan, Tublay; Naguey, Atok	October 14-31, 2008
2. Delano C. Bolislis, Jr,	Taba-ao, Kapangan; Poblacion, Buguias; Datakan, Kapangan; Caponga, Tublay	October 8-24, 2008
3. Marilyn M. Santiago	Poblacion, Tuba; Scout Barrio; Poblacion, Sablan; Upper QM; Greenwater Village; Ampucao, Itogon; Loakan, Itogon; Asin Rd.; Camp 3, Tuba; GEFA	October 8-30, 2008
4. Cristeta Ngolob	Beckel, Lt; Pinsao Pilot Project; Camp 4, Tuba; Poblacion, Itogon; Holyghost Proper; Tublay Central, Tublay; Bineng, LT; Ampucao, Itogon; Pacdal	October 13-29, 2008

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, and Suggestions/Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Actions
1. No eligible respondents available at the time of visit or are temporarily away.	-Callbacks. SCOs and SRs interviewed even during nighttime.
2. Other respondents refused to be interviewed.	-Cases of refusals were reported to the supervisors. Supervisors accompanied SRs, the importance of the survey was explained further.
3. Other respondents were hesitant to give data specially on the cash remittance received by the family.	-SCOs/ SRs explained the confidentiality of the data and the importance of the survey and told the respondents to give the best estimate on the cash remittance received by the them.
4. Uncooperative/unwilling respondents	-Explained further the importance of the survey.
5. Incomplete and wrong address	-Asked the help of barangay officials for easy location of households.

V. POST ENUMERATION

Manual processing of ISH Form 2, SOF Forms 1 and 2 was undertaken at the Provincial Office. For the first week, matching of ISH Form 2 from the October 2007 round was done. The Assistant Statistician, DSOs and SCOs were utilized in the machine processing of ISH Form 2. The LFS data file and MS Form 6 were submitted to the Regional Office on November 10, 2008. SOF Forms 1 and 2 were submitted to the Central Office on November 13, 2008.

Analysis of Non-Response

Non-Response	No.	%
1. Temporarily Away/Not at Home/On Vacation	39	4%
2. Refusal	-	-
3. Vacant Housing Unit/Vacant	74	7.68%
4. Housing Unit Demolished/Destroyed by Fire, Typhoon	6	1%
5. Others (Merged, Moved Out, etc.)	198	19%

Out of the one thousand sixteen (1,016) sample households, 39 households or 4 percent were temporarily away, not at home or on vacation during the visit, 74 or 7.68 percent were vacant housing units or vacant, 6 or 1% were demolished and 198 or 19 percent were merged or have permanently moved out.

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Provincial Consolidated Narrative Report October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) & its rider, Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) Province of Bohol

Introduction:

Culminating the 2008 calendar year is the conduct of the quarterly Labor Force Survey (LFS) and its rider, Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF). With the mandate of producing quality and timely statistics, the office is committed to deliver the employment and overseas statistics that are very indispensable especially in this time of economic crisis.

As defined in the manual, the Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationwide survey of households conducted to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. It is primarily geared towards the estimation of levels of employment and unemployment in the country.

On the other hand, Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) seeks to gather information on Filipino citizens who left abroad during the last five years. Specific objectives of the survey are aimed to provide data on overseas Filipinos particularly the OCWs and their contribution to the economy.

Training/Briefing:

Attending the second day level training from Bohol Province held at NSO Regional Office were the undersigned and SCO 1 Fidel Antopina Jr. It was a day only allotted for the review of the concepts and definitions of LFS and the SOF operations. The rest of the day was for CES.

For the LFS side, common errors were discussed. A thorough review was focused on the aspects of SOF. Compared to the last year concepts, one additional item is added for this year round of survey. This tackled on the variable on the weight of expenses from the remittance received from abroad. For this year, it is very interested to know how is the spending pattern of the families with Overseas Filipinos as compared to the ordinary ones.

The third level training was only conducted at NSO Provincial Office considering the meager budget for utilities that is P150.00 only. WE had a sort of review on the LFS aspects, some discussions on the columns where the employment statistics are gathered and also emphasis on the concepts of occupation, nature of employment and others. The remaining time

was spent for the rerun of the SOF portions. We have detailed discussion, item for item. We did not have the field practice.

Sample Barangays/Enumeration and Assigned Personnel:

Maintaining its total sample for the province, Bohol had its thirty-two sample barangays covering a total of 612 sample households.

We are very happy to note that our request for Statistical Researchers (SRs) of five was approved by the Central Office. Regular NSO personnel were only given one barangay each so that they will have ample time for the other equally important project such as Updating List of Establishments (ULE).

Officially, enumeration started last October 8, 2008 and lasted until the 31st of the month. Average of six (6) households was allotted per day per personnel including the rider SOF questionnaire.

Shown below is the list of sample barangays and their corresponding personnel assigned.

Municipality	Sample Barangay	SCOs/SRs Assigned
Tagbilaran City	Tinago, Daus	SR Armand Pergamino
	Cogon	Sr Nimfa Aray
	Booy	Sr Nimfa Aray
Panglao	Poblacion	Sr Nimfa Aray
Sevilla	Lagtangan/ Calinginan Sur	SR Sisinia Mironotos
Loboc	Gun-ob/Pondol	SR Sisinia Mironotos
Carmen	Montesuerte	SR Sisinia Mironotos
Trinidad	Kauswagan	SCO Oscar Labastida
San Miguel	Bayongan	SR Veronica Monredondo
Mabini	San Isidro	SCO Jose Wahing
Anda	Badiang	SR Veronica Monredondo
Loon	Cuasi/Calinginan Sur	SR Sisinia Mironotos
Maribojoc	Bood	SR Sisinia Mironotos
	Poblacion	SR Armand Pergamino
Calape	Kinabag-an/Magtongtong	SR Joseph Abadingo
Talibon	Sto. Nino	SCO Isidro Iyog
	Nocnocan	SR Nimfa Aray
Clarin	Poblacion Sur	SCO Eleazer Pinat
Guindulman	Catungawan Norte	SCO Colita Montoya
	Cabantian	SR Joseph Abadingo
	Tabajan	SCO Colita Montoya
Jagna	Mayana	SR Joseph Abadingo
Candijay	Cogtong	SR Veronica Monredondo

Duero	Cansuhay	SR Joseph Abadingo
Tubigon	Poblacion (Centro)	SCO Emmanuel Galab
Inabanga	Bugang	SCO Fidel Antopina Jr.
Buenavista	Asinan	SR Sisinia Mironos
Danao	Nahud/Sto Nino	SR Armand Pergamino
San Isidro	Cansague Norte/Cambansag	SR Armand Pergamino
Balilihan	Baucan Sur	SR Armand Pergamino
Ubay	Gabi	Sr Veronica Monredondo

Enumeration and Problems encountered:

For this round, the office was given five (5) Statistical Researchers (SRs) to augment the exiting field force of the office. With the ongoing conduct of the Updating List of Establishments (ULE) only one (1) barangay was given to all regular fieldmen to give time for some working days for the ULE operations.

Overall, the field enumeration went on very smoothly with the team efforts driven from the hired SRs and the regular personnel of NSO. Despite the interruption of some rainy days and other minor concerns, the activity reaped success.

Supervision:

Some mandays for supervision were consummated to cross check some irregularities or some minor errors along the enumeration period. SCO Montoya and SCO Antopina spent some days among the following barangays:

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised/ Spot checked	HCN supervised/ Spot checked
1. SCO Colita Montoya	Gabi, Ubay	HCN 0020, 0033, 0045, 0057, HCN 0189, 0202, 0228
	Mayana, Jagna	HCN 0176 HCN 0111
	San Isidro, Mabini	HCN 0130 HCN 0082 HCN 0042
2. SCO Fidel Antopina Jr.	Pob. Centro, Tubigon	HCN 0030, 0055, 0080 HCN 0106, 0133, 0291 HCN 0318, 0345, 0399
	Cuasi/Ton-tonan/Loon	HCN 0005 HCN 0012 HCN 0059 HCN 0068

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised/ Spot checked	HCN Supervised/ Spot checked
3. SCO Fidel Antopina Jr.	Nocnocan, Talibon	HCN 0018 HCN 0049 HCN 0076 HCN 8001 HCN 0130 HCN 0150 HCN 8003
	Kinabag-an/ Magtongtong, Calape	HCN 0012 HCN 0024 HCN 0030 HCN 005, 0058 HCN 0083, HCN 0097, 0111
	Baucan Sur/Norte	HCN 0003, 0147 HCN 0020

Manual Processing:

Processing of LFS/SOF questionnaires took in a staggered basis. Regular personnel with one barangay assignment have submitted their accomplished questionnaires early. SCO Colita Montoya was in-charge in the review of codes, consistency of codes and other processing aspects both for LFS and SOF questionnaires.

Common errors encountered during the processing of the forms:

LFS Questionnaires:

- ❑ Confusion in Col 11 for persons below 15 years old;
- ❑ In col 43, instead of PSIC the entry is PSOC
- ❑ PSOC inconstant with PSIC
- ❑ Class of worker inconsistent with PSIC/PSOC
- ❑ No entry in Col 12 & 13 for members 5-14 years old who had no job
- ❑ HAI, if temporary away in the previous quarter, the entry should have been 2 instead of 1 in a of HAI. In b of HAI, common errors are coded 2 instead of 1

MS FORMS 6:

- ❑ Status code inconsistent with update code
- ❑ With corrections in address but the update code is still code 0 instead of code 2

SOF Forms:

- Question 5 against Question 6 are inconsistent
- Question 16 and Q23 are inconsistent

With the review of the MS Forms 6, following are noted as non-response among the 614 sample households province-wide.

- ❑ Vacant housing units - 38 cases
- ❑ Temporarily away - 15 cases
- ❑ Permanently moved out - 44 cases
- ❑ Demolished HUnits - 25 cases
- ❑ Refusal - 1 case
- ❑ Converted into Bodega - none
- ❑ CBL - none

Machine Processing :

In-charge for the machine processing was SCO Fidel Antopina Jr. He was able to manage the processing and we were able to submit the completed data on the 14th of November, 2008.

General Assessment and Recommendations:

In summary, the operations reaped success. Its success would not have been possible if not with the team efforts from among the NSO field staff, from its hired Statistical Researchers and to all the respondents' province wide.

To one and all, congratulations for a job well done and more power!

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**October 2008 Labor Force Survey and 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos
Narrative Report for Training, Enumeration and Supervision**

I. Training

The province of Bukidnon conducted its provincial briefing on October 6, 2008 held at NSO Provincial Conference Hall. It was attended by 3 DSOs, 4SCOs, 3 provincial staff and 4 hired statistical researchers. PSO Eddie E. Nasol conducted the briefing.

During the LFS briefing, common errors and inconsistencies observed in the previous survey rounds were emphasized specifically in the PSOC and PSIC codes. Definition and concept of this survey were also reviewed including the updating of MS Form 6.

For SOF, filling up of SOF Form 1 and SOF Form 2 were fully discussed since in Bukidnon, some of the statistical researchers are new in SOF. The new question added (Q22) was also elaborated to the participants.

Issues asked, what if the daughter of the household went abroad within the reference period and she got pregnant and she delivered a child abroad out of wedlock. Do we include her child as member of the household? Another question is, How about the contract worker who went abroad for two (2) years contract and after two years he did not return home instead he exits in another country while waiting for the renewal of his contract. Do we include the number of months he stayed in another country in Q12?

Allocation and distribution of forms followed. Statistical Researchers were given more number of households compared to the regular employees considering that they are full time on this survey.

II. Enumeration

Enumeration started on October 8, 2008 and expected to end on October 27, 2008. PSO, DSOs and his Assistant were responsible to supervise the entire operation. However, DSOs were also given one or two sample barangays to enumerate. In the field, the interviewers were observed on how they asked questions and record the responses. Any discrepancies observed were corrected right in the field to avoid multiplication of errors.

As observed, MS Form 6 was not updated during the enumeration. Thus, interviewers were instructed to reflect the correction and update the MS Form 6 right in the field not to miss anything.

Again, Barangay Baylanan of Talakag still declared critical area because of the presence of armed bandits in this area. However, Barangay Tagbak and Tikalaan of Talakag were already penetrated and interviewed even to the remotest sitios which were also declared critical in previous survey rounds. But, mostly of the housing units were already demolished if not, the sample HU still unoccupied. This time, it is necessary to update the Master Sample to be used to minimize non response rate.

The interviewers spend more time in callbacks. In Bukidnon, agricultural workers and farmers including their families usually stayed in the farm and went home during weekend. So, the interviewers have to return on the specified date and of course they incurred considerable amount for the callbacks. If possible, budget for callbacks will also be included.

At the end of the enumeration, we summarized the Interview Status by Code and Number of Households, as follows:

Interview Status	Number of Households
1 - Completed	476
2 - Refusal	0
3 – Temporarily Away/Not at Home/On Vacation	28
4 - Vacant	62
5 – HU Demolished, Destroyed by Fire	29
6 - Others	52
7 – Critical Areas	18
TOTAL	665

For October 2008 SOF, Bukidnon has 22 accomplished SOF Form 1. SOF Form 1 and 2 were submitted to IESD, Manila on November 4, 2008.

III. Supervision

Personnel Involved/ Areas Supervised/ Inclusive Dates of Supervision

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
1. PSO Eddie E. Nasol	Paradise, Cabanglasan	Oct. 24, 2008
	Kalugmanan, Manolo Fortich	Oct. 25, 2008
	Puntian, Sumilao	Oct. 26, 2008
	Adtuyon, Pangantucan	Oct. 27, 2008
	Panadtalan, Maramag	Oct. 28, 2008
2. SCO Belen P. Esponilla	Dalwangan, Malaybalay City	Oct. 17, 2008
	Mibantang, Quezon	Oct. 20, 2008
	Sumilao, Poblacion	Oct. 21, 2008
	Pualas, Don Carlos	Oct. 22, 2008
	Bagontaas, Valencia City	Oct. 9, 2008

3. DSO Virgilio S. Donda	Puntian, Sumilao	Oct. 24, 2008
	San Vicente, Baungon	Oct. 27, 2008
	Laturan, Libona	Oct. 28, 2008
4. DSO Rowena C. Linaban	Capinonan, Cabanlasan	Oct. 17, 2008
	Lilingayon, Valencia City	Oct. 20, 2008
	Pob., Valencia City	Oct. 21, 2008
5. DSO Cesario L. Minguez	Langcataon, Pangantucan	Oct. 26, 2008
	Tubigon, Maramag	Oct. 27, 2008

Re interview of sample households were done during supervision. Identified sample households and housing units which were demolished, moved out and vacant were verified in the field. Entries during re interview were matched versus accomplished ISH Form 2. If mismatched, the attention of the interviewer was called and the corrected entries were subsequently reflected in the questionnaire. Those HU reported demolished but still occupied, the interviewer was instructed to revisit the household and interview.

During manual processing, two (2) sample households were interviewed with the same household head but different members of the household in the previous round. With this, the concerned interviewer and his supervisor were instructed to check and verify in the field. It was found out that the son was interviewed instead of the father as the household head. The interviewers were then advised that on the next survey round, it is necessary to prefix the word Sr or Jr in the MS Form 6 in order that they will be misled and they interviewed the right household.

The province of Bukidnon received Php 119,778 for the conduct of October 2008 LFS and 2008 SOF. The travelling expenses incurred by the field men and SRs were reimbursed on time including the wages of hired SRs.

As a whole, the conduct of this survey round of LFS and SOF was successfully done.

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**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY/SURVEY ON OVERSEAS
FILIPINO**

Narrative Report for Training, Enumeration and Supervision

I. TRAINING

3rd level briefing was conducted September 29, 2008 at the NSO Provincial Office.

Hired SRs involved for this round are well aware of the concepts of LFS and SOF since they have been previously involved in the above mentioned surveys.

As expected the flow of discussion ran smoothly with minor clarification regarding the application of the reference period pertaining to SOF. Facilitator in the briefing includes: PSO Arturo R. Reyes and Prov. Stat. Concepcion Angeles.

II. ENUMERATION

A. Regular NSO Employees who were involved in the October LFS/SOF operation:

Name of Employee:	Area of Assignment:	Date:
1. Ma. Cristina S. Lopez	Municipality of Plaridel	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)
2. Cordella C. Delos Santos	Municipality of Hagonoy	
	Municipality of Paombong	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)
3. Apolinario Y. Abat	Municipality of San Rafael	
	Municipality of San Ildefonso	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)
4. Delfin A. Mendoza	City of San Jose Del Monte	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)
5. Lorena E. Lorenzo	Municipality of Marilao	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)
6. Marcelino O. De Mesa	Municipality of Sta. Maria	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)
7. Elena De Gracia	City of Meycauyan	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)
8. Jose Lanuza	Municipality of Guiguinto	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)
9. Llewelyn E. Buan	Municipality of Calumpit	
	Municipality of Pulilan	(Oct. 8-31, 2008)

1. PSO-Arturo R. Reyes Supervision of different areas in Bulacan
2. Stat. Concepcion C. Angeles Supervision of different areas in Bulacan

B. Issues/Problems encountered:

Only one incident of wrong interview wherein the one who had been interviewed bears the exact name of the household head listed in MS form 6.

Note:

The sample household came from the listing from the old panel.

ACTION TAKEN:

Enumerator assigned in the area re interviewed the correct sample household.

III. Supervision

PSO Reyes and Stat. Concepcion Angeles were allotted with several days to supervise the flow of operation, for this survey PSO Reyes was able to visit Sample barangays in the municipalities of Plaridel, San Jose Del Monte, and Sta. Maria.

While Stat. Concepcion Angeles was able to visit areas of Paombong, Pulilan and Hagonoy.

IV. Manual Processing/Data Entry

Editing and Coding of submitted questionnaires started October 24, 2008.

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2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) Narrative Report

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The survey was done by the Assistant Statistician (AS), Statistical Coordination Officer I (SCO I) and one hired Statistical Researcher (SR)

Pre-Enumeration:

Training:

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There were no questions, comments, suggestions, issues raised during the briefing.

Forms to be used in the operation were distributed after the briefing

Enumeration:

Two (2) NSO regular personnel and one (1) hired SR were involved in the enumeration. They started on October 8, 2008 and completed on October 16, 2008.

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OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS) AND SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF) NARRATIVE REPORT

Province: CATANDUANES

INTRODUCTION:

The following is a summary of activities during the October 2008 LFS and SOF conducted by NSO Catanduanes Provincial Office, Virac, Catanduanes during the month of October 2008.

TRAINING:

A second level training was conducted at the Regional Office, Legazpi City on September 26, 2008, but due to bad weather making sea travel almost impossible so we have requested instead for the RO to send the necessary materials and issues to be discussed to the third level training.

A one (1) day briefing was conducted by OIC-PSO Manlangit & acting Statistician Camacho at the Provincial Office on October 3, 2008. This was attended by 2 SCO, and 1 hired Statistical Researcher.

ENUMERATION:

The province has a total of 122 sample households for the project, 108 of which were successfully interviewed including nine (9) new occupants. For the non-response status, 1 Hh was temporary away, 6 HUs were still vacant, 5 HUs were destroyed by typhoon, and 3 Hh had permanently moved with no present occupant in the sample HU.

Out of the 122 sample households, only 3 Hh had Overseas Filipinos who left the country anytime from October 2003 to September 2008. For these three households, four (4) Overseas Filipinos were recorded.

Below is the distribution of workload among enumerators and their corresponding output.

Enumerator	Name of Barangay Assigned	No. Of Sampled Households	No. of Completed Interview
Marysel M. Teves Hired Stat.	Abihao, Baras	12	11
	Icanbato, Caramoran	14	11
	Batong Paloway, San Andres	20	18
	Carangag, San Andres	1	1
	Palnab Del Norte, Virac	19	18
Cecilia T. Castilla SCO-I	Gogon Centro, Virac	16	12
	San Miguel, Baras	15	13
	Napo, Pandan	18	16
Jocelyn R. Uchi SCO-I/Acting DSO	Danao, Baras	2	2
	Putsan, Baras	1	1
	Rizal, Baras	2	2
	Putting Baybay, San Andres	2	2

SUPERVISION:

Field supervision was done by OIC Manlangit and Acting Statistician Camacho covering the following barangays:

OIC Nestor A. Manlangit

- Abihao, Baras - October 09, 2008
- San Miguel, Baras - October 16, 2008
- Napo, Pandan - October 23, 2008
- Icanbato, Caramoran - October 24-25, 2008

Acting Statistician Anavi F. Camacho

Gogon Centro, Virac	-	October 11, 2008
Batong Paloway, San Andres	-	October 13-14, 2008
Palnab Del Norte, Virac	-	October 21, 2008
Napo, Pandan	-	October 23-24, 2008

Acting DSO Jocelyn R. Uchi

San Miguel, Baras	-	October 16-17, 2008
Icanbato, Caramoran	-	October 24, 2008

PROCESSING AND SUBMISSION:

Manual and machine processing of LFS questionnaire were completed on October 29, 2008 and data files were submitted on the same date to the regional office via e-mail. Copies of updated MS form 6 were sent to the regional office on October 28, 2008 through JRS express.

SOF questionnaires on the other hand were transmitted to Manila on October 30, 2008 via JRS express. Financial report is being readied and the Bookkeeper is still in the process of completing the summary report of the expenses incurred by this operation.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The October 2008 LFS/SOF encountered no significant problem and was completed without much interruptions other than sporadic rain showers experienced throughout the place that somewhat hampered the smooth conduct of the survey.



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October 2008 Labor Force Survey Narrative Report

I – Introduction

The Labor Force survey is a quarterly survey being conducted in order to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. The levels and trends of employment, unemployment and underemployment is also determined, wherein statistics and quantitative framework for formulation and preparation of policies and plans affecting the country's labor market is provided.

II – Pre-enumeration

DSO's/ SCO's/ Hired SR's and PO staff listed below attended the briefing conducted at Trece Martires City, Cavite on October 6, 2008.

Name	Province/District	Position
1. Lucia Iraida A. Soneja	PO	PSO
2. Miguela L. Ocampo	PO	Stat. II
3. Melinda B. Salazar	PO	Asst. Stat
4. Raquel C. Ronario	PO	Asst. Stat.
5. Ronaldo O. Aveo	PO	Admin. Aide I
6. John Paul C. Sacop	PO	Contractual
7. Teresa E. Vidal	District I	SCO II/DSO
8. Lolita E. Bocalan	District I	SCO I
9. Johnny G. Ronario	District I	SCO I
10. Erminda V. Sierra	District II	SCO I/DSO
11. Dalisay A. Ambion	District II	SCO I
12. Josephine G. Roderno	District II	SCO I
13. Elias R. Ragas, Jr.	District II	SCO I
14. Thelma R. Artista	District III	SCO I/DSO
15. Efigenia C. Lontoc	District II	SR
16. Alvin C. Ramos	District II	SR
17. Jocelyn G. Garcia	District II	SR
18. Ma. Ailene Maries A. Tavares	District III	SR

Training proper started with a short prayer from SR Ailene Marie A. Tavares. Stat. II Miguela L. Ocampo of NSO Cavite served as trainer and Ms. Ma. Neliza Manalili, supervisor from NSO Central Office.

MS Form 6 concepts and definitions were discussed, filling-up and accomplishing ISH Form 2, SOF concepts, definitions, duties and responsibilities and filling-up of SOF Form 1 & 2. Consistency checks were emphasized to minimize the common errors. Also discussed were the errors from the previous round of LFS, on how not to commit the same errors.

III – Enumeration/Supervision

Enumeration

Enumeration period started from October 8 - 31, 2008. A total of 72 Enumeration Areas with a total of 1,205 sample households (District I – 24EA's; District II – 36 EA's; District III – 12 EA's) were enumerated.

Problems Encountered

1. Difficulty in locating sample households.
2. Uncooperative and sarcastic respondents
3. Unavailability of qualified respondents that resulted from many callbacks.
4. Address not specified correctly in MS Form 6.
5. Respondents who cannot give full details on the information being ask from them.
6. Some sample households especially in district III are very far from each other and located in higher and lower places and thus they need to go up and down to reach them.
7. Muslim areas such as "Datu Esmael" that is known to be a violent area especially to outsiders were not enumerated by a group of SR's because it is a critical area.
8. Many respondents refused to answer the questionnaire for the reason that is so many questions being asked to them.
9. Bad weather condition (Heavy rains and high tide).

Action Taken

1. Study how the households was canvassed/listed during the NDHS listing and estimated from where there are still available stickers.
2. Asked assistance from barangay officials during location of samples.

3. Always explained the surveys objectives and importance to uncooperative respondents to gain their trust and cooperation
4. Conducted callbacks for those households who are not available at the time of visit.
5. Having lots of patience were taken into consideration during enumeration especially in places that are hard to reach and places that have dogs.
6. Always bring umbrella, and extra shirts.

Supervision

Supervision was conducted to guide, observe, check and ensure that the steps and procedures of enumeration are followed accordingly.

IV – Post Enumeration

The provincial staff were all reviewing and editing the accomplished forms that were submitted on staggered basis from Oct 13 to Nov 4, 2008, so as to check inconsistencies and other problems. Problems such as wrong geographic codes, number of households in the housing unit, skipping patterns that were not followed, inconsistencies in MS Form 6 with LFS forms, age differences, addresses inconsistent with MS Form 6 and others were encountered during manual processing. Data encoding, machine processing and reject listing follows after enumeration.

V – Overall Assessment of Operation

It has been observed that machine processing should always be given ample time because there are always error messages appearing every after correction that had been made and thus reject listing were done repeatedly. Common knowledge that the basis of payment increases nowadays but it always appear in reject listing

VI – Suggestions/Recommendations to improve future surveys

1. Advertise such surveys and its objectives and importance to inform the public in order to gain participation of the households.
2. Update of addresses of households in MS Form 6 for easy location and identification of future surveys.
3. Provide time to review accomplished forms to avoid inconsistencies.
4. Securing assistance of barangay officials for those respondents who refuse to be interviewed.



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2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS
Narrative Report for Training, Enumeration and Supervision

I. Training

- A. Region/Province: **IV-A CALABARZON , Cavite**
- B. Date/Venue of Training: **October 6, 2008/ Trece Martires City**
- C. Number of participants: **18**
- D. Issues/Problems Encountered:

II. Enumeration

- A. Personnel Involved/Area of Assignment/ Period of Enumeration

Name of Interviewer/Supervisor	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
1. Teresa E. Vidal	Talaba IV	Oct 9-13
	Talaba II	Oct 14-17
	Digman	Oct 18-21
	Mambog V (EA 002 & 004)	Oct 22-25
2. Johnny G. Ronario	Sapa II	Oct 8-10
	Wawa I	Oct 13-16
	Molino IV	Oct 17-21
	Panamitan	Oct 22-27
3. Lolita E. Bocalan	P.F. Espiritu IV	Oct 28-30
	San Rafael IV	Oct 17-19
	Zapote I	Oct 20-22
	Bgy 4	Oct 24
	Bgy 5	Oct 24-26
4. Ronaldo O. Aveo	Binakayan Aplaya	Oct 27-29
	Molino III (EA 011 & 017)	Oct 8-9
	Molino VI	Oct 10-11
	Talaba V (EA 001 & 002)	Oct 13-14
	Salinas II	Oct 15-17
	Mambog IV	Oct 18-21
	Mabolo III	Oct 22-25
Wakas I	Oct 27-29	

5. Dalisay A. Ambion	Anabu I-F (EA 001 & 002)	Oct 14-16
	San Francisco -004	Oct 23-25
	San Francisco -013	Oct 17-18
	Javalera	Oct 27-29
6. Josephine G. Roderno	Narra I	Oct 20-23
	Burol I	Oct 24-27
	Salawag -025	Oct 28-29
	Salawag -011	Oct 30-31
7. Elias R. Ragas, Jr.	Sta Fe	Oct 10-14
	Sabang	Oct 15-18
	San Lorenzo Ruiz I	Oct 20-22
	Paliparan III -011	Oct 23
8. Alvin C. Ramos	Paliparan III -029	Oct 24-25
	Bgy I Pob	Oct 8-9
	Benjamin Tirona	Oct 10-13
	Gregoria de Jesus	Oct 14-16
9. Jocelyn G. Garcia	Severino delas Alas	Oct 17-18
	Milagrosa	Oct 19-22
	Bgy 2 Pob	Oct 23-24
	Sto Niño I	Oct 25-28
10. Efigenia C. Lontoc	Langkaan II	Oct 11-15
	Zone I	Oct 16-18
	Sampaloc IV -013 & 004	Oct 20-21
	Pag-asa I	Oct 8-10
11. Thelma R. Artista	Pag-asa II	Oct 22-23
	Alapan I-B -001	Oct 24
	Alapan I-B -004	Oct 25
	Anabu II-F	Oct 27-28
12. Ailene Marie A. Tavares	Halayhay	Oct 8-9
	Santol	Oct 10-13
	Manggahan	Oct 14-15
	Corregidor Pob	Oct 16-17
11. Thelma R. Artista	Prinza Pob	Oct 18
	Mulawin	Oct 20-23
	Munting Mapino	Oct 24-29
	Biluso	Oct 10-14
11. Thelma R. Artista	Pangil	Oct 16-18
	Toledo	Oct 21-23
	Mendez Crossing East	Oct 25-29
	Maguyam	Oct 8-11
12. Ailene Marie A. Tavares	Caluangan	Oct 13-15
	Baliwag	Oct 16-17
	Kaytitinga	Oct 18-21
	San Jose	Oct 22-24
	Sungay South	Oct 27-28

B. Number of Households by interview status:

Interview Status	Number of Families
1 - Completed	970
2 - Refusal	-
3 - Temporary Away/Not At Home/On Vacation	58
4 - Vacant	88
5 - Housing Unit demolished, destroyed by fire, typhoon, etc	18
6 - Others, specify, <u>HH moved out/not perm resident, converted to establishment/warehouse/vacation house, store</u>	52
7 - Critical area, Flooded area	19
TOTAL	1,205

C. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. MS Form 6 (Listing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The font used in the MS Form 6 was too small for the EN to read especially HCN & SHSN. ➤ Incomplete address provided in the MS Form 6 listing sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Used bigger font for the EN to understand the name, address etc written in MS Form 6. ➤ Provide accurate and complete address in MS Form 6 for the sample housing unit
2. Concepts	None	
3. Callbacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Respondents who cannot give full details on the information being ask from them. ➤ Unavailability of qualified respondents resulting to callback, which were made during weekends and even nighttime just to interview them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducted callbacks for those households who are not available. ➤ Support/assistance from barangay officials were asked for those respondents who refused to be interviewed. ➤ Explained the surveys objectives and importance to uncooperative respondents to gain their trust and cooperation

4. Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bad weather (Heavy rains, floods and high tide) ➤ Replace from the list of sample the critical barangay like Datu Esmael. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wait until the road is already possible by a motorcycle or tricycle ➤ Replacement of Bgy Datu Esmael

III. *Supervision*

A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
1. Lucia Iraida A. Soneja	Molino VI Molino IV Talaba V San Jose Kaytitinga	Oct 15 Oct 20 Oct 22 Oct 29 Oct 30
2. Miguela L. Ocampo	Corregidor Zone I-Pob Milagrosa	Oct 14 Oct 17 Oct 21
3. Teresa E. Vidal	Mabolo III Salinas II Bgy 4 & 5 Binakayan Aplaya San Rafael IV	Oct 8 Oct 9 Oct 11 Oct 12 Oct 19
4. Erminda V. Sierra	Bgy 2 Milagrosa Zone I Pob Langkaan II Halayhay Santol	Oct 22 Oct 25 Oct 27 Oct 28 Oct 29 Oct 30
5. Thelma R. Artista	Maguyam Caluangan Kaytitinga San Jose	Oct 9 Oct 15 Oct 20 Oct 24

B. Issues/Problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
LFS/SOF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Some of the respondents are not willing to be interviewed, thinking that it will waste or consume their time ➤ Some of the respondent's didn't know some of the information of the other household's members. ➤ Data of parents who are both OCW not known by 2 minor children and their grandparents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The enumerator's pleases the respondent and become more persistent ➤ The enumerator asked for the contact numbers of the said HH members. ➤ Ask them to give their best estimates on their OCW member

VI. *Post-Enumeration*

The SR's were not able to submit the questionnaires within the prescribed period due to refusals and callbacks for no eligible respondents around because of their work either in factory or in the office.

V. *Overall Assessment of Operation*

Just like in any survey, we did have problems, which despite of some problems we kept on doing worked together and performed our responsibilities. To sum-up it's another job well done.

VI. *Suggestion/recommendations to improve future surveys*

1. Provide new set of codes for occupation and industry.
2. Upgrade the system since the basis of payment of an individual today is different from before.
3. Give citation or certificate of appreciation to Bgy Officials who always have affirmative response to our surveys.
4. Increase the rate of per diems because P80.00 is not sufficient for our daily expenses in the field.

*National Statistics Office
Davao del Sur, Provincial Office*

**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS)
2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINO
NARRATIVE REPORT**

1. PRE-ENUMERATION

Regional Briefing

PSO Raul P. Gomez and Stat. Dix S. Palencia Jr. attended the briefing on October 2008 Labor Force Survey and 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos at the NSO-XI regional office on September 26, 2008. The instructions on the memorandum sent by the central office were discussed as well as the problems encountered by the regional staff during their processing of the questionnaires. The three regular provincial staff involved in the October 2008 Consumer Expectation Survey were also present during the briefing.

Provincial Briefing

The provincial office conducted a separate briefing for Davao City and Davao del Sur during this round so as not to disrupt the other regular activities that need to be attended to by the regular staff in Digos. . The briefing the regular staff and statistical researchers for Digos District Office was held on October 3, 2008 at the District Office Training Room, while for Davao City Office staff and statistical researchers, the training was held on October 6, 2008 at Provincial Office Conference Room. The experienced statistical researchers in Labor Force Survey were the ones that were hired for this project so that the only the usual errors encountered were discussed. However, the whole manual for Survey on Overseas Filipino was thoroughly discussed since it is an annual survey.

The participants for the training were as follows:

	<i>DSO</i>	<i>SCO</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>SR</i>
<i>Davao City</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Davao del Sur</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>

Allocation of Workload

The Provincial Office hired eight statistical researchers for October 2008 Labor Force Survey/2008 survey on Overseas Filipinos to complement the available provincial staff in the conduct of enumeration.

The allocation of workload for all involved in the enumeration were as follows:

<i>Gales/Mollaneda</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>	<i>Gonzaga/Abante/Capiolos</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>
<i>Matina Crossing EA 010</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Tamayong</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Matina Crossing EA 020</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Tugbok</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Matina Aplaya EA 005</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Sirib</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Matina Aplaya EA 011</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Matina Biao</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Barangay 1-A</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Riverside</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Barangay 4-A EA 001</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Santo Nino</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Barangay 4-A EA 002</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Catalunan Pequeno</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Barangay 8-A</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Calinan EA 003</i>	<i>6</i>
		<i>Calinan EA 008</i>	<i>6</i>

<i>Manzano/Matindo/Arcena</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>	<i>Osborn Mejjorada</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>
<i>Catalunan Grande</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Cabantian EA 003</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Barangay 19-B EA 012</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Cabantian EA 006</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Barangay 31-D</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Communal</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Barangay 37-D</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Tigatto</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Mandug</i>	<i>19</i>		

<i>Rogelio Lebria</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>	<i>Rodon Tahil</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>
<i>Batuganding, Sarangani</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Caburan Big, JAS</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Patuco, Sarangani</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Tanuman, JAS</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Buhangin EA 012</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Barangay 19-B</i>	<i>8</i>

<i>Apolinario Cabardo</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>	<i>Allan Alde</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>
<i>Poblacion Dos, Bansalan</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Malongon Magsaysay</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Santo Nino, Bansalan</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Maibo, Magsaysay</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Kapatagan, Digos</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Glamang, Magsaysay</i>	<i>17</i>
		<i>Tresn de Mayo, Digos</i>	<i>12</i>

<i>Rosario Constantino</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>	<i>Charissa Diaz</i>	<i>No.of HU/HH</i>
<i>Lapulabao, Hagonoy</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Aplaya, Digos</i>	<i>18</i>

<i>San Guillermo, Hagonoy</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Zone 3, Digos EA 006</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Sacub, Hagonoy</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Zone 3, Digos EA 010</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Tres de Mayo Digos</i>	<i>12</i>		

<i>Estifanio Tabigue</i>	<i>No. of HH</i>	<i>Gerlie Dormitorio</i>	<i>No. of HH</i>
<i>Bunawan EA 001</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Talomo EA 010</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Bunawan EA 004</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Talomo EA 23</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Navarro (Lasang)</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Bucana EA 005</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Tibungco EA 002</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Bucana EA 006</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Tibubgco EA 006</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Bucana EA 019</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Ilang</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Ma-a EA 001</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Panacan EA 004</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Ma-a EA 013</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Panacan EA 012</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Crossing Bayabas</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Sasa EA 004</i>	<i>15</i>		
<i>Sasa EA 012</i>	<i>14</i>		

<i>Rhodora Grenien</i>	<i>No. of HH</i>	<i>Gaudiosa Lobiano</i>	<i>No. of HH</i>
<i>Pampanga EA 007</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Alambre</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Pampanga EA 020</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Bayabas</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Leon Garcia</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Lizada</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Lapu-lapu</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Marapangi</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Ubalde</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Daliao EA 002</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Centro</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Daliao EA 006</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Buhangin EA 012</i>	<i>21</i>		

<i>Lily Eumague</i>	<i>No. of HH</i>	<i>Russel Enfero</i>	<i>No. of HH</i>
<i>Marilog</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Poblacion, Santa Maria</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Suawan</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>San Agustin, Santa Maria</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Baganihan</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Kisulad, Santa Maria</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Tamugan</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Astorga, Santa Cruz</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Dominga</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Darong, Santa Cruz</i>	<i>8</i>

<i>Marilou Aldeguer</i>	<i>No. of HH</i>	<i>Shahanie Mendoza</i>	<i>No. of HH</i>
<i>Cogon, Digos</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Nueva Villa, DM</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Poblacion, Magsaysay</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Felis, Malita</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Kapok, Matanao</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Kilalag, Malita</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Poblacion Matanao</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Talogoy, Malita</i>	<i>16</i>

<i>Lower Marber, Matanao Darong, Santa Cruz</i>	<i>24 9</i>	<i>Latian, Kiblawan Zone III, Santa Cruz</i>	<i>18 15</i>
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2. ENUMERATION/SUPERVISION

Enumeration

The enumeration for this round started on October 9, 2008 because of the end of Ramadan Holiday declared by the president. The usual problem of no respondent that can be interviewed during the visit was still experienced during this round. Enumerators make callbacks during nighttime and weekend just to be able to interview the households. Another problem is the weather wherein the enumerators were forced to go home early because of heavy rainfall. A sitio in one of the sample barangay in Jose Abad Santos was not penetrated because of peace and order problem. The barangay officials advised the enumerator not to go in the area because of the constant encounter between the AFP and NPA.

The provincial offices provided the enumerator with the copy of the listing sheet in order to ease up the search of housing units for each sample households. Housing units of neighbors were asked whenever the sample households were not known. The provincial office also provided each of the enumerators of the compilation of the common codes in PSOC, PSIC and the Update Codes in MS Form 6 so that they can code their works and only those that are not common will be left for the supervisors/processors.

Only one copy of the MS-Form 6 was given to each enumerator because they either lost the other copies or they stained it.

Shown below are the number of households enumerated for October 2008 Labor Force and their corresponding status Codes

<i>Interview Status</i>	<i>Number</i>
<i>1 – Completed</i>	<i>1231</i>
<i>2 – Refusal</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>3 - Temporary Away</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>4 – Vacant Housing Units</i>	<i>104</i>
<i>5 – HU Demolished / Destroyed</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>6 – Others</i>	<i>230</i>
<i>7 – Critical / Flooded Areas</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1668</i>

The enumerators of the province accomplished a total of 88 SOF Form I questionnaires from all the households interviewed. The questionnaires were then manually processed and submitted to Manila on November 13, 2008.

Supervision

Some District Statistics Officers were tasked to help the provincial statistician in the supervision of the enumerators. The regular staff as well as the hired statistical researchers were assigned to each supervisor who will be responsible for the checking and review of the work of the enumerators as well as the matching with previous survey. One of the enumerator reported that she cannot locate some of the sample housing units assigned to her even with the assistance of the barangay health workers assigned in the enumeration area. The provincial statistician visited the area using the listing sheet and map as guide and were able to interview successfully five of the eight reported cannot be located sample. Two housing units were found to be demolished while one housing unit was vacant.

The following barangays were visited during the supervision:

Stat. Dix Palencia Jr.

- 1. Aplaya, Digos*
- 2. Zone 3, Digos*
- 3. Darong, Santa Cruz*
- 4. Lower Marber, Matanao*
- 5. Buhangin EA 012*
- 6. TalomoEA 010*

DSO Neil Gonzaga

- 1. Poblacion, Santa Maria*
- 2. Tamugan*

DSO Randolph Gales

- 1. Felis, Malita*
- 2. Bunawan EA 001*

Problems encountered/Action Taken:

- Since only the LFS questionnaire was administered during the survey round, there was no problem with refusal. However, the number of the temporarily away/not at home increased as the enumerator cannot interview the household since there was no available respondent every time they visited the housing unit. The enumerators were advised to callback during weekends and nighttime just to be able to interview the household but still many were not interviewed.*
- Some enumerators and staff as well complained that they have no money to spend during the enumeration. The supervisor tries to lend some money to them.*
- The enumerators and supervisor complained of the hot, weather during the operation. The heat can easily get the enumerator exhausted*

- *Aside from the hot weather, the rain also hampers the enumeration, the enumerators cannot conduct enumeration when it is raining.*

3. Post-Enumeration

Submission of Questionnaires/Manual Processing

Because of the anticipated conduct of 2008 FLEMMS the enumerators were advised to submit all the questionnaires for an enumeration area as soon as it was finished. The supervisors were tasked to collect the completed enumeration area every time they met with the enumerator. A week after the enumeration, some enumerators were able to submit at least one completed enumeration area. SCO II Elizabeth Gonzales assisted the provincial statistician during the manual processing of the submitted LFS questionnaires. All submitted questionnaires were checked for the consistency of entries and the correctness of codes. All questionnaires with problems were returned to enumerators for rectification of error and if cannot be solved, they were instructed to make a callback. Two regular staff was not able to submit their work early because of other projects they were doing along with the LFS. They were able to submit only on October 12, 2008,

Machine Processing

The provincial office started the encoding of all the manually processed questionnaires as soon as data entry system was received from the central office. Admin Aide IV Janus Lee and the provincial statistician encoded the questionnaires after the manual processing. The provincial statistician machine edited the questionnaires for completeness and consistency of entries. All inconsistent entries were given explanation on the field notes provided by the system. The provincial office partially submitted the data file and MS-Form 6 on November 7, 2008 while the remaining 5 folios were submitted on November 13, 2008.

4. SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE FUTURE SURVEYS

- *The ISHIPS should be continuously updated so that only necessary errors will appear on machine validation.*
- *The status code of the questionnaires should be incorporated in the completeness check listing along with the SHSN and HCN so that it will be easier to match the questionnaires with MS-Form 6.*

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2008 OCTOBER LFS/SOF/CES
NARRATIVE REPORT

REGION XII

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INTRODUCTION

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey is a nationwide survey of households conducted every quarter to gather data specifically on the estimation of the level of employment of the country base on the past week reference period.

Rider for the 4th quarter operation of the 2008 LFS was the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipino. This survey gather information on Filipino citizens who left for abroad during the last five years. Data Collection of the characteristics of overseas workers started 1982 using a one-page rider questionnaire in the Integrated Survey of Households (ISH) and continued until 1986. With the increasing demand for information on overseas workers, the Survey on Overseas Workers (SOW) was resumed in 1991 revising the previous questionnaire to generate more comprehensive data.

Regional Briefing

The Regional Briefing was conducted at NSO Regional Office XII, Cotabato City last September 25, 2008. It was conducted by Stat I Ismael B. Ramos, Jr. This was attended by the Regional Director, PSO's, OIC-PSO, Provincial Statisticians and selected Regional Staff. During the briefing Updating of MS Form 6 were reviewed. Errors commonly committed during the past quarter's survey were pointed out and discussed to minimize if not eliminate errors in this survey round. Last HCN used was emphasized to the provincial statisticians.

After discussions regarding MS Form 6, a review on the concepts of the Labor Force survey and the accomplishment of ISH Form 2 followed. Again it was emphasized that Col. 13 of ISH Form 2 is intended for primary and other job and that an additional column between column 17 and 18 was added to determine those household member who will qualify to be interviewed to the succeeding columns. Errors encountered during past quarter survey were also reviewed.

The next discussion focused on the 2008 Survey on overseas Filipinos. The concepts and definition were thoroughly covered and that only those family members who travelled outside the country within the period October 2003 to September 2008 for any reasons are included. It was also discussed that for OF's who are members of the same household before they left for abroad but no longer members at the time of visit was to be assigned line number "81" for the first OF, "82" for the second OF and so on and so forth. During the training, "Q22" was also emphasized as the additional question included in the survey to determine the remittance of the OF.

Briefing on October 2008 CES shortly followed after preliminary presentations were finished. Of the 2,500 sample households from selected areas in 52 provinces (excluding ARMM) outside NCR, 94 households belong to the provinces of South Cotabato and Sarangani. Aimed to collect information on consumers own financial situation, key economic indicators and condition of the economy over the short term. Discussions on the common errors committed during the past survey was emphasized. Problems were resolved as a clear and unified action was taken on how to handle existing and would-be problems.

<p>ENUMERATION</p>	<p>➤ Field Interview on October LFS/SOF started on October 8, 2008 and wrapped up on October 31, 2008. There was an estimated four hundred eleven (411) total mandays for the region. Enumeration of the October 2008 CES started earlier from October 1 and ended last October 15, 2008. See timetable (Annex C)..</p>																				
<p>SUPERVISION</p>	<p>➤ Designate Stat III Ismael B. Ramos, Jr. and Regional Director Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon supervised this survey last October 15–17, 2008 and October 20-21, 2008 respectively. They spot-checked and edited accomplished questionnaires of selected enumerators and field personnel around the Region.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIST OF AREAS SUPERVISED</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>PROV</th> <th>MUN</th> <th>BGY / EA</th> <th>SUPERVISOR</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cotabato</td> <td>Kidapawan City</td> <td>Poblacion 003; HCN 001; HCN 0054; HCN 0100; HCN 8001 & HCN 0148</td> <td>RD Manulon/ Stat Ramos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cotabato</td> <td>Makilala</td> <td>Buena Vida EA 004; HCN 0139; HCN 0160</td> <td>RD Manulon/ Stat Ramos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cotabato</td> <td>Midsayap</td> <td>Villarica EA 01; HCN 0084; HCN 0526; HCN 0243</td> <td>RD Manulon/ Stat Ramos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Cotabato</td> <td>Gen. Santos City</td> <td>Lagao 1st & 3rd EA 007</td> <td>RD Manulon/ Stat Ramos</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	PROV	MUN	BGY / EA	SUPERVISOR	Cotabato	Kidapawan City	Poblacion 003; HCN 001; HCN 0054; HCN 0100; HCN 8001 & HCN 0148	RD Manulon/ Stat Ramos	Cotabato	Makilala	Buena Vida EA 004; HCN 0139; HCN 0160	RD Manulon/ Stat Ramos	Cotabato	Midsayap	Villarica EA 01; HCN 0084; HCN 0526; HCN 0243	RD Manulon/ Stat Ramos	South Cotabato	Gen. Santos City	Lagao 1 st & 3 rd EA 007	RD Manulon/ Stat Ramos
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<p>RECOMMENDATIONS/ OBSERVATIONS</p>	<p>LFS/SOF QUESTIONNAIRES</p> <p>➤ It is recommended that all survey materials should be delivered earlier, 2 weeks at least, so that the concern unit will be enough time for allocation and distribution of workload.</p> <p>As explained by IESD, problems encountered for this round are purely isolated. The unexpected turn of events (i.e. late provision of approval number) was beyond the control of NSO. Still, this should serve as a learning experience for all.</p>																				

ENUMERATION

It is suggested that Umbrella or rain coats shall be provided to fieldmen so that they have something to use during enumeration to avoid delays and to prevent them from acquiring colds and cough.

LFS/SOF QUESTIONNAIRES

For the 2003 Master Sample, it was observed that even if it has a larger number of sample, why can't we generate data at the Provincial level.

**REGIONAL BRIEFING ON OCTOBER 2008 LFS /SOF/CES
NSO Regional Office XII, Cotabato City
October 26, 2008**

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**2008 OCTOBER LFS / SOF
Cost Estimate by Province
REGION XII**

Activity/Name of Province	Number of Households	RD/PSO/ R&PStat	Number of Ens		Mandays	Means of Expenditures								
			DSO/SCO	SR		Wages	TE	PD	Supplies	Utilities	Gas	Communication	Total	
I. TRAINING														
Regional Briefing - One (1) day only														
Regional Office	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2000	800	-	-	2,800
Cotabato	683	2	-	-	1	-	0	3,360	-	400	1,650	-	-	5,410
Sultan Kudarat	432	2	-	-	1	-	0	3,360	-	400	1,000	-	-	4,760
South Cotabato/Sarangani	1349	2	-	-	1	-	0	3,360	-	400	1,800	-	-	5,560
Sub-total	2,464	10	-	-	1	0	0	10,080	2,000	2,000	4,450	0	0	18,530
Region XII - 3rd Level Trng (P.O.) - One (1) day only														
Regional Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cotabato	683	2	6	4	1	924	1,675	4,000	0	2,400	-	-	-	8,999
Sultan Kudarat	432	2	4	3	1	693	2,250	4,080	0	1,800	-	-	-	8,823
South Cotabato/Sarangani	1349	2	8	9	1	2,079	2,675	6,400	0	3,800	-	-	-	14,954
Sub-total	2,464	6	18	16	1	3,696	6,600	14,480	0	8,000	0	0	0	32,776
Training SUB-TOTAL	2,464	-	18	16	2	3,696	6,600	24,560	2,000	10,000	4,450	0	0	51,306
II. ENUMERATION														
Regional Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	24,078	-	-	-	-	-	44,078
Cotabato	683	-	6	4	114	19,404	22,500	71,447	-	-	-	-	-	113,351
Sultan Kudarat	432	-	4	3	72	14,553	13,000	37,780	-	-	-	-	-	65,333
South Cotabato/Sarangani	1349	-	8	9	225	43,659	60,750	84,587	-	-	-	-	-	188,996
Sub-total	2,464	-	18	16	411	77,616	116,250	217,891	0	0	0	0	0	411,767
III. SUPERVISION														
Regional Office	-	2	-	-	15	-	3,906	12,320	-	-	3,000	2,000	21,226	
Cotabato	683	2	6	0	20	-	2,100	16,000	-	-	-	-	18,100	
Sultan Kudarat	432	2	4	0	20	-	1,800	16,000	-	-	-	-	17,800	
South Cotabato/Sarangani	1349	2	8	0	40	-	3,600	32,000	-	-	-	-	35,600	
Sub-total	2,464	8	18	0	95	0	11,406	76,320	0	0	3,000	2,000	92,726	
GRAND TOTAL	2,464	8	18	0	508	81,312	134,256	318,771	2,000	10,000	7,450	2,000	555,789	

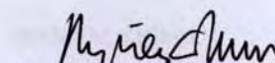
Assumptions:

- Participants for 2nd Level Training: RD, PSOs RStaff and PStat (Total Participants = 10)
- RD/Reg1 Stat : 10 days for RD and 5 days for RStat during supervision
- PSOs / Prov1 Stats : 5 days each for supervision
- Meal Allowance of Php 80.00 within station and partial implementation of E.O. 298 of Php 800.00 for outside station.
- Enumeration mandays = 21 days
- In the computations of PD, EO 298 is strictly followed.

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**OCTOBER 2008 LAFORCE SURVEY PROVINCIAL TIMETABLE
REGION XII**

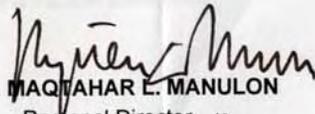
REGION/PROVINCE	LFS Sample HHs	Enumeration		Manual Processing		Data Entry and CCK at Provincial Office		Submission to Regional Office	Certification Pass and Matching with the updated MS Form 6 at R. O.	Submission of clean data files to C. O.	Remarks
		Start	End	Start	End	Start	End				
Region XII	2,512									Nov. 11	Nov. 14
Cotabato	731	Oct 8	Oct 31	Oct 15	Nov 5	Oct 22	Nov 9	Nov 10			
Sultan Kudarat	432	Oct 8	Oct 31	Oct 15	Nov 4	Oct 22	Nov 8	Nov 9			
South Cotabato & Sarangani	1,349	Oct 8	Oct 31	Oct 15	Nov 7	Oct 22	Nov 10	Nov 11			

To be submitted to the regional office are the LFS data diskettes, ISH Form 2, and updated copy of MS Form 6.

Note:

1. Provincial Narrative Report - submit on or before November 15, 2008 direct to IESD, NSO Manila copy furnish the R.O.
2. Financial Report - submit on or before November 24, 2008 to the R.O. for consolidation.
3. LFS Clean Data File - submit to the R.O on or before the above-mentioned deadline.
4. ISH Form 2 - submit to R.O. with the Data File.
5. Updated MS Form 6- submit to R.O on or before November 15, 2008.
6. Output for LFS Manual and Machine Processing is 50 questionnaires/day and 200 questionnaires/day, however, for South Cotabato and Sarangani Provinces, two processors were considered in the computation of mandays.

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 Regional Director

**2008 OCTOBER CES
Cost Estimate by Province
REGION XII**

Activity/Name of Province	Number of Workload	RD/PSO/ R&PStat	Number of ENs		Mandays	Means of Expenditures							
			DSO/SCO	SR		TE	PD	Supplies	Utilities	Gas	Freight	Communications	Total
I. ENUMERATION													
Regional Office	-	2	-	-	0	1,000	1,095	0	0	-	-	-	2,095
South Cotabato	65	-	3	-	11	3,604	3,568	0	0	0	-	-	7,072
Sarangani	29	-	1	-	6	2,260	2,336	0	0	0	-	-	4,586
Sub-total	84	-	4	-	17	6,754	6,999	0	0	0	-	-	13,753
II. SUPERVISION													
Regional Office	-	2	-	-	4	1,740	3,520	-	-	2,000	-	-	7,260
South Cotabato	65	2	-	-	4	600	3,200	500	800	1,500	-	-	6,600
Sarangani	29	-	-	-	4	600	3,200	500	800	-	-	-	5,100
Sub-total	84	4	-	-	12	2,940	9,920	1,000	1,600	3,500	-	-	18,960
Grand Total	84	4	4	-	29	9,694	16,919	-	-	3,500	-	-	32,713

Assumptions:

- RD/Reg'l Stat : 2 days each for supervision
- PSOs / Prov'l Stats : 2 days each for supervision
- Meal Allowance of PhP 80.00 within station and full implementation of E.O. 298 -- Php 800.00 for outside station.
- In all computations of PD, EO 298 is strictly followed.

Note:

Output Rate (Households/day) = 5

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**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS)
2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)
NARRATIVE REPORT
Province: Eastern Samar**

I. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF).

A total of three hundred six (306) housing units from twenty two (22) Enumeration Areas (EAs) were covered in the October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF).

II. TRAINING

A one-day briefing on the October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) was held at the NSO Conference Hall, Borongan City, Eastern Samar on October 6, 2008. PSO Ronnie A. Bajado and SCO I Suzanne B. Amosco who attended in the 2nd Level Briefing served as the resource persons in the 3rd Level Briefing. Five (5) SCOs and the DSO who were involved in the enumeration participated in the training.

Participants:

1. SCO I Tita A. Beato
2. SCO I Ma. Nancy A. Coles
3. SCO I Candelaria C. Capones
4. SCO I Leonardo N. Ranola
5. SCO I Jose Elmer A. Lavado - DSO

Trainers:

1. PSO Ronnie A. Bajado
2. SCO I Suzanne B. Amosco – OIC Stat II

The venue of the training was conducive to learning, and sound system was available. LFS/SOF manuals were used as reference materials in the briefing.

Issues/Problem encountered:

Topic	Issues/Problems	Recommendation/Actions taken
MS Form 6	none	It was emphasized during the briefing that for this round, the rotated samples (new set of samples) came from replicates 1 and 2 of rotation group 12 while samples with replicates 3

		and 4 of rotation group 11 were the same samples in the October 2007 LFS/SOF round
LFS Manual	none	
SOF Manual	none	The new question included in the October 2008 SOF – Q22, How was the remittance of _____ spent? was emphasized during the briefing.

III. ENUMERATION

The October 2008 LFS/SOF enumeration started on October 8, 2008 and lasted for 12 days – October 21, 2008 including Saturdays. An enumerator was given an average of 11 mandays each with a required output per day of 6 household questionnaires.

Travel schedule by SCO

Name	Area of Assignment	No. of HH	Total No. of HH	Mandays	Inclusive Days
Tita A. Beato	Poblacion VI, Balangiga	20	51	10	October 8-18, 2008
	Sulangan, Guiuan	15			
	Maglipay, Sulat	15			
	Mara-Mara, Sulat	1			
Russell A. Bernardo	Beri, Arteche	17	52	11	October 8-20, 2008
	Catumsan, Arteche	1			
	Pangpang, San Policarpo	18			
	Purok C, Borongan	9			
	Maglipay, Sulat	7			
Candelaria C. Capones	Poblacion 1, Lawaan	2	53	10	October 8-18, 2008
	Poblacion 3, Lawaan	17			
	Bgy 1, Quinapondan	19			
	Purok C, Borongan	8			
	Suribao, Borongan	7			
Leonardo N. Rañola	Can-ilay, Can avid	18	51	12	October 8-21, 2008
	San Isidro, Hernani	19			
	Carmen, Hernani	1			
	Pinanag an, Borongan	1			
	Suribao, Borongan	12			
Ma. Nancy A. Coles	Suluan, Guiuan	23	51	11	October 8-20, 2008
	Salug, Guiuan	24			
	Purok C, Borongan	4			
Jose Elmer E. Lavado	Cabagoan, Dolores	1	48	11	October 8-21, 2008
	Magsaysay, Dolores	12			
	Sto. Niño, Dolores	16			
	Del Remedio, Sulat	19			

Note: Travel schedule include Saturdays.

Problems Encountered and Actions Taken

Issues/Problems	Recommendations/Actions Taken
The enumerators observed that there was a high number of demolished HU during this survey round – 37 HUs. Most of the permanently moved out HHs have new occupants in the HUs they vacated.	

Also a high number of HHs who are temporarily away of their HUs were observed.	Instructed the EN to strictly follow the two callbacks procedure.
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Sample HH by interview status

Barangay/ Municipality	Households			Non Responses					
	HU Listed In MS Form 6	New/A ddt'l HH Occupant	Completed Interview	Temporary Away/ not at home/ On Vacation	VHU VBL DG	De- mo- lishe d	Perma- nently moved out	Converte d to non residential Bldg	Not a permane nt resident of the HU
Beri, Arteche	17	2	15	2			1		
Catumsan, Arteche	1		1						
Pob VI, Balangiga	20	2	13	1		5	2		1
Pinanag-an, Borongan	1	1	1				1		
Suribao, Borongan	19	3	16		1	2	1		
Purok C, Borongan	21	1	14	1		1	6		
Can-ilay, Can-avid	18	3	11			6	3	1	
Cabago-an, Dolores	1		1						
Magsaysay, Dolores	12		7		2		3		
Sto. Niño, Dolores	16	1	10		1	5	1		
Salug, Guiuan	24	3	20		1	3	1		
Sulangan, Guiuan	15		11	3		1			
Suluan, Guiuan	23	3	17			6	2		
Carmen, Hernani	1		1						
San Isidro, Hernani	19	1	14		1	3	2		
Pob. 01, Lawaan	2		2						
Pob. 03, Lawaan	17		15	1				1	
Brgy 1, Quinapondan	19		16		2			1	
Pangpang, San Policarpo	18	1	14			2	3		
Del Remedio, Sulat	19	2	16			2	2		
Maglipay, Sulat	22	1	19			1			2
Mara Mara Sulat	1								1
TOTAL	306	24	234	8	8	37	28	3	4

IV. SUPERVISION

Personnel Involved/Areas of Assignment/Period of Supervision

Name of Supervisor: PSO RONNIE A. BAJADO			
Name of SCOs being Supervised	Name of Barangay Supervised	Start date	End date
Russell A. Bernardo	Maglipay, Sulat	10/15/08	10/15/08
Tita A. Beato	Maglipay, Sulat	10/15/08	10/15/08
Leonardo N. Rañola	San Isidro, Hernani	10/16/08	10/16/08
Tita A. Beato	Bgy. 6, Balangiga	10/17/08	10/17/08
Tita A. Beato	Sulangan, Guiuan	10/18/08	10/18/08
Name of Supervisor: SCO I SUZANNE B. AMOSCO			
Name of SCOs being Supervised	Name of Barangay Supervised	Start date	End date
Ma. Nancy A. Coles	Salug, Guiuan	10/16/08	10/16/08
Tita A. Beato	Sulangan, Guiuan	10/17/08	10/17/08

Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, and Recommendations:

Issues/Problems	Recommendations/Actions Taken
<p>Maglipay, Sulat</p> <p>The supervisor located the sample HUs and asked an eligible respondent in each sample if the enumerator has already conducted the interview.</p>	<p>He personally verified the location of the HU which was already demolished.</p>
<p>San Isidro, Hernani</p> <p>The supervisor conducted reinterview and compare the results with the data obtained by the SCO assigned in the EA.</p>	<p>The data he obtained in his reinterview was more or less the same with the data obtained by the enumerator.</p>
<p>Bgy 6, Balangiga</p> <p>The supervisor located all the sample HUs in the Bgy and find out that five of the sample HUs were already demolished</p>	<p>Instructed the enumerator to note his observation.</p>
<p>Sulangan, Guiuan</p> <p>Supervisor: S.B. Amosco (10/17/08) The supervisor conducted reinterview of the sample HH and compare the results with the one gathered by the enumerator assigned</p> <p>Supervisor: PSO Bajado (10/18/08) The supervisor visited the HHs with Temporarily away interview status and verified whether the sample HH were already around during the supervision.</p>	<p>She found out that the HH whom the enumerator interviewed was not the sample HH but another HH with the same First name and Surname. She instructed the enumerator to visit and interview the sample HH.</p> <p>The samples were still not around during the supervision so their interview status remained temporarily away.</p>
<p>Salug, Guiuan</p> <p>The supervisor conducted reinterview of the sample HH and compare the results with the one gathered by the enumerator.</p>	<p>Some corrections in the HH membership were made. Instructed the enumerator to strictly follow the concepts.</p>

V. PROCESSING

Upon return of the SCOs at the Provincial Office, they were immediately required to submit their LFS questionnaires for manual and machine processing. All the LFS and SOF questionnaires were submitted to the PO for manual editing on October 24, 2008.

Manual and machine processing

The LFS manual and machine processing started immediately upon return of the SCOs at the PO on October 22, 2008. Among the common errors observed during processing were: inconsistent class of worker and PSIC codes, inconsistent PSOC and PSIC codes, basic pay,

not in range, wrong skipping in some columns. These errors were immediately verified and corrected by the SCOs concerned.

The LFS clean data file was submitted to the RO on November 4, 2008 while SOF Questionnaires were sent to the NSO Central Office attn: IESD Chief on November 5, 2008.

V. FINANCIAL

Total claims and other disbursements made for the briefing and enumeration of the October 2008 LFS/SOF amounted to about P53, 427.00.

Attached in this report is the detailed financial report for the October 2008 LFS/SOF operation.

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OCTOBER 2008 LFS/SOF NARRATIVE REPORT

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3rd Level Training. October 2008 LFS/SOF, NSO Conference room

I— TRAINING

The Survey of Overseas Filipinos was conducted as a rider to the October 2008 Labor Force Survey. One day training was allotted for the Survey on Overseas Filipinos and Labor Force Survey which was conducted at the NSO conference room on October 06, 2008. The training was participated by the three (3) DSO's and four (4) SCO's. Assistant Statistician Michael Gapuzan acted as the trainer of the LFS/SOF.

Among the issues raised during the training were:

- 1.) A domestic helper came home for the wake/burial of his father before the end of her contract and as she was in the Philippines her contract expires. Would the OFW be considered returned home? The answer is no, because the primary reason that the OFW returned home was to attend to the burial of his father and there was still an existing contract.
- 2.) In question 22 of the SOF Form 2, "*How much was the remittance of _____ spent?*" Do we put a check mark in the box provided? - Put the codes in the boxes provided as per instruction in the manual.
- 3.) Follow up question for Q22, what if the remittance was spent for consumption only? - Make an additional box and indicate 100% for consumption

II— ENUMERATION

The enumeration **started October 08, 2008 and ended October 31, 2008**. There were **twenty two (22)** sample barangays for the province with total sample households of **three seventy five (375)**. Of these households, **twenty six (26)** were found vacant, **four (4)** were temporarily away, and **sixteen (16)** transferred to another housing unit. **Four (4)** new households were enumerated.

There were few callbacks for this survey round than the previous because the harvesting season was almost finished. Most respondents were also cooperative because they already knew the objectives of the survey which were being explained by the enumerators. Some also have queries regarding their birth certificates and other documents issued by NSO.

On the other hand, good experiences were noted regarding the cooperation and support of some barangay officials. The barangay chairmen asked their barangay councilors or any barangay officials to accompany the enumerator to the houses of the respondents which gave a good result especially on the respondent's cooperation. Some also offered snacks to enumerators during enumeration of these barangays.

III— Supervision

To help in the quality control of data gathered, the OIC-PSO and Assistant Statistician supervised the enumeration of the sample households in the entire province. Supervision was mostly done during the first week to observe the conduct of interviews and problems encountered by the enumerators. Among the barangays that were supervised are the following:

Name of Supervisor	Enumeration Areas	Number of Mandays
Alejandro G. Rapacon Jr	San Agustin, Paoay; Balaoi, Pagudpud; Lanao, Bangui; Poblacion, Burgos; Naglicuan, Pasuquin	4
Michael C. Gapuzan	Abkir, Vintar; San Vicente, Bacarra; Brgy. 24 and Brgy 32-A La Paz East, Laoag City	4

IV— Processing of Questionnaires

The LFS questionnaires were manually and machine processed at the Provincial Office by the statistical staff. The MS Form 6 and LFS Data File was transmitted to Regional Office on October 29, 2008. SOF questionnaires were transmitted to central office attention:IESD on same date. There were few errors in the processing of questionnaires. The common errors encountered were the following:

1. A few did not follow the proper skipping patterns, especially columns 10 and 11 of the ISH form 2
2. Some did not put the correct PSIC and PSOC codes and the codes for highest educational attainment
3. A few field men did not put codes on column 16 and 17 of the MS Form 6.
4. The codes for the Household Auxiliary Information were not indicated properly.
5. There were some who did not put the codes for the occupation before he/she left, country stayed, and kind of work abroad.

V — Financial

As of this date, the claims and per dimes of field men were not yet paid because the available budget has not arrived.

VI — Observations/Recommendations

The fieldmen recommended that a simple token should be given to the barangay officials who helped the enumerators.

The survey was conducted peacefully and no major problems were encountered.

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***NARRATIVE REPORT
On
October 2008 LFS/SOF***

I. INTRODUCTION

The National Statistics Office (NSO) takes the lead in conducting Labor Force Survey (LFS) every quarter to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. The October 2008 (LFS) round was conducted on October 8 to 22, 2008. Its primary objective is to gather information on labor force based on the past week reference period. It is designed to provide accurate and reliable statistics on the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and underemployment in the country. These information are needed by the government as well as the private sector in planning development programs and policies for the improvement of the labor force in the Philippines.

The October LFS has a rider, the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF), which aims to collect information on overseas Filipinos who left the country during the last five years and their economic characteristics.

During this period Ilocos Sur has 380 sample households (includes the new 8 sample households in the housing unit), distributed in 26 barangays or 20 enumeration areas. There were nine Statistical Coordination Officers (SCOs), two District Statistics Officers (DSOs) and one hired Statistical Researcher (SR) involved in the operation. The Provincial Statistics Officer (PSO) and the provincial Statistician serves as supervisors during the conduct of the survey.

II. TRAINING

Concern: Third Level Training
Province: Ilocos Sur
Venue: Ilocos Sur Provincial Office
Period of Training: September 29, 2008
Participants: Expected Number (14) Actual: (14)

Below was the list of provincial staffs who attended the LFS/SOF third level training/briefing:

Name	District	Position	Remarks
1. Urbana Romano	P.O.	PSO	
2. Reynor Fernando	P.O.	Statistician	
3. Melecio Savellano	I	DSO	
4. Victorino Raganit	I	SCO	
5 Carlito Tabangcura	I	SCO	
6 Gloria Pascua	I	SCO	
7. Caridad Ramos	I	SCO	
8. Lazaro Romorosa	II	SCO	
9. Florentino Quelnan	II	SCO	
10. Reynaldo Mina	II	SCO	
11. Maximo Ribad	III	DSO	
12. Renato Moreno	III	SCO	
13. Quintin Camanga	III	SCO	
14. Gretchen Yatar	III	SR	

HIGHLIGHTS:

In preparation for the conduct of the October 2008 LFS/SOF, nationwide training was conducted in order to come up with a common knowledge on definitions, concepts and operational procedures.

The 3rd level training was conducted on September 29, 2008 at NSO Provincial Office. It was participated in by DSOs, SCOs and SR of the province. The trainer for this activity was the Provincial Statistician who attended the 2nd Level Training at the Regional Office in San Fernando La Union that was held on September 25, 2008. Discussed during the training were the concepts, definitions, procedures on how to conduct the survey and how to accomplish the MS form 6, ISH and SOF questionnaires

The trainer stressed the importance of probing questions and consistency checks for answers given by respondents. Skipping pattern was also emphasized so as not to mislead the respondent in answering questions. The training went on smoothly. Consistency checking between the Philippines Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) and Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) was also discussed. Since the survey was familiar to all fieldmen, not much questions were asked.

The last topic that was discussed during the training was on administrative matters. After the discussion, participants were given their assigned barangays and the needed forms for enumeration. A tentative schedule was given, for them to be able to finish their work and at the same time submit their accomplished forms. The timetable was discussed thoroughly for each enumerator so that questionnaires will be submitted on time.

III. ENUMERATION

The enumeration started on the 8th day of October and ended on the 22nd of the same month. Interior barangays were given two days travel time. Not much problems were encountered during the enumeration. Although the fieldmen were already familiar in the barangay, they still make courtesy call to barangay officials to seek their assistance in locating the sample households.

Out of 380 sample households, 48 were non-response or an 87.37% response rate. Non-response categories were as follows: 27 VHU, 14 permanently moved-out, 5 temporarily away or on vacation, 1 merged households and 1 lone member, mentally ill.

IV. SUPERVISION

The PSO and Provincial Statistician were in-charge in the smooth operation of the survey. Different barangays were visited during the enumeration period. Assistance in solving problems that were encountered were given to enumerators during enumeration, They were also responsible in supervising or observing the conduct of interview, conducted re-interviews, and spot-checked. Review and scrutiny of some accomplished questionnaires were also done for correctness, completeness and consistency of entries during enumeration.

PSO Urbana A. Romano, PSO visited five different barangays during her supervision. Below were the list of barangays and the date she visited the area:

Name of Barangay	Start Date of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Magsaysay, Sinit	10/10/08	10/10/08
Patac, Galimuyod	10/14/08	10/14/08
Caburao, Santiago	10/15/08	10/15/08
Mambug, Burgos	10/21/08	10/21/08
Anonang Mayor, Caoayan	10/22/08	10/22/08

Below were the list of barangays that were visited by *Mr. Reynor R. Fernando*, Statistician II during his supervision:

Name of Barangay	Start Date of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Bogiubog, Salcedo	10/10/08	10/10/08
Pandan, Caoayan	10/13/08	10/13/08
Lingsat, Bantay	10/13/08	10/13/08
Parioc Primero, Candon	10/14/08	10/14/08
Ag-agrao, Sta. Maria	10/17/08	10/17/08
Suyo, Sta. Cruz	10/20/08	10/20/08

V. OTHER MATTERS

A. MANUAL & MACHINE PROCESSING

i. LFS

Manual Processing of ISH Forms was done at the provincial office. The responsible in processing the questionnaires were Statistician Fernando and SCO Pascua. Matching/verification of ISH Form 2, MS Form 6 and SOF forms and consistency checking of these forms was one of the main tasks in manual processing. The forms were folioed before it undergoes machine processing. The data files were transmitted to Central office after machine processing. The October 2008 LFS was submitted on October 28, 2008.

ii. SOF

SOF questionnaires were folioed and send to Central Office on October 23, 2008.

B. PROBLEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS/OTHERS

- Overtime services for the provincial staff should be included in the budget. During this period provincial staffs are always rendering overtime after office hours and on Saturdays. They needed to work overtime especially in the data encoding just to meet the deadline.

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Narrative Report
Labor Force Survey/Survey of Overseas Filipinos

**Iloilo & Guimaras
October 2008**

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) / and Survey of Overseas Filipinos (SOF) was conducted from October 8-31, 2008. At the same time the October CES was conducted October 1-10, 2008.

Training

The Regional Office briefing was attended by PSO Harry Dolendo and OIC Stat. Amolar. It was conducted September 26, 2008 at the RDPC, regional office by Ms. Vrgula, Stat. III of the regional office.

The Iloilo Provincial Office briefing of SCOs, Prov'l Staff and hired 4 SRs was conducted October 6, 2008 at the mezzanine floor of the office and was conducted by OIC Stat. Amolar. The briefing was focused on probing and consistency for answers given by respondents as well as on the use of the PSIC and PSOC codes as result of data processing revealed many inconsistencies in the PSOC and the Class of Worker.

Enumeration/Supervision

Enumeration period of the October 2006 LFS/SOF was conducted from October 8-31, 2008. Iloilo has a 66 sample barangays consisting of 1,084 hhs and 4 barangays or 77 sample hhs for the province of Guimaras. The provincial office utilized 2 DSOs, 13 SCOs, 3 provincial staff and 4 SRs. The enumeration ran smoothly except for some callbacks to 1,124 sample HH of Iloilo and 78 sample HH for Guimaras.

PSO Dolendo supervised Buayaho/Bagumbayan of Sta. Barbara, Agsirab/Bagongbong, Lambunao, Poblacion A, Passi City, and Ilajas, Dingle. Also he spotchecked/supervised Lanipe, Nva Valencia and Tanag, Buenavista of Guimaras province.

OIC Stat. Amolar supervised Balabag, Pavia, Dongsol, Pototan, Tumagbok/Saring, Miagao and Botongon, Estancia. For Iloilo City sample barangay she has visited/supervised Btioon, Yulo, Arroyo and Democracia.

Manual and Machine Processing

LFS questionnaires were edited and coded at the district offices before submission to the provincial office for manual processing.

Manual processing at the provincial office consist of verification of GEO-IDs, interview status, household auxiliary information and matching of household members with the October 2007 LFS for replicate 3 and 4 barangays rotation group 11. The general review of editing and coding was done at the district offices by field personnel before submission at the provincial office while coding for SRs accomplished forms was done at the provincial office by the provincial staff.

Selected Provincial Staff and SCOs comprised the pool of manual processors in the provincial office. There were 83 VHU, 68 permanently move-out/merged and converted HH, 32 temporarily away and 35 Housing units demolished. For Guimaras:, there was no refusal, temporarily away and VHU, 2 permanently moved out, and 4 Housing unit demolished. The MS Form 6 was submitted to the regional office November 10, 2008.

Machine processing started after a folio has undergone the manual processing. After encoding all LFS folios, one hundred percent verification was done to ensure the accuracy of the LFS data encoded. After completeness and validation of error messages was done the data was submitted to IESD last November 14, 2008.

The accomplished/edited SOF forms was submitted to the subject matter division also November 12, 2008 with 160 OFWs for Iloilo and 5 OFWs for Guimaras.

Issues/Problems Encountered

There was no serious problem encountered during enumeration. A difficulty only in finding the new sample households for replicate 1 and 2 barangays of rotation group 12 as the interviewers assigned managed to seek assistance for the barangay officials especially the barangay captains of the sample barangay to assist them in finding the sample HH.

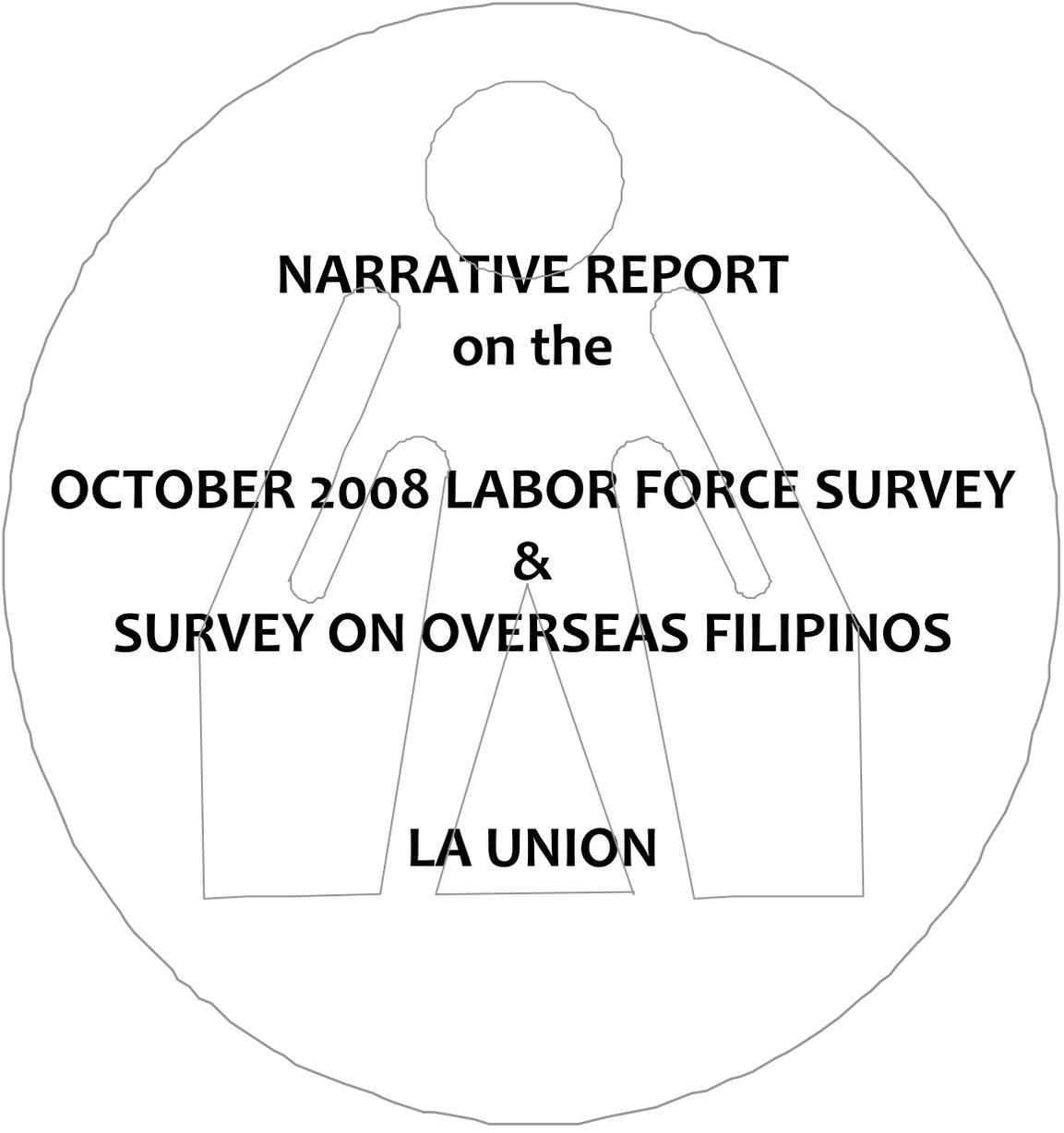
Also for manual editing review of codes for PSOC and PSIC was given emphasize as their were in consistencies found out on PSOC code for trisikad driver and at the same time he is driver of the trisikad. The code was then change to correct

code 1316. Also issue on “labandera” who accepts labada and that the soap, water and things needed in labada are care off to her then class of worker is code 3.

The weather was favorable this survey round.

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NARRATIVE REPORT
on the

OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY
&
SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

LA UNION

I. INTRODUCTION

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) was conducted with the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) as rider. The LFS aims to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population based on a past week reference period. It also provides a quantitative framework for the preparation of plans and formulation of policies affecting the labor market. It was designed specifically to provide statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment and underemployment for the country as whole and for each of the administrative regions.

The SOF on the other hand aims to provide data on overseas Filipinos particularly the OCWs and their contribution to the economy. Specifically, the survey seek to obtain national estimates on the number of overseas Filipinos including overseas workers and their socio-economic characteristics and; to provide estimates on the amount of cash and in kind transfer received by the families and mode of remittances.

II. TRAINING

Regional level:

The 2nd level briefing on the October 2008 LFS/SOF was conducted on September 26, 2008 at the NSO La Union Conference room. It was attended by PSOs, Statisticians and selected DSOs/SCOs of Region I. In La Union, OIC Buyuccan and Stat Rosalina Abellera attended the training with Stat Arturo de Sola as trainer.

Provincial level:

The provincial level briefing was conducted on October 6, 2008 at the NSO La Union conference room. The OIC requested the hiring of five Statistical Researchers to complement the existing SCOs who were still in the process of Updating the List of Establishments. This was done because the provincial office is undermanned. Two SCO I positions were still vacant since year 2006 and two SCOs were on study and vacation leave respectively. One of the PO staffs was also utilized as enumerator. The hired SRs were those hired during the previous surveys and censuses.

The whole day was devoted to the thorough discussion of the MS Form 6, LFS and SOF manuals. Errors observed during the previous LFS rounds were also presented for clarification.

As far as the training venue for both 2nd and 3rd level trainings are concerned, the NSO La Union conference room has adequate ventilation and lighting and is conducive for learning. For the training materials, LFS manuals during the July LFS round were utilized.

Listed below are the names of trainees:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Dominador D. Juloya Jr	District III, Agoo, LU	SCO II (DSO)
Elsie Elaine G. Nardo	District II, San Fdo.	SCO II (DSO)
Marieta P. Zapanta	District I, Balaoan	SCO II (DSO)
Susan Cora Hufana	District I, Balaoan, LU	SCO I
Joselito C. Garcia	District II, San Fdo.	SCO I
Divino Amort Rivera	District II, San Fdo.	SCO I
Romeo G. Tan	District III, Agoo, LU	SCO I
Artemio A. Alibayan	District III, Agoo, LU	SCO I
Lailani Gamboa	District I, Balaoan, LU	SR
Joan Nuesca	District I, Balaoan, LU	SR
Teresita Pamintuan	District II, Balaoan, LU	SR
Marlon Albay	District II, San Fdo.	SR
Jojit Sabio	District III, Agoo, LU	SR

ISSUES/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:

The following were the issues raised and suggestions noted during the briefing:

ISSUES/PROBLEMS	ACTION/S TAKEN
1. Which of the replicates are new this round?	- Sample households in replicates 1 & 2 are all new while replicates 3 & 4 will use the sample households in the October 2007 LFS.
2. Can we consider as respondents household members who are not relative of the household members?	- In case there are no qualified respondents (members with code 01 – 08 in relationship), an explanation should be written on the available space and be sure that the information provided are reliable.
3. In case the sample household was temporarily away last October 2007, how do we treat the Household Auxillary information?	- HAI should be code “1”; Question A = code “2”; Question B = code “1” and code “1” for all members in column 3 of the questionnaire.
4. How do we treat OFWs this survey round?	OFWs/OCWs will be listed following the order of listing of HH members since it is not FIES or APIS round.
5. Why do we consider a lone incapacitated HH member as Refusal instead of “Others, specify”.	To be counted as eligible household during the next survey round.
6. What is the easiest way to locate vacant housing units with incomplete addresses?	- You can refer to EA maps or the Listing sheets. The listing sheets is better because you can refer to its neighbors.
7. Can we leave blank PSOC and PSIC which we cannot locate from the code books during the office processing?	- No, please refer your problems to your supervisor (DSOs) to assist you in locating the codes which more or less match with

	the write-in entries. Leaving it blank will affect the flow of data encoding. Take note also of the number of digits used for a particular item.
8. What occupation shall we report in column 14? Can we report gainful as well as non-gainful one?	- Consider only gainful activities. Example of non-gainful activities are student, housekeeper, retired and disabled. These are not accepted entries for col. 14.
9. How do we estimate the basic pay per day of monthly salaried workers?	- For monthly salaried workers, use the ff. to estimate the daily wage: Gov't workers – divisor is 22 days Private company workers – divisor is 26 Domestic Helper (w/o day off) - divisor is 30
10. Are we going to show the computation of basic pay per day?	- Yes, please provide computations for processing purposes.
11. If the overseas worker left before October 2003, are we going to include in the interview for SOF?	- No, because the departure is already outside the reference period.
12. Do we consider as worked abroad those who went as tourist but worked there during their stay?	- Although his primary reason for leaving the country is as tourist but in fact he worked there, the answer in Q13 should still be YES
13. If the respondent hesitate to give the amount of remittances, can we leave the question blank?	- Explain that estimates can be accepted with proper explanation.
14. In Q22, can we accept 100% in one box only? Why are there only two boxes?	- If all the remittances were consumed, then write 100% beside consumption.

III. ENUMERATION

The October 2008 LFS round was conducted simultaneously with the Survey of Overseas Filipinos (SOF) as rider on October 8 to 31, 2008 covering the four replicates to ensure reliable estimates at the regional level. During this round, sample households of replicates 1 and 2 are new while those under replicate 3 & 4 were those interviewed during the October 2007 round.

Most of the SCOs were given one barangay to enumerate for them to undertake the various regular activities like collection of prices (2 phases), building permits, civil registry documents, QSPBI, MISSI and the 2008 ULE.

A. PERSONNEL INVOLVED/ AREA OF ASSIGNMENT/PERIOD OF ENUMERATION

Name of Interviewer	Area of Assignment	Inclusive date of Enumeration
DSO Dominador Juloya Jr	San Jose, Caba	Oct. 13-18
DSO Marieta Zapanta	Duplas, Sudipen	Oct. 17-23
SCO I Susan Cora Hufana	Mindoro, Bangar	Oct. 13-17
SCO I Joselito Garcia	Upper Tumapoc, Burgos	Oct. 20-24

SCO I Romeo Tan	Linapew, Tubao	Oct. 14-18
SCO I Artemio Alibayan	Pongpong, Sto Tomas	Oct. 13-17
Stat Aide Marivic Garcia	Taberna, Bauang	Oct. 14, 20, 21, 24
SR Lailani Gamboa	Tammocalao, Bacnotan Baroro, Bacnotan Ma. Cristina West, Bangar Gen Prim East, Bangar Gen. prim West, Bangar	Oct. 8 – 23
SR Joan Nuesca	Barrientos, Luna Gen. Terrero, Bangar Central East #2, Bangar Central East #1, Bangar Luzong Norte, Bangar	Oct. 8-24
SR Marlon Albay	Daramuangan, Naguilian Central East, Bauang Tanqui, City of San Fernando Dalacdac, Burgos	Oct. 8-21
SR Teresita Pamintuan	Ballay, Bauang Sevilla, City of San Fernando Palugsi-Lim., Bauang	Oct. 8-21
SR Jojit Sabio	Namboongan, Sto Tomas Nazareno, Agoo San Julian West, Agoo Poblacion Norte, Caba	Oct. 8-23

B. NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS BY INTERVIEW STATUS:

A total of 449 households were provided as samples for the October 2008 LFS/SOF. After the enumeration, the total number of households visited increased to 468 (4.23%) that includes 3 additional household and 18 new occupant household. It was also noted that there were 95 non-response households and 4 VHUs with new occupant.

Interview Status	Number of Families
1- Completed	373
2- Refusal	0
3- Temporarily Away	10
4- Vacant Housing unit	33
5- Housing Unit Demolished	13
6- Others: - HH permanently moved out	37
- Not a perm. Resident	1
- HU converted into establishment	1

* completed interview includes additional household (3) and new occupant households (18)

For the Survey on Overseas Filipinos, a total of 96 persons left the country during the last five years. Most of the overseas contract workers' favorite destination were Dubai, UAE, UK, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Hongkong and Singapore.

C. ISSUES/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

MS FORM 6:

1. Difficulty in locating vacant housing units particularly those with incomplete address. ENs refer to the Listing sheets
2. Some names in replicate 3 & 4 were not updated/corrected during the October 2007 round. (ex. Change of HH head and corrected names). Our hard copy have changes but were not reflected during the machine processing of MS form 6.

LFS:

1. Unavailability of eligible respondents on the first visit. ENs callback in their respondents place of work especially the farmers or after 5PM and during Saturdays and Sundays when they are available.
2. SRs were required by some residents (not sample households) of the sample barangays in Bangar to pay courtesy call to the Municipal Mayor first before they will start the survey although they already asked permission from the barangay captains. They were only convinced that SRs were really from the NSO when they showed their IDs and the letter of introduction signed by the OIC-PSO.

SOF:

1. Some respondents were hesitant to disclose the amount of remittances however after explaining the importance of their answer, they willingly provide the information although others just gave estimates.
2. Most respondents reported that their remittances were all consumed. Only few reported with savings or investments.

Observations:

1. The letter of introduction prepared by the Provincial Office was a great help especially for the hired SRs. Most Barangay Officials are very generous and supportive that they accompanied the ENs to the sample households.
2. Some respondents were followed in their place of work (school, market, municipal hall) just to get the needed information especially the SOF, before leaving the sample barangays.

IV. SUPERVISION

The OIC-PSO, Provincial Statistician and DSOs were provided mandays for supervision. Below are the list of barangays visited.

A. PERSONNEL INVOLVED/AREA OF ASSIGNMENT/PERIOD OF SUPERVISION:

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised/Visited	Inclusive Date of Supervision
OIC-PSO Imelda L. Buyuccan	Taberna, Bauang Central East, Bauang San Julian, Agoo	October 14, 16, 20, 21

	Upper Tumapoc, Burgos	
Stat. II Rosalina Abellera	Central East #1, Bangar Palugsi-Limmansangan, Bauang Taberna, Bauang Nazareno, Agoo Tammocalao, Bacnotan Upper Tumapoc, Burgos	October 10 -20
DSO Dominador D. Juloya Jr	Linapew, Tubao Namboongan, Sto Tomas Pongpong, Sto Tomas	October 11, 20, 21
SCO Divino Amor Rivera	Dalacdac, Burgos Ballay, Bauang Taberna, Bauang Upper Tumapoc Sevilla, City of Sn Fernando	October 8, 9, 27, 28
DSO Marieta Zapanta	Ma. Cristina West, Bangar Gen. Terrero, Bangar Mindoro, Bangar	October 11, 13, 15

B. COMMON ISSUES/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:

TOPIC	ISSUE/PROBLEM	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION TAKEN
MS Form 6	Some SRs had difficulty in locating vacant housing units and some sample households in urban barangays were not known by barangay residents and officials.	Referred to the barangay listing sheets for the names of their neighbor.
SOF	Some household heads that were interviewed do not know the needed information of overseas workers especially for their son-in-laws or daughter-in-laws.	Advised the SRs to callback when the spouse of the OFW is around.

V. POST-ENUMERATION

After the enumeration, all MS Form 6 and edited LFS questionnaires were submitted to the Provincial Office for further manual processing, general review and encoding using the system sent by EISD. LFS data files, Machine edit error list with remarks and updated MS Form 6 were sent to the Regional Office on November 12, 2008. LFS data files was also furnished to IESD (via e-mail) for their advance information. Manually processed SOF questionnaires were sent to IESD on November 13, 2008.

VI. OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF OPERATION

Generally, the October 2008 LFS/SOF in La Union was conducted smoothly with only minor problems encountered.

VII. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The total allocation received from the regional office amounted to P110,572.00 with the following breakdown:

Particulars	Amount
TE/PD	P81,162.00
General Services (Wages)	25,410.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00
Fuel	2,000.00
Communication	500.00
TOTAL	P 110,572.00

Breakdown of expenditures are not yet available to date because there are still some obligations to be paid. Details will be included in the Financial Report.

VIII . SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS/OBSERVATION:

1. Funds should be made available before the end of the enumeration to pay obligations on time and for us to submit the financial reports early.
2. MS form 6 should be provided in three (3) copies. One copy for regional office, one copy for the PO and one copy for the District Offices.
3. Training manuals/materials for the 3rd level training should also include at least one PO staff to help during the manual processing of survey returns.

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Narrative report
on
October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF)
Province of Laguna

I - Pre-enumeration

The one day briefing on the October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) was held at NSO Provincial Office last October 3, 2008. The briefing was attended by District Statistics Officers, Acting District Statistics Officers, Statistical Coordination Officers I (SCO I) and some Provincial Staff. . PSO Madalena T. Serqueña conducted the briefing by discussing some items on the LFS questionnaire and proper accomplishment of the SOF Form 1 and 2.

II – Enumeration/Supervision:

The enumeration period is from October 8-31, 2008.

Supervision was done in the following barangays:

District I DSO Maria C. Falcutilla

Name of Barangay/Municipality	Date of Supervision
1. San Antonio 012, San Pedro	October 8, 2008
2. San Vicente 031, San Pedro	October 9, 2008
3. Landayan ,San Pedro	October 10, 2008
4. Soro-Soro, Binan	October 15, 2008
5. San Antonio 002, San Pedro	October 16, 2008

District II Acting DSO Romanie P. Pisano

Name of Barangay/Municipality	Date of Supervision
1..Bukal , Calamba	October 16, 2008
2. Bambang, Los Banos	October 17, 2008
3. Mayondon, Los Banos	October 20, 2008
4. Baclaran, Cabuyao	October 21, 2008
5. Prinza, Calamba	October 22, 2008

District III Acting DSO Annelyn G. Aguila

Name of Barangay/ Municipality	Date of Supervision
1. Poblacion II, Nagcarlan	October 24, 2008
2. San AntonioI, San Pablo City	October 27, 2008
3. San Rafael, San Pablo City	October 28, 2008
4. Santa Lucia, Nagcarlan	October 30, 2008
5. Taytay, Nagcarlan	October 31, 2008

District IV Acting DSO Salvacion S. Gomez

Name of Barangay/Municipality	Date of Supervision
1. Udia, Cavinti	October 22, 2008
2. Mabato-Azufre, Pangil	October 23, 2008
3. Sulib, Pangil	October 24, 2008
4. Sto Angel Norte, Sta Cruz	October 25, 2008
5. Bulilan Sur, Pila	October 26, 2008

There were 1055 sample households for the province and out of these samples 872 sample households were successfully interviewed.

There were 162 SOF Form 1.

The non- responses were present for the following reasons:

- a. housing units demolished
- b. vacant housing units
- c. households temporarily away
- d. moved out/transferred
- e. refusal

Difficulty in locating some sample households especially vacant housing unit was experienced. Listing sheets were made available in order to easily locate the sample households.

Unavailability of respondents during enumeration period was also encountered. Callbacks during Saturdays and Sundays were made in order to lessen non-response.

Should there be a new set of sample respondents for each phase of the survey; cases of refusals will be avoided.

To lessen non-responses and to acquire accurate data in highly urbanized subdivisions, we should send letters to the Barangay Officials so that they can inform the samples households in the barangay before conducting the survey.

No untoward incident happened during the entire operation

III - Post enumeration:

The accomplished questionnaires were submitted ahead of time.

IV- Overall assessment of the operation:

The entire enumeration was smoothly done inspite of unpredictable weather conditions.

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OCTOBER 2008
LABOR FORCE SURVEY
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2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS
FILIPINOS

NARRATIVE REPORT
Lanao del Norte

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2008 October LFS & SOF Narrative Report Lanao del Norte

Introduction:

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey was conducted with the rider survey on overseas Filipinos.

The quarterly LFS provide data on the employment status of the country while the annual survey on overseas Filipinos gather information on Filipinos who went abroad during the past five years, Oct. 2003 – September 2008 for socio-economic characteristics and remittances during the reference period.

Briefing:

OIC-PSO Gamale attended the second level briefing in the regional office on October 3, 2008. The provincial briefing was conducted on October 7, 2008 which was attended by the statistical staff, DSOs, SCOs and hired two Statistical Researchers.

Given emphasis during the briefing was the commonly committed errors in consistency of the PSIC and PSOC.

Participants to the third level training

Name	Position/Designation
1. Ruben C. Gamale	OIC-PSO-Trainer
2. Regina J. Gamolo	Stat. II
3. Alex Burias	DSO
4. Ibrahim D. Labe	SCO I
5. Olwa M. Limpao	SCO I
6. Osler M. Mejares	SCO I
7. Delfin Roa	SCO
7. SA Gregorio M. Violeta	SA
8. Marina Anciano	Statistical Researcher
9. Naisah Guinal	Statistical Researcher

Enumeration:

Enumeration Assignment and Mandays

Enumerator	Area of Assignment	Mandays	Remarks
SCO Osler Mejares	Kalilangan & Dalama, Tubod	7	
	Rogongon, Iligan City	2	
SA Gregorio Violeta	Simpak, Lala & Pob., Tubod	6	
	Rogongon, Iligan City	2	
DSO Alex Burias	Minaulon & Demologan, Bacolod	3	
	Baroy Daku, Baroy	3	
SCO Ibrahim Labe	Pandanán, SNDimaporo	3	
	Pob, Pantar & Pob., Sapad	5	
SCO Olwa Limpao	Batal, Matungao	-	Not enumerated due to Critical peace & order
	Ma. Cristina, Baloi	2	
	Ma. Cristina, Iligan City	3	
SCO Delfin Roa	Baybay, Kolambugan	3	
	Inagongan, Tagoloan	2.5	
	Abuno, Iligan City	3	
SR Marina Anciano	Palao, Iligan City	3	
	Del Carmen, Iligan City	3	
	Ubaldo Laya, Iligan City	3	
	Dalipuga, IC	1.5	
	Upper Tominobo, IC	3	
	Tacub, Kauswagan	1.5	
SR Naisah Guinal	Cabasagan, Lala	3	
	Sta. Filomena, Iligan City	3	
	Ditucalan, Iligan City	3	
	Sto. Rosario, IC	4	
	Tubod, IC	2.5	
	Tacub, Kauswagan	1.5	
	Maranding, Lala	3	

Number of Samples and Status of Interview

EA/Barangay	SHH	1	3	4	5	6	7
1. Demologan, Bacolod	19	17	1	1			
2.MInaulon, Bacolod	1	1	-		-		
3. Baroy Dacu,Baroy	16	13	3		-		
4. Ma.Cristina,Baloi	14	13	-		-	1	
5. Abuno,Iligan City	17	11	1		5		
6. Dalipuga, IC	9	9	-	-	-		
7.Ma.Cristina,IC	19	17	1	1			
8.Palao, IC	17	15	-		-	2	
9.Rogongon, IC	16	12	1	1	1	1	
10.Sta. Filomena , IC	18	17	-		-	1	
11.Tominobo Upper	17	16	-	-	1	-	
12.Tubod, IC (2)	16	15		-	-	1	
13.Del Carmen, IC	17	16				1	
14.Sto. Rosario IC	19	16	-		1	2	
15.Ditucalan, IC	20	13	2		2	3	
16.Hindang, IC	14	11	-	3		-	
17.Ubaldo Laya, IC	16	12		2	2		
18.Pandanán,SND	15	13	1	-	1	-	
19.Tacub,Kuswagan	16	11	2	-	3	-	
20.Baybay,Kolambugan	17	12	2	-	3	-	
21.Cabasagan, Lala	18	14	1	-	3	-	
22.Maranding,Lala	17	14	-	-	2	1	
23.Simpak, Lala	12	10		-	2		
24.Batal,Matungao	16				-		16
25.Pob., Sapad	14	14	-		-	-	
26.Inagongan, Tagoloan	15	13	1	-	1	-	
27.Dalama, Tubod	16	14		1	-	1	
28.Poblacion, Tubod	15	14	1	-	1	5	
29.Kalilangan, Tubod	19	15	1	-	1	2	
30.Pantar, Poblacion	18	15	1	-	2	-	
Total	473	383	16	12	30	16	16

Supervision:

Personnel	Areas assigned	Period
OIC-PSO Ruben Gamale	Tacub, Kauswagan	Oct. 8, 2008
	Cabasagan, Lala	Oct. 9, 2008
	Maranding, Lala	Oct. 10, 2008
	Pandanán, SND	Oct. 16, 2008
	Rogongon, Iligan City	Oct. 21, 2008
	Pob. Sapad	Oct. 22, 2008
Stat. Regina J. Gamolo	Ma. Cristina, Baloi	Oct. 21, 2008
	Ma. Cristina, Iligan City	Oct. 22, 2008
	Ubaldo Laya, IC	Oct. 13, 2008
	Sto. Rosario, IC	Oct. 17, 2008
	Sta. Filomena, IC	Oct. 27, 2008
	Palao, Iligan City	Oct. 24, 2008
	Pob. Tubod, LDN	Oct. 25, 2008
	Abuno, Iligan City	Oct. 18, 2008

Problems Encountered:**Enumeration:**

Problems	Recommendation/Solution
Non enumeration of Barangay Batal, Matungao due to area considered critical. The peace and order condition is unstable.	The OIC-PSO coordinated with the military personnel in the area. The clearing operation against the rebels were still on going hence they advised that Matungao be not penetrated by outsider civilians.. A separate report on the coordination with the military personnel is attached.
In the sample areas in Kauswagan and Kolambugan, there found to be sample households which evacuated and have not returned to their place.	They were treated as temporarily away.
In Bgy. Abuno, Iligan City, 5 HUs were reported demolished. The 3 of these HUs were owned by Military personnel who transferred to another assignment.	Housing units demolished

Supervision:

Problems	Recommendation/Solution
Lack of proving of some questions especially on the concept of work (col. 12-13)	Re interview of sample households in Bgy. Ma. Cristina, Baloi and Ma. Cristina, Iligan City
Not located sample households. Difficulty in locating them due to non support of local residents/neighbors.	Got the assistance of the Barangay Kagawad.

Editing of ISH Form and 2008 SOF:

Observation	Recommendation/Solution
Error in the PSOC and PSIC in ISH Form 1	Corrected the PSOC/PSIC.
Entry in Q20 of SOF 1 in dollars & Pound	Conversion to peso based on value during the reference period.
Entry in Q22 & Q26 were mostly based on conservative estimates	Accepted entries.

Recommendation:

The conduct of the survey for this quarter posed a problem for the safety of the Enumerators. With the outbreak of war between the government and the rebels the province was constantly shaken by rumors of attacks. So travel to and from the sample municipalities was still considered hazardous.

The Office is believed to assume the responsibility as to the safety of the personnel and Enumerators. However, the survey was successful with no untoward incidents happened.

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**NARRATIVE REPORT
OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY
2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS
LEYTE**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Labor Force Survey, a nationwide survey of households conducted regularly to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. This is conducted every first month of the quarter, and October 2008 round, the Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) is a rider survey. This survey aims to derive national estimates on the number of Overseas Filipino Workers, their socio-economic characteristics and the amount and mode of remittances, in cash and in kind, received by their families.

II. TRAINING

LFS

A one (1) day briefing/training for enumerators was conducted at the Provincial Office on October 7, 2008. This was attended by DSOs, SCOs, provincial staff and hired Statistical Researchers with a total of 22 enumerators, four of which were hired SRs.

Trainers were PSO Wilma Perante and Provincial Statistician Bienvenido D. Barreta.

As in previous LFS trainings/briefing, we utilized the List of Sample Housing Units and Household (MS Form 6) and the 2008 LFS manuals. General instructions and the accomplishment of the ISH forms were emphasized during the training. Specifically the following items were given emphasis: PSOC/PSIC, Class of Worker, Basis of Payment, matching of line numbers with the previous rounds, Interview status, and Updating of MS Form 6.

The following errors were observed in the previous survey round:

1. Coding for the primary occupations and the corresponding kind of industry;
2. Class of worker - inconsistency of class of worker with primary occupation;
3. Basis of payment – honorarium for barangay officials reported on monthly basis salary (code 4) not code 7;
4. Interview status;
5. Number of households in the housing unit;
6. MS Form 6 updating; and
7. Difficulty in locating VHUs

The following common errors were discussed:

ITEM	ERRORS
1. Code for primary occupations and Industry	Mismatch coding for PSOC and PSIC - wrong assignment of codes for PSOC/PSIC were repeatedly committed by some fieldmen even with constant reminders to study the proper codes.
2. Class of Worker	Inconsistent class of worker with primary occupation: Ex: Farm Laborer but coded as self-employed or employer or vice-versa, sometimes private household.
3. Basis of payment	Honorarium for Barangay Officials reported on monthly basis not in code 7 (other than salaries and wages)
4. Interview status (ISH F2) vs. Interview Status MS Form 6	Interview status not the same in ISH Form 2 and MS form 6.
5. MS form 6	MS Form 6 not properly filled-up/updated specifically on interview status and status codes.

SOF

After the discussion of MS Form 6 and LFS, SOF manual was discussed. Consistency of entries in SOF form 1 with ISH form 2, particularly column 1, 5, 6 and 7 was discussed. How to fill-up SOF form 2 was also given emphasis particularly those with marginal cases that cannot be determined in ISH form 2.

III. ENUMERATION

LFS

Enumeration for the province started on October 8, 2008. All the trained 22 enumerators were deployed to different areas of assignment throughout the province.

There were 1,271 sample households in Leyte, which were by these ENs. After the enumeration, 64 households were enumerated as new occupants or additional households in the housing units, of which 10 were enumerated vacant during the previous survey round.

The result of the enumeration is as follows:

Total Sample Barangay/EA	-	81
Workload	-	1,271
Successful Interview	-	1026
Refusal	-	None
Temporarily Away	-	53
Vacant	-	57
Housing Unit Demolished	-	99
Others (Transferred, Moved-out)	-	90
New Occupant	-	64

A total of 1,325 questionnaires were processed and encoded. (including new occupant households from sample housing units who had permanently vacated by the previous occupants as listed in MS Form 6).

SOF

A total of 99 SOF form 1 questionnaires were submitted to Provincial Office and were manually processed including 81 SOF form 2, which comprised the folio for the province. SOF questionnaires were submitted to HSD Attention: IESD on November 10, 2008 thru LIBCAP Express with waybill number 668435 H.

IV. SUPERVISION

PSO Wilma Perante, designated Provincial Statistician Bienvenido D. Barreta and SCO Bernadette Montana and Regional Office staff conducted the supervision in selected sample barangays in the province. Observation during the interviews, verification and re-interview of sample households were done including field editing of the questionnaires were done during the supervision.

The following barangays were visited during the supervision:

- Salog, Leyte
- Bahay, San Miguel
- Manloy, Capoocan
- Bagong Lipunan, Carigara
- Sawang, Carigara
- Caranhug, Javier
- Puerto Bello, Merida
- Mahayag, Ormoc City
- Milagro, Ormoc City
- Liberty, Hilongos
- San Agustin, Bato
- Imelda Marcos, Hilongos
- Hilusig, Mahaplag
- Bunga, Baybay City
- Patag, Ormoc City
- Curva, Ormoc City
- Tabunok, Bato
- Poblacion Zone 8, Baybay City
- Comatin, Javier
- Santa Paz, Matalom
- Riverside, Matag-ob
- Mahalit, Merida
- Nasunogan, Ormo City

- Poblacion, Inopacan
- Sulpa, Villaba
- Silad, Villaba
- Daja-Daku, San Isidro
- Caridad Norte, Matalom

Observations and Comments during the supervision:

- Generally, all sample households were visited by the assigned enumerators.
- Majority of the information gathered during reinterviews were found to be the same with the accomplished questionnaires.
- Vacant Housing Units listed in MS Form 6 were located and information on its neighbors were taken.
- Still some enumerators did not follow the scheduled dates of enumeration based on the travel order.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A total of P249,000.00 was spent for the operation in the province.

The Province received P 249,329.00 from the Regional Office for the operation.

VI. Recommendations:

- Boost the supervision by increasing the number of mandays for the supervision.
- Improve ISHIPS System so that it will run to all operating system.
- Bgy 108 (Utap) in Tacloban City be corrected to its exact name which is Bgy 110 (Utap). (GEO ID-083747136)

VII. Response Rate:

Response Rate	95.09
Non-Response Rate	4.91

VIII. SUBMISSION

- Updated MS Form 6 to Regional Statistical Unit – November 7, 2008.
- Cleaned data files submitted to the Regional Statistical Unit – November 14, 2008.

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**NARRATIVE REPORT RE:
OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY/2008 SURVEY ON
OVERSEAS FILIPINOS
(MARINDUQUE)**

I. PRE-ENUMERATION

Statistician II Wilma L. Jinang was the only one who attended the regional briefing on October 2008 Labor Force Survey/2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos held on September 26, 2008 at the NSO-Region IV-B, Calapan City together with other representatives from other provinces of Region IV-B. OIC Leni R. Rioflorido was not able to attend the said briefing because of the untimely demise of her older brother.

The briefing was conducted by the Regional Statistician Ms. Maribel Bernardo. Problems usually encountered at the field were thoroughly discussed and errors committed by the provinces were pointed out to them.

The provincial briefing was conducted on October 6, 2008 at the NSO- Marinduque Provincial Office by Stat. II Jinang. Participants were OIC Rioflorido and two (2) hired Statistical Researchers. The additional one (1) Statistical Researcher given was briefed on the following day (October 7, 2008) by Stat. II Jinang. Email with regards to the additional SR was only received on October 6, 2008.

There was no problem or issue raised during the briefing since all of the hired Statistical Researchers were already involved in the previous LFS/SOF rounds.

II. ENUMERATION/SUPERVISION

1. Name of Supervisor: **LENI R. RIOFLORIDO**
Designation: Officer-In-Charge

Municipality/Barangay	Start of Enumeration	End of Enumeration
San Antonio, Sta. Cruz	October 08, 2008	October 08, 2008
Cabuyo, Torrijos	October 10, 2008	October 10, 2008
Balanacan, Mogpog	October 15, 2008	October 15, 2008
De Villa, Sta. Cruz	October 17, 2008	October 17, 2008
Daykitin, Buenavista	October 24, 2008	October 24, 2008

2. Name of Supervisor: **WILMA L. JINANG**
 Designation: Statistician II

Municipality/Barangay	Start of Enumeration	End of Enumeration
Buliasnin, Boac	October 08, 2008	October 08, 2008
Taytay, Sta. Cruz	October 11, 2008	October 11, 2008
Agumaymayan, Boac	October 20, 2008	October 20, 2008
Libtangin, Gasan	October 22, 2008	October 22, 2008
Pili, Mogpog	October 23, 2008	October 23, 2008

B. Problems Encountered and Action Taken, Observations and Recommendations

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	ACTION TAKEN
1. Non-availability of respondents both in urban for those respondents who are working in government and in rural areas for those working on farms far from their residence.	1. ENs made two or more callbacks in the afternoon or till evening. Other returned to the households on Saturdays and Sundays to avoid non-response.
2. Unavailability of regular transportation in some remote barangays.	2. Enumerators were forced to hire transportation to reach the place on time or early in the morning in order not to delay the enumeration.
3. Lack of ISH Form 2 in some barangays due to additional households. Questionnaires received by the province are just enough for allocation to the listed sample households.	3. Utilized some remaining questionnaires in the previous survey rounds thus no more extra questionnaire is available at the provincial office.
4. Lack of SOF Form 2 in some barangays due to more samples enumerated than expected.	4. SOF Form 2 was reproduced thru photo copier and sent immediately to the enumerators at the field.

OIC Rioflorido together with Stat. II Jinang conducted closed supervision especially during their first few days of enumeration by observing the enumerators how to conduct interviews and by reinterviewing some of the sample households and verification of those vacant housing units. Respondents are very cooperative thus no much problems were encountered by the enumerators.

There were 225 samples for the October 2008 LFS (including new/present occupants of sample housing units). Out of these total, 186 household or 83% were successfully interviewed during enumeration while the remaining 39 or 17% were reported as vacant (19), demolished housing units (10), permanently moved-out (3) and temporarily away (7).

A total of 27 samples were enumerated for the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) from the 15 sample barangays of the province of Marinduque.

III. POST ENUMERATION

As soon as the enumerators finished their enumeration in some barangays, they submitted the ISH accomplished questionnaires together with MS Form 6 to the provincial office in staggered basis for the manual processing. Manual processing started on October 22, 2008. Stat. II Jinang assisted by OIC Rioflorido and two fieldmen did the manual processing.

Machine processing was completed on October 29, 2008 and data files were sent to the Regional Office thru e-mail on the same day. After manual processing of MS Form 6, these were sent on October 31, 2008 to the Regional Office.

Accomplished questionnaires for 2008 SOF were also manually processed at the provincial office by Stat. II Wilma L. Jinang. The processed questionnaires were sent directly to IESD, HSD on the afternoon of November 3, 2008.

IV. OVER-ALL ASSESSMENT OF THE OPERATION

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey with its rider 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos were successfully conducted by having three (3) hired Statistical Researchers conducting the enumeration. As usual, closed supervision and proper monitoring were important aspects of this operation. The cooperative efforts of everybody involved and the usual support and cooperation of the barangay officials and the respondents made this operation possible.

V. SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE FUTURE SURVEYS

Extra questionnaires (ISH Form 2) must be included in the allocation in the coming surveys in order to give allowance for those barangays with additional sample households to be enumerated. This is one way of completing the enumeration on time.

No financial reports yet since financial claims of personnel involved and payables for this operation are not yet completed.

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Date: November 3, 2008

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**2008 OCTOBER LABOR FORCE SURVEY
AND
SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS**
Narrative Report

1. Pre-enumeration

Venue for Training

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey second level training was held at NSO Regional Office, Cagayan de Oro City last September 24, 2008, a one (1) day briefing conducted by the Regional Staff and was attended by the PSOs of each province of Region 10. The third level training was conducted by the PSO and was held last October 6, 2008 in the NSO conference room of the provincial office. There were eight participants in the said briefing. The Provincial Stat., 2 DSOs, 3 SRs and 2 provincial staff. The October LFS had a rider survey the Survey on Overseas Filipinos.

2. Enumeration

Misamis Occidental followed the national timetable that is, enumeration must start on October 8, 2008 and ends up on October 31, 2008. There are 23 sample barangays to be enumerated for the said survey. DSOs were not given any workload so they could focus on their supervision.

Problems Encountered

Minor problems were encountered during the enumeration period. Weather condition is one of the hindering factors that affect the enumeration, specially on the rural areas. Frequent rain showers were experienced during the early part of the month of October. Other than the weather condition no

3. Supervision

Name of supervisor	Area supervised	Inclusive date
PSO Julito F. Pilar	Baliangao, Plaridel, Tangub, Oroquieta, Bonifacio,	Oct. 13-15, 22-23 2008
Sta. Marlou T. Cajeta	Liloan, Bonifacio - E. Looc, Plaridel – Sinian, Baliangao – Oroquieta City	Oct. 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24, 2008

4. Suggestions/Recommendations

A careful assessment of the timetable of activities should be made considering other loads of the province for both the establishment surveys and household surveys.

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Provincial Office Narrative Report

2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF) **Narrative Report from Provincial Office** (Province: MISAMIS ORIENTAL)

TRAINING

A one-day briefing on October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) was conducted at the NSO Conference room on October 6, 2008 by PSO Marilou B. Igdon and Statistician Denia V. Maunes. It was attended by five (5) hired Statistical Researchers, DSOs and SCOs from the four (4) districts of the province.

Considering that old SRs were being hired, the training content stressed more on the importance of probing and consistency of entries in the LFS, as against SOF questionnaires. Errors committed in previous survey were presented and discussed thoroughly, as well as emphasis on the new question added (Q22), as to how the respondent usually spent the remittance received during 6-month period. After which, a mock interview was conducted to fully apply all the concepts in the proper accomplishment of both survey questionnaires.

As to sampling design, sample households in Rotation Group 12 of replicates 1 & 2 (new samples), and Rotation Group 11 of replicates 3 & 4 (Oct. 2007 LFS) will be used. However, standard output per day is six (6) / eight (8) completed ISH Form 2 and SOF Form 1 for rural and urban sample barangays respectively..

As usual, workload distribution was done by respective DSOs upon review of the Statistician and approved by the PSO. All needed materials were allocated to all SRs and fieldmen together with introduction letters addressed to Barangay Chairmen of their assigned sample barangays, as well as IDs for SRs. Tentative itinerary of travel by district was also required for each district personnel for easy location of SRs and fieldmen during supervision.

ENUMERATION

Enumeration period started October 8 up to 31, 2008. Hired Statistical Researchers (5) and SCOs were assigned in the four (4) districts of the province with corresponding sample barangay/EAs assignments (17 municipalities/cities with 60 EAs with 837 SHHs) and date of enumeration, based on the standard output of 6-8 sample households per day, as stated below: and

A. Personnel Involved/Areas of Assignment/Tentative Period of Enumeration

Name of DSO: EDGARDO M. CAPITO				
District 1 – Cagayan de Oro City/Gingoog City				
Municipalities/City Covered: Balingasag, Gingoog City, Kinoguitan, Magsaysay, Talisayan, Salay				
Name of Interviewer	Name of Assigned Barangay	SHHs	Start Date of Enumeration	End Date of Enumeration
1. Mary Ann Mapalo (SR)	1. Samay, Balingasag	20	Oct. 8, 2008	Oct. 10, 2008
	2. Baliwagan, Balingasag	19	Oct. 11, 2008	Oct. 14, 2008
	3. Binitinan, Balingasag	16	Oct. 15, 2008	Oct. 16, 2008
	4. Barangay 3, Balingasag	17	Oct. 18, 2008	Oct. 20, 2008
	5. Sta. Ines, Talisayan	15	Oct. 21, 2008	Oct. 23, 2008
	6. Barangay #4, Gingoog City	1	Oct. 24, 2008	Oct. 24, 2008
	7. Barangay #17, Gingoog City	15	Oct. 24, 2008	Oct. 27, 2008
	8. Barangay #26, Gingoog City	19	Oct. 28, 2008	Oct. 29, 2008
	9. Talisay, Gingoog City	14	Oct. 30, 2008	Oct. 31, 2008
	Total	136		
2. Zaldy R. Gacus (SCO I)	1. Kibungsod, Magsaysay	19	Oct. 13, 2008	Oct. 15, 2008
	2. Kalipay, Gingoog City	16	Oct. 16, 2008	Oct. 17, 2008
	3. Pigsaluhan, Gingoog City	14	Oct. 20, 2008	Oct. 22, 2008
	4. Kibuging, Gingoog City	1	Oct. 23, 2008	Oct. 23, 2008
	5. Bugdang, Talisayan	12	Oct. 24, 2008	Oct. 25, 2008
	6. Magkarila, Talisayan	2	Oct. 27, 2008	Oct. 27, 2008
	Total	60		
3. Edgardo M. Capito (DSO)	1. Looc, Salay	17	Oct. 16, 2008	Oct. 18, 2008
	2. Poblacion, Salay	31	Oct. 20, 2008	Oct. 24, 2008
	3. Calubo, Kinioguitan	17	Oct. 27, 2008	Oct. 29, 2008
	Total	65		
	TOTAL	265		
Name of DSO : ANTHOLIN B. MERILLES				
District No. 2 - Cagayan de Oro City				
Municipality/City Covered: Cagayan de Oro City				
Name of Interviewer	Name		Start Date of	End Date of Enumeration

	of Assigned Barangay	SHHs	Enumeration	
1. Ronie Asinero (SR)	1. Balulang (003/006), Cag. de Oro City 2. Bulua (003/009), Cag. de Oro City 3. Canitoan, Cag. De Oro City 4. Iponan, Cag. De Oro City 5. Lumbia, Cag. De Oro City 6. Kauswagan (004/009), Cag. De Oro City 7. Carmen (003/013), Cag. de Oro City Total	26 15 18 20 11 23 38 151	Oct. 08, 2008 Oct. 11, 2008 Oct. 14, 2008 Oct. 16, 2008 Oct. 18, 2008 Oct. 20, 2008 Oct. 22, 2008	Oct. 11, 2008 Oct. 13, 2008 Oct. 15, 2008 Oct. 17, 2008 Oct. 18, 2008 Oct. 27, 2008 Oct. 25, 2008
TOTAL		151		
Name of DSO: HONORINA D. ESTRELLA District No. 3 - Cagayan de Oro City Municipality/City Covered: Cagayan de Oro City				
Name of Interviewer	Name of Assigned Barangay	SHHs	Start Date of Enumeration	End Date of Enumeration
1. Margie D. Sanchez (SR)	1. Bugo (004/009), Cag. de Oro City 2. Puerto, Cag. de Oro City 3. Agusan, Cag. De Oro City 4. Gusa (001/006), Cag. de Oro City 5. Lapasan (008/018), Cag. de Oro City 6. Barangay #26, Cag. De Oro City 7. Macabalan (001/004), Cag. de Oro City 8. Barangay #7, Cag. De Oro City 9. Macasandig (001/004), Cag. De Oro City 10. Camaman-an (002/008), Cag. De Oro Total	18 21 18 14 18 12 15 20 12 15 163	Oct. 08, 2008 Oct. 10, 2008 Oct. 13, 2008 Oct. 15, 2008 Oct. 16, 2008 Oct. 18, 2008 Oct. 21, 2008 Oct. 23, 2008 Oct. 25, 2008 Oct. 28, 2008	Oct. 10, 2008 Oct. 13, 2008 Oct. 15, 2008 Oct. 16, 2008 Oct. 18, 2008 Oct. 20, 2008 Oct. 22, 2008 Oct. 25, 2008 Oct. 27, 2008 Oct. 29, 2008
2. Ronnie Asinero (SR)	1. Barangay #15, Cag. de Oro City	16	Oct. 26, 2008	Oct. 27, 2008
3. Carmelito Figuracion (SCOI)	1. Barangay #15, Cag. De Oro City Total	14 30	Oct. 15, 2008	Oct. 29, 2008
TOTAL		193		
Name of DSO: Cesar N. Pagalan District No. 4 - Cagayan de Oro City/El Salvador Municipalities Covered: El Salvador, Claveria, Initao, Lugait, Masnticao, Alubijid, Opol, Jasaan & Gitagum				
Name of Interviewer	Name of Assigned Barangay	SHHs	Start Date of Enumeration	End Date of Enumeration
1. Nilo Sabayanon (SR)	1. Luyong Bonbon, Opol 2. Lourdes, Alubijid 3. Poblacion, Alubijid 4. Matangad, Gitagum 5. Sinaloc, El Salvador 6. Lower Jasaan, Jasaan 7. Aposkahoy, Claveria Total	24 18 18 9/20 9/17 21 15 114	Oct. 08, 2008 Oct. 13, 2008 Oct. 16, 2008 Oct. 20, 2008 Oct. 22, 2008 Oct. 24, 2008 Oct. 28, 2008	Oct. 11, 2008 Oct. 15, 2008 Oct. 18, 2008 Oct. 21, 2008 Oct. 23, 2008 Oct. 27, 2008 Oct. 30, 2008
2. Jim Boy Buton (SR)	1. Poblacion, Lugait 2. Paniangan, Manticao 3. Tuod, Manticao 4. Gimangpang, Initao 5. Poblacion, Libertad 6. Matangad, Gitagum 7. Kilangit, Gitagum 8. Ulab, Gitagum 9. Sinaloc, El Salvador Total	17 17 13 16 13 11/20 18 1 8/17 114	Oct. 08, 2008 Oct. 11, 2008 Oct. 15, 2008 Oct. 18, 2008 Oct. 22, 2008 Oct. 24, 2008 Oct. 27, 2008 Oct. 30, 2008 Oct. 30, 2008	Oct. 10, 2008 Oct. 14, 2008 Oct. 17, 2008 Oct. 21, 2008 Oct. 23, 2008 Oct. 25, 2008 Oct. 29, 2008 Oct. 30, 2008 Oct. 31, 2008
TOTAL		228		
MISAMIS ORIENTAL	GRAND TOTAL	837		

B. Problems Encountered and Action Taken, Observation, Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Action Taken
Some samples Hus were are hard to locate particularly new samples in Replicates 1 & 2. This may be caused by incorrect address during listing.	Consulted neighborhood, seek assistance from barangay officials/purok leaders.
Some hh members who went abroad outside reference period were still taken by the SR.	Reminded SRs to take note of the reference period of OFWs/OCWs, that is from October 2003 to September 2008 (5 years period).
Barangay Kalipay Purok 9, sitio Impakiki in Gingoog City has two (2) SHHs that cannot be penetrated due to peace and order problem	Reported to the provincial office as non-response.
Bad weather condition hampered survey operation.	This cannot be avoided, so prioritize the areas to be covered, if possible conduct survey in mountainous areas during fair weather.
Observations/Recommendations:	
1. Need patience in persuading respondents to give reliable responses to questions asked especially to OFWs/OCWs remittance and how it is	

- spent.
- The reference period of family members who went abroad from October 2003 to September 2008 should always be noted to avoid getting data of members outside reference period, but if in doubt include.

II SUPERVISION

The PSO and Stat. were given only five (5) days to supervise , as well as the DSOs in Districts 1 to4 depending upon the number of sample households and area of coverage:

- Name of Supervisor: EDGARDO M. CAPITO
Designation: DSO

A. Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision

Name of Barangay	Start of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Binitinan, Balingasag	October 09, 2008	October 10, 2008
Samay, Balingasag	October 11, 2008	October 12, 2008
Barangay 17, Gingoog City	October 13, 2008	October 13, 2008
Talisay, Gingoog City	October 14, 2008	October 14, 2008

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Actions Taken
In Q1 (Name of family member), only first name written.	Reminded SR to write last name, then first name.
In Q11 (name of country OF stayed when he/she left), was blank.	Referred to SR to fill up name of country, hence callback was made to respondent.
In Q22 (How was the remittance spent?), Code 4 Others was not specified.	Referred to SR for specification.
Recommendation: Close supervision is necessary to fully apply the concepts of the survey.	

- Name of Supervisor: ANTHOLIN . MERILLES
Designation: DSO

A. Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision

Name of Barangay	Start of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
1. Balulang-006, Cag. de Oro City	Oct. 10, 2008	Oct. 10, 2008
2. Iponan, Cag. de Oro City	Oct. 13, 2008	Oct. 13, 2008
3. Balulang-003, Cag. de Oro City	Oct. 14, 2008	Oct. 14, 2008
4. Lumbia, Cag. de Oro City	Oct. 15, 2008	Oct. 15, 2008
5. Bulua-003/009, Cag. de Oro City	Oct. 20, 2008	Oct. 20, 2008
6. Carmen-003/013, Cag. de Oro City	Oct. 22, 2008	Oct. 22, 2008

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Actions Taken
In Q04 (Age as of last birthday), entry not consistent with LFS col.7.	Verified with SR - SOF entry was the true one so it prevailed.
In Q11, name of country OF stayed when he/she left is blank.	Referred to SR to fill up name of country, hence callback was made to respondent.
In Q15 (no. of months working abroad during last 5 years (Oct. 2003 to Sept. 2008), no. of months entered was more than /less than as computed	Verified with SR and reviewed computation and entered the right number of months during last 5 years abroad.
In Q22 (How was the remittance spent?), Code 4 Others was not specified.	Referred to SR for specification.
Recommendation: Emphasis on the concepts of the SOF must be done during training as well as proper supervision during field operation.	

- Name of Supervisor: HONORINA D. ESTRELLA
Designation: DSO

A. Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision

Name of Barangay	Start of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Bugo, Cagayan de Oro City	October 10, 2008	October 10, 2008
Puerto, Cagayan de Oro City	October 13, 2008	October 13, 2008
Gusa, Cagayan de Oro City	October 16, 2008	October 16, 2008
Camaman-an, Cagayan de Oro City	October 29, 2008	October 29, 2008
Barangay #15, Cagayan de Oro City	October 30, 2008	October 30, 2008

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Actions Taken
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In Q11, name of country OF stayed when he/she left is blank.	Referred to SR to fill up name of country, hence callback was made to respondent.
Enumerator failed to mention respondent the period covered to be an eligible SOF sample	Get the attention of the EN and rephrased the question.
In Q18 (When is he/she expected to return home?), mostly estimates were given by the respondents.	SRs were advised to exert efforts to get the exact month/year of return.
Observations/Recommendations: Constant supervision and communication with SRs speed up the operation.	

4. Name of Supervisor: CESAR N. PAGALAN

Designation: DSO

A. Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision

Name of Barangay	Start of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Ulab/ Kilangit, Gitagaum	October 8, 2008	October 31, 2008
Gimangpang, Initao	“	“
Poblacion, Libertad	“	“
Tuod/ Paniangan, Manticao	“	“
Poblacion, Lugait	“	“
Poblacion/ Lourdes, Alubijid	“	“
Aposkahoy, Claveria	“	“
Luyong Bonbon, Opol	“	“
Sinaloc, El Salvador	“	“

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Actions Taken Observation/Recommendations
Only minor problems were encountered considering that old and experienced SRs were hired.	

5. Name of Supervisor: DENIA V. MAUNES

Designation: STAT. II

A. Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision

Areas Supervised	Date Started	Date Finished
1. Kibungsod, Magsaysay	Oct. 27, 2008	Oct. 27, 2008
2. Barangay #17, Gingoog City	Oct. 28, 2008	Oct. 28, 2008
3. Poblacion, Salay	Oct. 29, 2008	Oct. 29, 2008
4. Poblacion, Libertad	Oct. 30, 2008	Oct. 30, 2008
5. Poblacion, Alubijid	Oct. 31, 2008	Oct. 31, 2008
6. Macabalan, Cagayan de Oro City	Oct. 20, 2008	Oct. 24, 2008
7. Canitoan, Cag. De Oro City	Oct. 20, 2008	Oct. 24, 2008

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Actions Taken
Sometimes Geographic Identification in SOF 1 & 2 don't match with MS Form 6.	Geo ID on MS 6 should prevail and SOF corrected.
Some SHSN of an EA were not entered in SOF 2(Control Form) and some OFW don't have corresponding SOF 1.	Called attention of SRS/fieldmen to complete SHSN per EA and provide SOF 1 for all OFWs listed.
Sometimes Occupation in SOF 1 Q9 & Q14 were not properly specified.	Advised SRs to be specific in classifying occupation .
SOF no longer living with the household for a long time, but were still included in the list of household members.	Advised SRs to delete such membership, but SOF information shall be taken.
Observation/Recommendation: Not so much error s committed and SOF operation was a success.	

6. Name of Supervisor: MARILOU B. IGDON

Designation : Provincial Statistics Officer

A. Areas Supervised and Date of Supervision

Areas Supervised	Date Started	Date Finished
Barangay 26, Gingoog City	October 8, 2008	October 31, 2008
Sta. Ines, Talisayan	“	“
Calubo, Kinoguitan	“	“
Poblacion, Salay	“	“
Poblacion, Lugait	“	“

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations, Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Actions Taken
Sometimes Geographic Identification in SOF 1 & 2 don't match with MS Form 6.	Geo ID on MS 6 should prevail and SOF corrected.

Some OFs listed in SOF Form 2 (Control Form) has no corresponding SOF Form 1.	Advised SRs to provide SOF Form 1 to all OFs.
There were OFs whose departure were out of the reference period (October 2003 to September 2003) but still with SOF 1.	Advised SRs to verify and if departure is out of the reference period, then no SOF 1 questionnaire be provided but included in SOF Form 2 (Control Form) with corresponding remarks.
Observation/Recommendation: Constant supervision of SRs and fieldmen minimize error s committed in the field. SOF in the operation in the province was a success.	

SUBMISSION OF REPORTS/Manual Processing of SOF Questionnaires:

Observations during manual processing:

Problems Encountered	Action Taken
Q15 (How many months has __ worked/been working abroad during the last 5 years (Oct. 2003 to Sept. 2008?),entry is 16 months when he left April 2008 and Q5 is 01 (left once only)	Verified SR and was corrected to 06 months in Q15.
Age in Q4(How old is __ on his/her last birthday?) is not consistent with LFS Col. 7 (age as of last birthday).	Verified SR and corrected, if not SOF age prevails.
Q22 (How much was the remittance __ spent?), for code 4 Others – not specified	Referred to SRs and asked to specify.
Q11(In what country did __ stay when he/she left?) – no entry or left blank especially to seamen.	Verified SR and called back respondent to answer the data omitted, for seamen - possible country is the principal country the shipping co. is located .

SOF questionnaires (SOF Forms 1 & 2) were submitted by SRs and fieldmen to the Provincial Office on October 31, 2008 and were manually processed (folioed , edited and coded) by the Statistician. Of the 60 sample EAs, there were about 65 OFWs/OCWs listed/reported in this October 2008 SOF operation. These were transmitted to IESD, Manila on November 6, 2008with the attached transmittal.

FINANCIAL

The provincial office of MISAMIS ORIENTAL received a budget cost estimate amounting to P166,289.00 with the following breakdown: TE = P126,253.00, Training = P1,500.00, Gas = 2,500.00 and Gen. Svcs. = 36,036.00.

ASSESSMENT:

Over-all Assessment of SOF operation was a success and submission of duly accomplished and manually processed questionnaires were made before deadline.

Prepared by : **DENIA V. MAUNES**
Designation : Statistician II
Date : November 13, 2008

Submitted by:

MARILOU B. IGDON
Provincial Statistics Officer
Date: Nov. 13, 2008



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 Cagayan de Oro City

Reference No. 081043-

06 November 2008

CARMELITA N. ERICTA
 Adminsitrator
 National Statistics Office
 Sta. Mesa, Manila

Attn.: Chief, IESD

Dear Madam:

We are submitting herewith following reports of Misamis Oriental re 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF), to wit:

Description	Unit	Qty. Sent	Qty Recv'd	Remarks
City/Mun/Bgy				
1.ALUBIJID –				
Lourdes EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Poblacion EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
2.BALINGASAG –				
Baliwagan EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Binitinan EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Barangay #3 EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
Samay EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
3.CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY -				
Agusan EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
Bulua EA-003	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Bulua EA-009	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Balulang EA-003	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
Balulang EA-006	Form 2/1	1 / 3		
Barangay #15 EA-001	Form 2/1	2 / 3		
Barangay #26 EA-002	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Bugo EA-004	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Bugo EA-009	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Camaman-an EA-002	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Camaman-an EA-008	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
Canito-an EA-002	Form 2/1	1 / 4		
Carmen EA-003	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Carmen EA-013	Form 2/1	1 / 3		
Gusa EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Gusa EA 006	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Iponan EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Kauswagan EA-004	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
Kauswagan EA-009	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
Lapasan EA-008	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Lapasan EA-018	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Lumbia EA-003	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Macabalan EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Macabalan EA-005	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Macasandig EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Macasandig EA-004	Form 2/1	1 / 0		

Puerto EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Barangay #7 EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
4. CLAVERIA				
Aposkahoy EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
5. EL SALVADOR				
Sinaloc EA-002	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
6.GINGOOG CITY				
Kibuging EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Pigsaluhan EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Barangay #17 EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
Barangay #26 EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 3		
Barangay #4 EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Talisay EA-002	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Kalipay EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
7. GITAGUM				
Kilangit EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Matangad EA-001	Form 2/1	2 / 2		
Ulab EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
8. INITAO				
Gimangpang EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
9. JASAAN				
Lower Jasaan EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 4		
10. KINOGUITAN				
Calubo EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
11. LIBERTAD				
Poblacion EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
12.LUGAIT				
Poblacion EA-002	Form 2/1	1 / 4		
13.MAGSAYSAY				
Kibungsod	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
14. MANTICAO				
Paniangan EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
Tuod EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 2		
15.OPOL				
Luyong Bonbon EA-001	Form 2/1	1 / 1		
16. SALAY				
Looc EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Poblacion EA-001	Form 2/1	2 / 3		
17. TALISAYAN				
Bugdang EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Magkarila EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		
Santa Ines EA-000	Form 2/1	1 / 0		

Please acknowledge upon receipt.
Thank you. God bless!

Very truly yours,

MARILOU B. IGDON
Provincial Statistics Officer

- RO File
- PO File

NARRATIVE REPORT FOR THE *October, 2008 LFS/SOF Operation*

I. Pre-Enumeration:

The 2nd Level Training of October 2008 LFS/SOF operation was held last Sept. 25, 2008 at NSO Region VI, Iloilo City. It was attended by PSO Fred S. Sollesta and SCO-I Luis Gonzales. This is just a one day LFS/SOF training. The training was devoted to LFS guidelines in updating MS Form 6, and a review of concepts, definitions and discussions of usual errors committed last July LFS, 2008 round. The interview status and update codes in MS Form 6 was discussed thoroughly also. Then after which the October, 2008 SOF was discussed thoroughly topic by topic. Replicates 3 and 4 followed the old samples last October, 2007 LFS round under rotation # 11, while replicates 1 & 2 are new samples under rotation # 12.

Then the 3rd Level LFS/SOF Training was held last Sept. 29, 2008. PSO Sollesta and SCO-I Luis Gonzales were the trainers. NSO-Negros Occidental was provided with 7 SRs to augment our SCOs in the enumeration operation.

Just like the 2nd Level training, the discussions were devoted to updating of MS Form 6 and the discussions of some common errors from the previous LFS survey. 2008 SOF questionnaire was discussed exhaustively also.

Venue of the Training: It was held at the NSO Provincial Office Conference Room, Bacolod City.

There were **5 DSOs, 9 SCO-I, 3 Selected Prov'l. Staff, and 7 SRs** participants in this 3rd level training.

Replicate 3 and 4 were the same samples as of October 2007 LFS/SOF samples under Rotation 11, while replicate 1 and 2 were new samples (Rotation 12). The participants were instructed to be careful in asking probing questions because the matching of replicates 3 & 4 membership and its demographic data shall be included in the manual and machine processing of LFS questionnaires (this survey round against the October, 2007 LFS/SOF data). There will be consistency checking.

No.	Name of Participants	Position/Designation
1	Saldua , Leopoldo S.	Utility – I
2	Aguillon , Rea N.	SR
3	Dalaguit , Ian	SR
4	Posa , Rito J.	SCO-II/DSO
5	Combite , Ramon B.	SCO-I
6	Robles , Jonje	EE
7	Agus , Chicalog A.	SCO-II/DSO
8	Monteveros , Luz H.	SR
9	Rollo , Ildefonso P.	SCO-II/DSO
10	Asuero , Irna S.	SCO-I
11	Gonzales , Luis O.	SCO-I
12	Magallano , Marissa L.	SCO-I
13	Arca , Antonietta L.	SCO-I
14	Campomanes , John F.	SCO-I
15	Gay , Thomas O.	Asst. Stat.
16	Claveraz , Rico S.	SR
17	Bellido , Nonito N.	SCO-I
18	Guitche , Chelie Rose M.	SR
19	Gayoba , Rogelio S.	SCO-II/DSO
20	Oyco , Joaquin T.	SCO – I
21	Alo , Eva Rose	SR
22	Oreto , Alma Bella P.	SCO-II/DSO
23	Gapiz , Hanah	Stat. Aide
24	Gellisania , Ligaya M.	SR

Mandays allocation and funding requirements for travel were explained. The schedule of enumeration, supervision, submission and processing of the submitted accomplished forms were taken also.

After which, giving of respective assignments and allocations of survey forms were done.

II. Enumeration:

A. Personnel Involved/Areas of Assignment/Period of Enumeration.

It started on Oct. 8, 2008. By Oct. 31, 2008, only 76 (88.37%) of the total 86 sample barangays were submitted to NSO Provincial Office. The remaining

10 barangays/EAs were completely passed just last Nov. 7, 2008. The delay of some interviewers were due to plenty of callbacks and intermittent rain.

There were 17 NSO Personnel and 7 SRs involved which acted as supervisors and interviewers in this operation.

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, Observations and Recommendations:

These were the major setbacks we encountered:

1. Monsoon rains flooded some sample enumeration causing the delay of enumeration up to the last week of October, 2008.
2. Plenty of callbacks happened. Most of the responsible respondents were not around during daytime.

III. *Supervision:*

Overall supervision were done by Stat. II Gale and SCO-I Luis Gonzales with 5 days supervision each. Some DSOs were provided supervision on their respective district also, specifically to those with hired Statistical Researchers.

Problems Encountered/Actions Taken/Recommendations:

1. Most of the SRs and NSO Personnel Interviewers' accomplished questionnaires were still raw gathered data. It still needs final polishing and coding. They were advised to scrutinize carefully the questionnaire before leaving the sample household.
2. There were plenty of inconsistencies between the LFS Oct. 2007 operation and the LFS. Oct. 2008 replicates 3 & 4 samples particularly in age, marital status, highest grade completed and relationship to household head. .
3. Most interviewers found it very hard to locate and interview rotated sample brgys./EAs households in the mountainous areas and even in the highly urbanized sample areas in Bacolod City..

IV. *Post Enumeration:*

a. Manual/Machine Processing of LFS questionnaires:

This activity started on Oct. 27, 2008 and continued up to November 17, 2008 for LFS manual and machine processing.

b. Responses and Non-Responses:

Based on the submitted questionnaires, these were the response and non-response rates: Total Samples is **1,396** Households which includes vacant households in MS Form 6.

1. **Response Rate: Successfully interviewed HHs = 1,144 or 81.25%**
2. **Non- response Rate: 297 or 21.28%**

Code	Interview Status	No.	Percentage
2	Refusal	2	0.14
3	Temporarily away	52	3.72
4	Vacant Housing Unit	82	5.87
5	Demolished Housing Units	86	6.16
6	Moved Out Permanently/Conv't'd. to Estab.	<u>75</u>	<u>5.37</u>
	Total =	297	21.26

c. Total No. of Overseas Filipinos : 69

d. Submission to RO, IESD:

1. Updated MS Form 6 were submitted last Nov. 17, 2008 to Regional Office .
2. Narrative Report for Oct., 2008 LFS/SOF was submitted to IESD, HSD last Nov. 21, 2008 through E-mail
3. LFS Form 2 soft cleaned data was e-mailed to IESD, HSD, Manila, copy furnished Iloilo Regional Office last Nov. 15, 2008.
4. SOF – Form 1 and 2 edited filled-up questionnaires were transmitted to IESD, HSD, Manila last Nov. 21, 2008 also.

V. *Over-all Assessment of Operation:*

1. Training – The 1-day training for October, 2008 LFS/SOF was just enough for all the interviewers.

2. Pre-enumeration Activity – Giving of assignments and distribution of forms were done smoothly.
3. Enumeration Activities – Although enumeration period was greatly hampered by frequent callbacks and intermittent rain, still interviewers managed to finish their assignments successfully.
4. Post- Enumeration Activities – Manual processing and machine encoding was done successfully besides too many errors and inconsistencies in matching the October, 2008 LFS against the October, 2007 LFS.

VI. Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. An additional one day per rural rotated sample barangay must be added due to additional time and hardship in locating the sample households, particularly for the far-flung newly rotated sample barangays.
2. Cost estimate done by the Central Office must have at least a 10% additional, to be able to cope up expenses of one or more callbacks that usually happened during enumeration time.

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2008 October SOF/Labor Force Survey
Cotabato Province

I. Training

A. Region/Province: Region 12/Cotabato

B. Date/Venue of Training: October 6, 2008

C. Number of Participants: 14 (4 Hired SRs & 7 SCOs 1 Asst Stat.)

D. Issues/Problems Encountered:

Topic	Issues/Problem	Action taken
MS Form 6 –Update Code	-Update Code and Interview Status usually interchange	Provide hard copy as easy reference
ISH Form	Lacking questionnaire for additional HH and those HH that were permanently moved out.	Extra forms shall be provided for the appended HH and only a Xerox copy of the front page shall be required for non-response HH.
Submission of Accomplished QSN	Prompt submission of reports	Submission of questionnaire shall be made right after each completion of enumeration in the barangay.
SOF Form 1 At Question 22	In cases where only one item is being considered, where answer is 100%	Provide an additional cell for the additional digit.

II. Enumeration

A. Personnel involved/Area of assignment/Period of Enumeration

Interviewer	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates
SCO Helen Colango	Kayaga, Bual Norte, Villarica	3 Days
SCO Sally Fe Datoon	Poblacion Pikit/Libungan/Kabacan, San Mateo, Nes	13.5 days
SCO Ronald Amban	Raradangan, Bao, Kiwanan, Kiaring	14 days
SCO Evelyn Quijano	Bagontapay, Bual, Greenfield, Lepaga	12.17 days
SCO Nenita Intong	Buena Vida, New Cebu, Kamarahan, New Antique, Lomonay, Bual, Singao	13.3 days

SCO Ronilo Geveso	Estado, Linao, Kamada, Langkong	12.83 days
SR Geraldine Mamac	Manobo, Berada, Luvimin, Malinan, Pob(Kid)	13.17 days
SR Solaiba Andatuan	Langayen, Tinutulan, Lomopog, Takipan	13.17 days
SR Tessie Aragon	Pob. Kabacan, Aroman, Macabenban, Kilagasan, Kimagango	10.83 days
SR Josephine Guiamad	Tupig, Kitubod, Thailand, Bulucaon	11.83 days

B. Number of HHL D by Interview status:

Interview Status	Number of Families
1- Completed Interview	556
5- Demolished	47
6- Permanently Moved Out	70
3- Temporarily Away	26
4- Vacant Housing	27
7- Critical	21
* With New Occupant	16

Non-Response Rate= 24%, its rate is lower than by 8% than the past quarter.

C. Issues/Problems encountered

Topic	Issues/Problem	Action taken
Callbacks	No enough time for remote sitios	Callbacks were done by meeting the sample HHL D at the bgy hall upon coordination with the barangay Official.
Critical Area	Due to continuous military operation Barangay Lomopog was affected as its location is contiguous to areas with peace and order problem and temporarily now was considered impenetrable.	After all coordination effort with LGU was exhausted a certification was obtained as to that effect from barangay official concern.

III. Supervision:

Supervisor	Area Supervised	Inclusive Dates
OIC-PSO Belinda R. Penuela	Nes, Luvimin, Pikit	October 23, 24
Stat Pepito A. Moscoso	Lomopog, Kayaga, Kamarahan, Kitubod, , Bulucaon, Bao	October 20-23
DSO-Designate Nenita Intong	Bual, Greenfield	October 24-26
DSO Helen Colango	Kiaring, Thailand	October 23-24

IV. Post enumeration:

Submission of accomplished questionnaire of SOF/LFS was a little bit earlier than the timetable. Hence, processing and encoding were also done on time. Submission of questionnaires from the field started on October 27. Processing and encoding were done by Stat Moscoso/Asst. Stat Alagano and SCO Amban, and was finally submitted its data file to Regional office on November 6, 2008.

V. Overall Assessment of Operation:

Evaluation shows that there was a high non-response rate being attributed to permanent moved out of household and household who are temporarily out for vacation and other economic reason. No case of refusal was accounted. The NR is seemingly low on this round compared that in the previous quarter.

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**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS) & SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)
 NARRATIVE REPORT**

I. TRAINING

A. Region/Province - VIII – Northern Samar

B. Date/Venue of training

1. Second level briefing
 OIC-PSO Eutemio A. Llevado attended the briefing on September 23, 2008 held at NSO Training Room. Marasbaras, Tacloban City.
2. Third level briefing
 All employees involved in the conduct of LFS/SOF attended the briefing which was conducted on October 6-7, 2008 at NSO Provincial Office, Catarman, Northern Samar.

C. Number of Participants

1. Second level training – Only the OIC-PSO Eutemio A. Llevado attended the briefing.
2. Third level training - There were 12 participants who attended the two-day briefing for LFS and SOF. A one-day briefing was allotted for Labor Force Survey and another one day for the Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF).

D. Issues/problems encountered

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/ Action Taken
1. LFS Questionnaire	<p>Coding of occupation and industry for member with reported occupation, industry and highest grade completed of all members listed.</p> <p>Sample vacant housing units or vacant buildings are not provided with LFS Form 2.</p>	<p>.Always refer to PSOC code book for occupation and PSIC code book for industry and PSCED for codes of degree completed</p> <p>All vacant buildings considered as sample during the survey round are provided with LFS Form 2 with interview status code of 4.</p>



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2. SOF Form 1	Incomplete listing of sample households	All sample households should be listed in the control form – SOF Form 1 regardless of interview status.
3. SOF Form 2	Accomplishment SOF Form 2 for all members who are OCWs or overseas Filipinos.	One questionnaire is accomplished for every overseas Filipino listed in SOF Control Form 1.
4. MS Form 6	Updating of Interview status and update codes for vacant sample housing units	All sample housing units with household/occupants as listed in MS Form 6 but were vacant during the Oct 2008 visit must have an interview status code of 6 not code 4, and has an update code of 6 if the household has moved out permanently from the sample housing unit. A review on the coding of interview and update codes has been done.

II. ENUMERATION

For this survey round, new area assignments of SCOs and staff were also adopted. The following table shows the personnel involved and their corresponding area assignment and duration of enumeration.

A. Personnel Involved/Areas of Assignment/Period of Enumeration and Mandays:

Name of Personnel	Area Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
1. Abesamis. Alicia	Villa, Lavezares Roxas, Mondragon	October 8-16, 2008
2. Aleria, Patrocinio Jr.	Malidong, Gamay Henogawe, Gamay G.M.Osias, Gamay	October 9-18, 2008
3. Bisnar, Leopoldo	Del Norte, Mapanas	October 8-15, 2008



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	Salhag, Rosario	
4. Bacayo, Joel	Maragat, San Vicente Narra, Catarman Bagasbas, Mondragon	October 8-18, 2008
5. Elizalde, Ma. Theresa	Vigo, Laoang Brgy 7 & 8, Catubig	October 8-17, 2008
6. Gallano, Julian	Mabini, Las Navas Lourdes, Las Navas	October 9-20, 2008
7. Nuez, Eladio	Baybay, Catarman	October 8-10, 2008
8. Matudan, Mae	Baybay District, Gamay	October 13-17, 2008
9. Tonog, Lito	Bayho, Lope de Vega Getigo, Lopede Vega	October 10-17, 2008
10. Vicario, Leonardo	Lipata, Allen Narra, Catarman Magsaysay, Lope de Vega	October 8-15, 2008
11. Reago, Antonio Jr.	Cabatuan, Palapag Bugko, Mondragon	October 8-15, 2008

B. Number of Households by Interview Status

The table below shows the tabulation in terms of the interview status of the sample housing unit/households for the province.

Interview Status	Number	Percent
Code 1- Complete Interview	278	77.65
Code 2- Refusal	0	0
Code 3 -Temporary Away	5	6.44
Code 4 - Vacant	27	7.54
Code 5 Demolished housing units	13	3.63
Code 6 – Others (specify) moved out	21	5.87
Code 7 - Critical	1	0.28

Originally, there are 334 sample housing units/households for this survey round as listed in MS Form 6. However, during the actual visit to sample housing units, there are twenty-four (24) additional and new occupant households who were interviewed for this survey round.



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C. Issues/problems encountered

Topic	Issue/problem	Recommendations/ Action Taken
1. MS Form 6 (Listing)	Difficulty in locating sample VHU or households with incorrect name or address of household head. This may lead to non-response because sample VHU is hard to find .	Corrections of the name of household head have been reflected on the questionnaire and MS Form 6. Samples located in the address listed in MS Form 6 were interviewed.
2. SOF	Valuation of items/goods sent to sample households by OCWs who are members of sample households.	Ask for the prevailing price of goods received or if price of goods received is given in foreign currency, inquire on the current currency exchange rate and compute for the value of goods received from OCW/OFs.
3. LFS Form 2	Reporting of other jobs or number of hours worked that exceeds 048 hours	Always verify from the respondent whether the member has other jobs aside from reported occupation during the past week

III. SUPERVISION

A. Personnel Involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
Paz G. Corsino	Cabatuan, Palapag Bugko & Roxas, Mondragon Villa, Lavezares	October 8-10, 2008 October 11, 2008 October 21, 2008
Eutemio A. Llevado	Baybay Dist. Gamay Brgy 7 & 8, Catubig	October 14-16 October 17, 2008



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B. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/ Action Taken
Non-response or low Response rates	Non-responding sample Households or vacant housing units	Enumerators are required to submit a certification from the barangay chairman if there are non-responding sample households or still vacant housing units in sample barangays.
Interview status codes In LFS Form 2 and MS Form 6	LFS Form 2 Interview status code different from interview status code in MS Form 6	The interview status code reflected in MS Form 6 must similar to the be similar to what is entered in LFS Form 2.

IV. Post-Enumeration

The usual inconsistencies of entries were always acted upon by referring to the concerned enumerators the errors found in the LFS questionnaires and reflecting the corrections on the questionnaire prior to machine processing. The updating of the MS Form 6 has never been 100 percent accurate. As such, corrections for the interview status are reflected in both the LFS Form 2 and MS Form 6 to avoid mismatch of entries.

The checking and verification of codes for occupation and industry is always indispensable in any processing activity for sometimes, some enumerators have interchanged the code for industry with the code for occupation.

For SOF, there were only nine (9) accomplished SOF Form 2 for the whole province. Few errors were found but the errors were pertaining to the codes for country of destination of OCWs. The questionnaires were submitted to Central office on October 31, 2008.

Funding for this survey arrived on time and so, payment of claims of enumerators was also on time.

V. Overall Assessment of Operation

The survey operation was entirely successful. The LFS data files and updated MS Form 6 were submitted to the regional office on October 31, 2008. Likewise, the accomplished SOF questionnaires were submitted to IESD on October 31, 2008 through JRS Express.



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Suggestion /recommendations to improve future surveys.

1. Personnel involved must be provided with the survey manuals.

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October 2008 LFS/SOF Narrative Report

I. Introduction:

The month of October is the fourth quarter survey for the Labor Force Survey (LFS) with the Survey of Overseas Filipinos (SOF) as rider.

II. Training:

The 3rd level training was conducted on October 3, 2008 with 2 DSOs, an SCO II, 2 SCOs, an SA II and 2 hired Statistical Researchers as participants as the NSO Provincial Office, Catbalogan City.

The Provincial Statistician conducted the training who discussed the basic concepts and definition of terms, how to fill-up the 2 questionnaires and the procedures of the 2 surveys.

Also discussed were the errors comitted in filling up the LFS questionnaires and the updating of the MS Form 6.

No significant issues / concerns were taken up as the Statistical Researchers hired were both experienced SRs of the LFS.

III. Enumeration:

For 79 mandays, the interviewer in the survey were 2 DSOs, an SCO II, 2 SCO I's, an SA II and 2 SRs.

With a total sample of 483 housing units, 34 of them were still vacant and 30 were already demolished.

Of about 439 sample households, 399 were completely interviewed, including the new occupant households, 399 were completely interviewed, including the new occupant households in housing units vacated by original sample households which permanently moved out and new occupant households in vacant housing units during the listing numbering about 19 7 2 respectively and 5 additional households in a housing units.

Of the original 439 sample households, 10 households were temporarily away and 38 households permanently moved out.

For the Survey of Overseas Filipinos, 7 sample barangays reported with overseas Filipinos numbering 12. Consequently, 12 forms 1 were accomplished"

Some of the problems encountered during enumeration were:

1. Wrong/misspelled names and addresses.
2. Difficulty in locating sample households

3. Scarcity, unscheduled or no transportation plying to some areas of enumeration.
4. Too busy and limited time on the part of some respondents to set down and give the needed information.

IV. Supervision:

The PSO, Provincial Statistician and a DSO supervised the enumeration. Supervision includes the conduct of reinterview, review of questionnaires in the enumeration areas and spot-checking of field personnel.

Some of the sample households reported temporarily away were revisited and some were already available for interview and consequently, were interviewed.

The barangays supervised were Old San Agustin and Nouvellas Occidental (Basey), Pinalanga, Sto. Niño and Mabuhay (Marabut), Casab-ahan (Gandara) , Rizal and Jacopon (Daram), Poblacion 3 and mercedes (Catbalogan), Bato (Paranas), Poblacion 1-A (Motiong), Sta. Rosa (Villareal) and Payahan and Cagnipa (Calbayog City).

V. Financial Report

The Financial Report is not yet ready as of this writing. The funding received by the Office was Php 99,451.00.

VI. Recommendation / Synthesis / Conclusion

The survey has been completed satisfactorily despite some minor problems.

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**October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS)/Survey on Overseas Filipinos(SOP)
Narrative Report
Province of Occidental Mindoro**

I.Introduction

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) was conducted with 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) rider-survey. For this province, we have a total of 356 sample housing unit to be interviewed in twenty-two (22) EA's of twenty-one (21) barangays spread in 10 municipalities of the province.

II.Training

The second level training for the October 2008 LFS/SOF was conducted at the new regional office of NSO-MIMAROPA at Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on September 25-26 2008. The PSO and Provincial Statistician attended the training. They are the following:

1. PSO Rogelio A. Garcia
2. Stat II Samuel A. Villar

The third level training for this survey round was conducted at the NSO provincial office at Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro on October 1-2, 2008, attended by two (2) hired SR's, two (2) provincial Staff and four SCO's and the DSO. The PSO and Provincial Statistician acted as trainers for this level. The following attended the third level training:

Trainers:

1. PSO Rogelio A. Garcia
2. Stat II Samuel A. Villar

Trainees/Enumerators:

1. DSO Nathalie T. Torreliza
2. SCO I Esther O. Bunag
3. SCO I Grecilda D. Malabanan
4. SCO I Plaridel M. Tobillo
5. SCO I Rebecca F. Reley
6. Stat Aide II Lourdes T. Hernandez
7. AA II Buenaventura J. Dele Rosa
8. SR Mildred A. Almero
9. SR Milagros F. Francisco

Updating of List of Sample Housing Units and Households (MS Form 6) and topic for October 2008 LFS/SOF was discussed by the Prov'l Statistician Samuel A. Villar, while administrative matters including the assignment of enumerators in sample barangays/ EA's was tackled by the PSO.

All issues raised during the training were all settled, emphasis on the column for column of the LFS was done due to presence of SR's. MS form 6 was discussed thoroughly since this is the most common error of both SR's and regular staff. The replicates and rotation group was also reviewed. It was emphasize that barangays/EAs under replicate 3 and 4 shall not be

rotated hence shall have the same samples during October 2007 LFS sample rounds. Only those with replicates 1 and 2 are new samples or rotated samples.

Issue/s during training

LFS

- ✚ Column 11 – indicator for OFW should be described as “Not Overseas Workers” instead of “Others”

SOF

- ✚ OF whose departure is prior to October 2003 but still abroad at the time of visit

Action taken

- ✚ Comment noted to be reported

- ✚ OF in LFS but not to administer SOF questionnaire since departure is outside the reference period

III. Enumeration

LFS

There are 281 households successfully interviewed residing in 356 sample housing units recording a response rate of about 95 percent. 20 of them are new occupants of the housing units left by 27 sample occupants who had permanently moved out or transferred to other housing units within or outside the sample barangays. However, 15 households are accounted as temporarily away. There are 16 housing units that remained vacant during the enumeration. There are seven (7) enumerators involved in the operation as follows:

Name of Enumerator	Position/ Designation	Place of Assignment	Date of Enumeration
1. Ester Buñag	SCO	Iron, Calintaan Tuban, Sablayan	October 14-16, 2008 October 17-20, 2008
2. Grecilda Malabanan	SCO	Poblacion, Sablayan Buenavista, Sablayan	October 16-18, 2008 October 20-21, 2008
3. Rebecca Reley	SCO	Pag-asa, San Jose Central, San Jose San Roque, San Jose	October 8-10, 2008 October 13-14, 2008 October 15-16, 2008
4. Plaridel Tobillo	SCO	Maliig, Lubang	October 9-10, 2008
5. Buenaventura dela Rosa	UW II	Rumbang, Rizal Manoot, Rizal Tibag, Abra de Ilog	October 13-15, 2008 October 17-18, 2008 October 21-23, 2008
6. Mildred Almero	SR	Payompon, Mamburao Armado, Abra de Ilog Tubili, Paluan Alipaoy, Paluan	October 13-14, 2008 October 15-16, 2008 October 17-18, 2008 October 20-21, 2008
7. Milagros Francisco	SR	Caminawit, San Jose Murtha, San Jose Alibog, Magsaysay Purnaga, Magsaysay Poblacion, Magsaysay	October 8-10, 2008 October 11-14, 2008 October 15-17, 2008 October 18, 20, 2008 October 21-22, 2008

SOF

With regards SOF, there are 22 OFWs enumerated who left the country within the five-year reference period from October 2003 to September 2008. There are cases wherein some of the OFWs enumerated are not reported in the LFS questionnaire in column 11 because they are no longer OFs at the time of visit. Likewise, there are instances wherein OFs are reported only in LFS but not administered SOF questionnaires because last departure is not within the reference period.

Observations During Enumeration:

LFS

- ✚ Confusion on the identification of relationship to HH head of household members e.g. parents-in-law, brother/sister-in-law and grand children of son/daughter of the HH head

Action Taken

- ✚ Consider the biological relationship except for step-children as explained in the manual. Grand son/daughter refers to the child of HH head's son/daughter only

SOF

- ✚ Reasons for leaving the country in Q10 of SOF Form 2 are reported to be referring to reasons such as poverty, higher income, no job opportunity in the country, etc.

- ✚ Answer the question of how the member of the HH left the country or their visa in going abroad

IV. Supervision

The PSO, Stat. and the DSO conducted the supervision of the LFS/SOF enumeration. They visited some of the sample barangays/EAs of the province within the given mandays. Conduct of interview was observed, review of accomplished questionnaires was done as well as verification of non-response such as temporarily away households, VHU, demolished HUs. The following barangays/EAs were covered by the supervision, viz:

Name of Supervisor	Barangay/EAs Visited	Dated Visited
1. PSO Rogelio Garcia	Murtha, San Jose Central, San Jose Alibog, Magsaysay	October 14, 2008 October 14, 2008 October 15-16, 2008
2. Stat. Samuel Villar	San Roque, San Jose Manoot, Rizal Purnaga, Magsaysay	October 16, 2008 October 17-18, 2008 October 20, 2008
3. DSO Nathalie Torreliza	Armado, Abra de Ilog Tubili, Paluan Poblacion, Sablayan Tuban, Sablayan Buenavista, Sablayan	October 16, 2008 October 17, 2008 October 18, 2008 October 18, 2008 October 20, 2008

It was observed during the supervision that Barangay Tuban, Sablayan was erroneously delineated by the subject matter division concerned because upon verification made the entire Barangay of Tuban was not delineated during the listing. Thus, Barangay Tuban is supposedly assign "EA 00". Detail on the result of supervision following the format of ISH Form 1B is attached.

V. Manual Editing and Machine Processing

Manual processing started upon receipt of the survey questionnaires. LFS datafiles were submitted to the regional office ahead of the deadline on October 31, 2008. Since the DSO/SCOs and the Statistician were very busy completing the ULE activity in the province, manual processing of LFS questionnaires was single-handedly performed by a Statistical Staff. Data encoding and machine processing however was done by SCO Malabanan. Manual editing of SOF questionnaire was done by DSO Torreliza and submitted the same on November 6, 2008.

In the LFS machine processing, the following were accepted errors:

Error Messages	Justification/Reasons
1) Age difference between head and child is <15	Accepted, real situation, sample hh is minority
2) Age <>15:20 or 60:99 reason for not looking = 6	Member/s of sample hhs were permanently disabled, stroke patients, mongoloid
3) PSIC inconsistent with PSOC	Member of sample hh is agricultural technician in Agricultural School
4) Basic pay not in range	Actual payment received by member/s of sample households

VI. Financial Matters

The province' budget allocation for the operation is amounting to P87,402.00 expended for wages, TE/PD, gasoline, supplies and utility with a total of P63,431.00 realizing an excess of P23,971.00.

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**October 2008 Survey of Overseas Filipinos
Provincial Office of Palawan
Narrative Report**

I. Training

- A. Province : Palawan
 B. Date/Venue of training : October 6, 2008
 C. Number of participants : 16

Participants				
PSO	Statistician	SCO/Other Staff	SRs	Total
1	1	7	7	16

- D. Issues/problems encountered during the training:

Issues/problems encountered during the training: ISSUES AND CONCERNS	CLARIFICATIONS/ DISCUSSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE DURING THE TRAINING	UNRESOLVED ISSUES
1. MS Form 6- Updating of addresses in column 11	- since addresses during 2003 NDHS listing was somewhat vague or not specific, participants were encouraged to update addresses in column 11 of MS 6.	N O N E

II. Enumeration

As a rider to October LFS operation, Survey of Overseas Filipinos captured a total of twenty three overseas Filipinos province-wide utilizing 48 SOF form 2 and 23 SOF form 1. Of this, 17 were categorized as OCW, 4 tourists and 2 immigrants.

III. Supervision

Closed supervision by NSO Palawan supervisors was rewarded by a higher LFS response rate as compared to July operation. PSO Quintero spotchecked presence of NSO personnel in twelve barangays province-wide while DSO Dalonos supervised nine barangays in her district wherein two cases of temporarily away interview status was changed to successful interview. DSO Dalonos was able to interview these households who were already around at the time of her supervision.

Meanwhile, Statistician Rodriguez supervised five barangays in northern part of Palawan making ocular visit on islet and farflung sitios of Port barton which has always been complained by every EN assigned in the area for being costly due to irregularity of water transport in accessing sample households/ housing units.

IV. Financial Report

Provincial allocations for LFS/SOF operation amounted to P253,085.00. Breakdown of expenses is shown in the table below.

	Traveling	Wages	Training Expense	Telephone	Gasoline	Freight	Overtime	Utilities	Total
Allocation	224,630	24,255	2,800		1400				253,085
Disbursement	209,670	22,407		4,786	5,100	5,235	2,937	2950	253,085

V. Problems Encountered

Except for the usual late remittance of funds for the operation, the October activity ran smoothly. The statistician also had enough time to do processing due to early submission of accomplished questionnaires by some fieldmen backed by sufficient funding and SR allocation from the regional office.

However, there were little discrepancies found on SOF Form 1 during provincial processing, to wit:

Discrepancies encountered during provincial processing	Issues	Action taken
1. Q10- primary reason for leaving the country	- reason for leaving was OCW but no job abroad reported in Q13 and Q14	-returned the questionnaire to concerned fieldman for callback.
2. Q22- how was the remittance spent	- Instead of entering the corresponding code on how remittances were spent, they ranked it according to highest expenditure spent	- corrected the entry in the box during provincial processing

VI. Recommendations/suggestions/conclusions

Sufficient funds and enough SRs allocated for Palawan helped a lot in the early submission of ISH data files to the regional office and SOF forms 1 and 2 to IESD. Enumeration was almost done third week of October except for callbacks in the City. Some SRs were already able to submit their questionnaires second week of operation making it possible for an earlier processing of data submitted.

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Narrative Report on the October 2008 Labor Force Survey and The 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

Introduction

The labor Force Survey (LFS) is undertaken regularly every quarter of the year and it aims to provide statistics on the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and underemployment for the country and for each administrative regions. A lot of times, LFS is being conducted along with other surveys using the same sample housing units or households, and for this round, the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) has been the rider of the LFS.

SOF, is being conducted once a year which is usually during the month of October and it aims to provide data on the Filipinos abroad particularly the OCWs and their contribution to the economy. Information will be gathered during the survey from the family members of the sample households who traveled outside of the country within the period October 2003 to September 2008 for any reasons.

Pre-enumeration

The 3rd level training/briefing was held last October 4 at the training room of the Provincial Office. Enough training materials were provided to each and every participant such as ball pens, pencils, erasers, sample forms of LFS and SOF, and the manuals will serve as reference not only during the training but also when the enumerators are out in the field. PSO Arlene Divino and Stat. Isidro Mariano conducted the one-day training giving emphasis on the important items of the LFS as well as SOF questionnaires.

There was only one (1) Statistical Researcher hired for this year's SOF. With her, were the four (4) DSOs, five (5) SCO and one (1) Stat. Aide involved in the project.

Enumeration

The enumeration started right on schedule last October 8. The DSOs gave the assignments to their district members making sure that the timetable for the submission of the questionnaires to the

PO will be observed. They were instructed to make courtesy calls to the Barangay Captains or to any of the Barangay Officials in the sample EAs before they start interviewing respondents.

Area of Assignment and the personnel assigned

District I

Area of Assignment	EN Assigned
Balibago, Angeles City	SCO H. Vital
Malabanas, “	
Pampang, “	
Sta. Trinidad, “	SCO A. Alinea
Mabiga, Mabalacat	
Duquit, “	
Lakandula, “	
Sto. Domingo, Angeles City	SCO E. Sicat
Pulong Cacutud, “	
Pulong Maragul, “	
CM Recto, “	
Dapdap, Mabalacat	SCO F. Obillo
Dau, “	
Dapdap, “	
Cutcut, Angeles City	
Turu, Magalang	

District II

Area of Assignment	EN Assigned
Apalit, Floridablanca	SCO W. Ramirez
Pandaguiring, “	
San Basilio, Sta. Rita	
Sta. Cruz, Porac	
Sta. Filomena, Guagua	SCO P. Manansala
San Juan, “	
San Matias, Lubao	
San Nicolas 1 st , “	
Concepcion, “	
Lourdes, Lubao	SCO B. Bundalian
Sta. Cruz, “	
San Pedro, Sasmuan	

District III

Area of Assignment	EN Assigned
All of the 14 EAs in this district were enumerated thru team approach.	SCO R. De Leon Stat. Aide C. Gamido SR J. Magtoto

Problems encountered/Action taken/Recommendations

Problems Encountered	Action Taken
1. For this round, there were two cases of households enumerated but did not match in the previous round (Replicates 3 & 4).	The concerned enumerators were given instruction to locate and interview the right households.
2. ENs having hard time locating the VHUs with no complete addresses.	Verification from the LOH and the names of the neighboring households were given to the enumerators for them to easily locate the VHUs.
3. Some households did not want to give even estimated amount of remittances from the family members abroad.	Enumerators were given instructions to explain well to the respondents the importance of the information and reiterate the confidentiality of the data gathered from them.

Supervision

The DSOs were tasked to supervise closely the conduct of the enumeration of LFS/SOF in their respective areas. They were reminded to be always available when the enumerators would seek their assistance.

The PSO and the Stat were also able to do supervision in some areas. We did some checking of early accomplished questionnaires in the field and observed some interviews done by the enumerators. In general, a good conduct of interview with the respondents have been observed and the minimal errors committed were discussed immediately with the concerned personnel.

Number of Households Interviewed/Response Rate

There was a total of 1.020 households including vacant and demolished housing units that were visited/interviewed by the enumerators. Out of this total there were 857 or 84% considered in computing the response rate as follows:

Completed Interview- - - - - 808
Temporarily away - - - - - 12

Vacant Housing Units	-----	44
Demolished housing units	-----	5
Moved out	-----	151

For the SOF, there were 138 SOF Form 2 accomplished. The countries of destination where the family members of the sample households went during the past five years:

Saudi Arabia	-	42
UAE	-	23
US	-	14
Japan	-	8
Taiwan	-	6
Korea	-	5
Guam	-	5
Qatar	-	5
Singapore	-	4
China	-	3
Iraq	-	3
Saipan	-	3
Hongkong	-	3
Canada	-	2
Israel	-	2
Angola	-	2
Kuwait	-	1
Indonesia	-	1
Italy	-	1
Netherlands	-	1
Vietnam	-	1
Cyprus	-	1
Spain	-	1
Hawaii	-	1

Post-enumeration

Manual processing of LFS and SOF questionnaires were immediately done once received at the PO. The usual process of verification of GEO-ID and completeness of the questionnaires were done. The matching of households from the previous round for replicates 3 & 4 followed. Verification of editing and coding were also done before encoding to the data entry system.

Some of the errors observed during the manual processing of the questionnaires were mostly on the PSOC-PSIC. Educational attainment not consistent with the occupation reported was one of the errors observed. These kind of errors are being questioned by the system once entered into the system.

Aside from the questionnaires for the LFS and SOF, the MS Form 6 updated during the enumeration had been likewise edited. Some of the update codes were observed to be inconsistent with the interview results.

Over-all Assessment of the Operation

The LFS/SOF enumeration in this part of region had been carried out successfully with the concerned personnel involved in the fieldwork. Since there was only the SOF which served as rider to the LFS, both surveys were really given time and effort by the DSOs, SCOs, Stat. Aide, SR, and all other personnel tasked to work for the good accomplishment of the LFS/SOF.

We can never forget to thank the Almighty God for all the guidance and cares He always gives us in our life, in the office and at home, all the time.

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2008 October LFS / 2008 SOF
NARRATIVE REPORT for Training/Field Supervision
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I. INTRODUCTION

The NSO-Regional Office in Central Luzon conducted a training on the 2008 October Labor Force Survey and its rider 208 Survey on Filipino Workers (SOF). A one (1) day briefing was conducted on September 25, 2008 at Pampanga Regional Office, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Dates of Training: September 25, 2008

Venue: Pampanga Regional Office, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Participants

Participants	Position/Designation	Official Station
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3. Edgardo G. Pare	Provincial Statistics Officer	Bataan
4. Arturo R. Reyes	Provincial Statistics Officer	Bulacan
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6. Arlene M. Divino	Provincial Statistics Officer	Pampanga
7. Socrates Ramores	Provincial Statistics Officer	Tarlac
8. Florencio Angulo Jr	Provincial Statistics Officer	Zambales
9. Norman L. Bundalian	OIC-Regional Stat. (Stat.I)	Regional Office
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11. Marites Alim	Provincial Statistician (Stat.II)	Bataan
12. Concepcion Angeles	Provincial Statistician (Stat.II)	Bulacan
13. Ria Concepcion	Administrative Aide II	Nueva Ecija
14. Isidro Mariano	Provincial Statistician (Stat.II)	Pampanga
15. Corazon Bonifacio	Provincial Statistician (Stat.II)	Tarlac
16. Ray Fondarina	Provincial Statistician (Stat.II)	Zambales

OIC-Regional Statistician Norman Bundalian opened the briefing activity and led the Regional Office staff in welcoming the participants in the one-day briefing session

The participants were refreshed on the procedures to be applied in the filling-up and accomplishment of the Integrated survey of Households (ISH) Form 2 questionnaire during the actual data gathering and collection in their respective areas of operation. As usual, the standard procedure used in the previous LFS round, the July 2008 round will be followed.

MS Form 6 is the list of sample housing units and sample households on which their important facts are written. It is used by field personnel in locating the sample housing units and sample households to be interviewed.

Instructions in the updating of entries in MS form 6 were refreshed and thoroughly explained during the briefing session. The following items to be updated in MS Form 6 are:

1. Geographic identification codes
2. Design codes
3. Sample housing unit and household information codes
4. Name of household head, household address and nickname/alias
5. Number of household members in listing operations/previous survey
6. Number of household members in October 2008 round
7. Interview status code
8. Update code
9. Sample indicator
10. Remarks

The 2008 edition of the Survey on Overseas Filipinos is an annual rider activity of the October LFS quarterly round. The SOF, which commenced way back in 1982 seeks to gather information on Filipino citizens who leave for abroad.

The questionnaire used in the activity is a one-page questionnaire with indicators on overseas contract workers and on international migration included by questionnaire designers a more comprehensive data about activities of overseas Filipino workers.

NSO Regional Office III Regional Director Alberto N. Miranda was given the honor to officially close the briefing activity. He graciously and cordially thanked the participants for attending the activity and wished them the best for a continuing data collection and gathering of the October 2008 LFS/2008 SOF activity in their respective areas of assignment for a successful implementation and end results.

TOPIC	ISSUES/PROBLEM	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION
1. Questionnaire	No Issues	None
2. Field Operation	No Issues	None
3. Others(training materials, training site)	No Issues	None

II. Supervision:

A. Personnel Involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Supervision

Name of Enumerator / Supervisor	Area Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
Jennielyn Mariano	San Juan, Hagonoy	October 30, 2008
Rowena R. Escoto	Sumalo, Hermosa	October 17, 2008
Mary Josephine Castro	Aduas Sur, Cabanatuan City	October 22, 2008
Norman L. Bundalian	Aduas, Paniqui	October 13, 2008

Problems Encountered/Observations, Issues Raised, Suggestions/Action Taken/ Recommendations

Area Supervised: **Bgy. Aduas, Paniqui, Tarlac**

The supervising team proceeded to conduct interviews for the sample households in the area and it was observed that the proper guidelines and procedures in the conduct of LFS/SOF interview were properly followed during the enumeration process. All sample households in the sample barangay were successfully enumerated and accomplished.

Area Supervised: **Bgy. Sumalo, Hermosa, Bataan**

The supervising team proceeded with the usual interview procedures in some selected sample households. Sample households were observed to have been very cooperative during the interview process indicating that the LFS/SOF concept and objectives were clearly and properly explained to them during the enumeration process.

Area Supervised: **Bgy. Aduas Sur, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija**

The supervising team reviewed and evaluated accomplished LFS/SOF questionnaires at the Provincial Office. The supervising team afterwards then proceeded to conduct re-interviews for the sample households in Barangay Aduas Sur and it was observed that the proper guidelines and procedures in the conduct of LFS interview were properly followed during the enumeration process. The two call back sample households were then eventually interviewed by the visiting NSO team

Area Supervised: **Bgy. San Juan, Hagonoy, Bulacan**

The supervising team proceeded to conduct re-interviews for the sample households in the area and it was observed that the proper guidelines and procedures in the conduct of LFS/SOF interview were properly followed during the enumeration process.

The survey was accomplished on time in spite of the overlapping activities conducted. The Regional Director concerned, supervised also the different provinces across the region with minimal problems encountered due to economic crisis nowadays.

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OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY
SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

Narrative Report for Training, Enumeration and Supervision

I. Training

- A. Region/Province : Region I/ Pangasinan
B. Date/Venue of Training : October 6, 2008
Conference Room, NSO Calasiao
C. Number of Participants : 26
D. Issues/Problems Encountered

TOPIC	ISSUE/PROBLEM	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION TAKEN
1. Questionnaire	-None-	
2. Interviewer's manual	-None-	
3. Field Operation	-None-	
4. Processing	-None-	
5. Others (training materials, training site, etc)	-None-	

II. Enumeration

- A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of Interviewer	Area of Assignment	Inclusive dates of Enumeration/Supervision
<i>District I</i>		
Winifredo Guanzon	Baquioen, Sual San Vicente, Alaminos Concordia, Bolinao Nibaliw, Mabini	October 8-11, 2008 October 13-17, 2008 October 18-20, 2008 October 22-25, 2008
Alvaro Novero	Bangan Oda, Agno Ranom Iloco, Bani Doliman, Infanta Germinal, Bolinao Potol, Infanta	October 8-11, 2008 October 13-15, 2008 October 16-20, 2008 October 21-23, 2008 October 24, 2008
Rolando Salvador	Sabangan, Alaminos Catungi, Bolinao Ilog Malino, Bolinao Victory, Bolinao Pandan, Alaminos	October 15-16, 30, 2008 October 18-20, 2008 October 21-25, 2008 October 26-29, 2008 October 31, 2008
<i>District II</i>		

Eduardo Madrid	Hacienda, Bugallon San Jose, Labrador Estanza, Lingayen	October 8,9,12, 2008 October 13,16,17, 2008 October 18,19,21,22, 2008
Urduja Santillan	Buer, Aguilar Caloocan Sur, Binmaley Tonton, Lingayen Pogonsili, Aguilar Poblacion, Lingayen	October 11-13, 2008 October 14-16, 2008 October 17-19, 2008 October 20-21, 2008 October 22, 2008
Belen Rosetes	Angatel, Urbiztondo Dumpay, Basista Maniboc, Lingayen Pogonsili, Aguilar Poblacion, Lingayen	October 6,27, 2008 October 8-11, 2008 October 13-15, 2008 October 20-21, 2008 October 22, 2008
<i>District III</i>		
Carlito Caragan	Bongar, Malasiqui Aliaga, Malasiqui Bongato East, Bayambang Bongato West, Bayambang	October 17-20, 2008
Victor Dojillo	Ano, San Carlos Baloling, Mapandan Leet, Sta Barbara Tuliao, Sta. Barbara	October 10-21, 2008
Rowena Tamayo	Nalsian, Calasiao Quesban, Calasiao Pob. Norte, Sta. Barbara Ventenilla, Sta. Barbara	October 7-24, 2008
Sylvia de Guzman	Matagdem, San Carlos Cruz, San Carlos Tarece, San Carlos San Julian, Malasiqui Lareg-lareg, Malasiqui	October 8-29, 2008
Barbara Posadas	Tambac Apaya, Malasiqui Libas, San Carlos Aponit, San Carlos Quintong, San Carlos	October 8-28, 2008
<i>District IV</i>		
Lamberto P. Tolentino	Rabon, San Fabian Macayug, San Fabian Guiguilongen, Mangaldan	October 13-16, 2008 October 17-20, 2008 October 21-22, 2008
Ferdinand Jucotan	Lucao, Dagupan City Guiguilongen, Mangaldan Bonuan Boquig, DC Bagong Pag asa, San Jacinto	October 16-18, 2008 October 22 and 30, 2008 October 23-25, 2008 October 27-29, 2008

Araceli Ferrer	Malued, Dagupan City Anolid, Mangaldan Bucao, Manaoag Licsi, Manaoag	October 12-14, 2008 October 17-19, 2008 October 20-23, 2008 October 24-27, 2008
Lani Maramba	Tambac, Dagupan City Anolid, Mangaldan Alacan, San Fabian Poblacion, San Fabian	October 12-14, 2008 October 17-19, 2008 October 20-23, 2008 October 24-27, 2008
<i>District V</i>		
Donna Villanos	Salvacion, Sto Tomas Sta. Catalina, Binalonan San Pedro Ili, Alcala Poblacion West, Bautista	October 15, 2008 October 17, 2008 October 20-22, 2008 October 23-24,27, 2008
Corina Balajadia	Villegas, Pozorrubio Bila, Sison	October 10, 13-15, 2008 October 16-17,20-21, 2008
Margie S. Roque	Poblacion East, Bautista Balligi, Laoac Salvacion, Sto Tomas Barangobong, Villasis Nancamaliran East, Urdaneta Camantiles, Urdaneta Palina East, Urdaneta	October 8-11, 2008 October 13-15, 2008 October 16-18, 20, 2008 October 21-24, 2008 October 25, 2008 October 27-29, 2008 October 30, 2008
Rinalyn Q. Contante	Poblacion East, Bautista Sta. Maria Norte, Binalonan Sta. Catalina, Binalonan Barangobong, Villasis San Anotnio, Sto. Tomas Nancamaliran East, Urdaneta Camantiles, Urdaneta Palina East, Urdaneta	October 8-10, 2008 October 11-13,15, 2008 October 16-18, 20, 2008 October 20, 2008 October 21-23, 2008 October 24-25, 2008 October 27-28, 2008 October 30, 2008
<i>District VI</i>		
Teresita Salatan	Callitang, Sta. Maria	October 25, 2008
Evangeline Derige	Coliling, Rosales Sto. Domingo, San Manuel Poblacion West, Asingan Callitang, Sta. Maria Cabaruan, Umingan Resurrection, Umingan	October 8-11, 2008 October 13-17, 2008 October 18, 20-22, 2008 October 23-25, 2008 October 27-29, 2008 October 30, 2008
Percival Liwanag	Station Dist, Rosales San Bonifacio, San Manuel Toboy, Asingan Alilion, San Nicolas Trenchera, Tayug San Raymundo, Balungao	October 8-10, 2008 October 11-14, 2008 October 15, 18, 2008 October 20-22, 2008 October 23-27, 2008 October 28-30, 2008

B. Number of Households by Interview status:

Interview Status	# of Families
1. Completed Interview	1837
2. Refusal	1
3. Temporary Away/ Not at Home / On vacation	48
4. Vacant	128
5. Housing Unit Demolished/destroyed by fire	44
6. Moved out	181
7. Critical Area, Flooded Area	0
8. New Occupants	53
9. Additional household	18
TOTAL	2310
Number of SOF samples	183

C. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. MS Form 6	-None-	
2. Concepts	-None-	
3. Callbacks	-None-	
4. Others	-None-	

III. Supervision

A. Personnel involved/area of assignment/period of supervision:

Name of Supervisor	Area of Assignment	Inclusive dates of Enumeration/Supervision
Dante Pescador	Victory, Bolinao Poblacion East, Bautista Palina Eas, Urdaneta Poblacion West, Asingan Potol, Infanta Bangan-oda, Agno Hacienda, Bugallon Tonton, Lingayen	October 17, 2008 October 20, 2008 October 21, 2008 October 23, 2008 October 24, 2008 October 27, 2008 October 28, 2008 October 28, 2008
Rolando Salvador	Bangan-oda, Agno Baquioen, Sual Ranom Iloco, Bani Doliman, Infana	October 9, 2008 October 10, 2008 October 14, 2008 October 17, 2008
Eduardo Madrid	Angatel, Urbiztondo Buer, Aguilar Caloocan, Binmaley	October 10, 2008 October 11, 2008 October 15, 2008

	Dumpay, Basista Pogonsili, Aguilar Poblacion, Lingayen	October 14, 2008 October 20,23,24 2008 October 25, 2008
Carlito Caragan	Matagdem, Cruz, Tarece, San Carlos Nalsian, Quesban, Calasiao San Julian, Lareg-lareg, Tambac, Apaya, Malasiqui Baloling, Mapandan Leet, Tuliao, Poblacion Norte, Ventenilla, Sta Barbara	October 7-20, 2008
Lamberto P. Tolentino	Tambac, Dagupan City Bucao, Manaoag Licsi, Manaoag Bagong Pag-asa, San Jacinto	October 10, 2008 October 23, 2008 October 24 and 26, 2008 October 27, 2008
Dona Villanos	Balligi, Laoac Salvacion, Sto. Tomas Sta. Catalina, Binalonan	October 13, 2008 October 14, 2008 October 17, 26 2008
Teresita Salatan	San Bonifacio, San Manuel Sto. Domingo, San Manuel Malilion, San Nicolas	October 11, 2008 October 17, 2008 October 22, 2008
Edgar Norberte	San Antonio, Sto. Tomas Balligi, Laoac Cabaruan, Umingan Manlilion, San Nicolas San Bonifacio, San Manuel Potol, Infanta Anolid, Mangaldan Dumpay, Basista	October 16, 2008 October 17, 2008 October 21, 2008 October 22, 2008 October 23, 2008 October 24, 2008 October 29, 2008 October 30, 2008
Christopher Domingo	Sta Catalina, Binalonan Poblacion, Binalonan Potol, Infanta Sto. Domingo, San Manuel Toboy, Asingan Bangan-oda, Agno Guiguilongen, Mangaldan Buer, Aguilar	October 21, 2008 October 22, 2008 October 24, 2008 October 25, 2008 October 27, 2008 October 28, 2008 October 29, 2008 October 30, 2008

B. Issues/Problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
Sample Households	-None-	
MS Form 6	Listed sample household cannot be located	Coordination with the barangay officials were

		made to find the listed household.
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IV. Post enumeration

1. LFS datafiles were submitted to CO and RO on November 21, 2008.
2. SOF questionnaires were submitted to the Central Office

V. Overall Assessment of Operation

The operation was a success, starting at the training, enumeration and supervision.

VI. Suggestion/recommendations to improve future surveys

None.

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**2008 October LABOR FORCE SURVEY/
2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos
Narrative Report
Province of Rizal**

I - TRAINING

A one-day briefing (third level training) was held last October 6, 2008 at the Rizal Provincial Office with PSO Nelia L. Ballesfin and Ms. Teresita B. Ramos from IESD, Central Office as the trainers. The participants were regular fieldstaff and selected hired enumerators. Survey on Overseas Filipinos is a rider survey to the October round of the Labor Force Survey every year.

Stat. Evelyn M. Sevilla refreshed the participants on the common errors committed and the consistency of MS- Form 6 characteristics vs. LFS questionnaire and tackled the SOF enumeration manual.

The participants were the following:

District I: Angono, Cainta and Taytay

**DSO Angelina Bautista
SCO Ronaldo P. Tibay
SR Ma. Victoria Sardea
SR Juanita Agana**

District II: Baras, Binangonan, Cardona, Jala-jala, Morong, Pililla and Tanay

**SCO Mercy Liza Tibay
SCO Gemalli Agustin
SRs Cherry Ann Villanueva
Consolacion Ninonuevo
Gina Villanueva**

District III: Antipolo City (Lone District)

**DSO Lyn A. Jerusalem
SCO Ma. Cristina C. Crisol
UWII Publeo Buenaventura, Jr.
SR Gina P. dela Cruz**

District IV: Rodriguez and San Mateo

**DSO Eduardo S. Aquino
SR Marivic Fernando**

II - ENUMERATION

The enumeration starts October 8 and end up to 31, 2008.

Problems encountered:

- hard time in locating the sample housing units for the newly rotated group;
- incomplete address stated at the MS Form 6 (i.e. sample households has inadequate addresses or they were renumbered);
- uncooperative sample households;
- unavailability of the knowledgeable respondents during the time of visit;
- NSO stickers were already defaced or mutilated or no longer visible;
- infrequent number of trips in a day (for Antipolo area);
- exclusive subdivisions were very hard to penetrate (respondent usually at work and available at night time only) and
- additional mandays needed for callbacks because respondent always not at home or at work.

The total number of samples enumerated/visited is 1,049.

Broken down as follows;

1. Completely interviewed = 631;
Additional Hhlds. interviewed = 12; New Occupant interviewed = 107;
2. Refusal =1;
3. Temporarily away/Not at home/ on vacation=23;
4. Vacant = 56;
5. Housing unit demolished = 38;
6. Permanently moved out (with/without new occupant) =159;

There were 71 accomplished SOF Form 1 and 183 SOF Form 2 which were submitted to IESD.

III - SUPERVISION

During supervision, most of the time SRs were accompanied by their DSOs. They assisted the enumerator to revisit some of the non-response sample household (i.e. temporarily away, refusal, etc.) when needed.

Below is the SUPERVISION schedule done by the supervisors.

1. Personnel Involved/ Areas of Assignment/ Period of Enumeration

Name of Supervisor: Stat. II EVELYN M. SEVILLA			
	Name of SCO/SR	Name of Assigned Barangay	Date of Supervision
	SR Gina Delacruz	Mambugan, Antipolo City	Oct. 16, 2008
	SR Ma. Victoria Sardea	San Vicente, Angono	Oct. 20, 2008
	SR Marivic Fernando	Maly, San Mateo	Oct. 22, 2008
	SR Juanita Agana	San Isidro, Cainta	Oct. 28, 2008
	SCO Ma. Cristina Crisol	Mayamot, Antipolo City	Oct. 30, 2008

Name of Supervisor: SCO Mercy Liza B. Tibay			
	Name of SCO/SR	Name of Assigned Barangay	Date of Supervision
	SR Consolacion Anonuevo	Kaybuto, Tanay	Oct. 9, 2008
	SR Cherry Ann Villanueva	Libid, Binangonan	Oct. 10, 2008
	SCO Gemalli Agustin	Punta, Jala-jala	Oct. 16, 2008
	SR Gina Villanueva	San Guillermo, Morong	Oct. 17, 2008
	SR Consolacion Anonuevo	Wawa, Pililla	Oct. 20, 2008
Name of Supervisor: DSO Lyn A. Jerusalem			
	Name of SCO/SR	Name of Assigned Barangay	Date of Supervision
	SR Gina Delacruz	Sta Cruz, Antipolo City	Oct. 15, 2008
	UWII Publeo Buenaventura Jr	San Luis, Antipolo City	Oct. 16, 2008
	SCO Ma. Cristina Crisol	Bagong Nayon, Antipolo City	Oct. 18, 2008
	SR Gina Delacruz	Cupang, Antipolo City	Oct. 23, 2008
	SR Gina Delacruz	San Juan, Antipolo City	Oct. 25, 2008
Name of Supervisor: DSO Eduardo S. Aquino			
	Name of SCO/SR	Name of Assigned Barangay	Date of Supervision
	SR Marivic Fernando	San Rafael, Rodriguez	Oct. 8, 2008
	SR Marivic Fernando	San Jose, Rodriguez	Oct. 15, 2008
	SR Marivic Fernando	G. Bayan II, San Mateo	Oct. 17, 2008
	SR Marivic Fernando	Maly, San Mateo	Oct. 21, 2008
	SR Marivic Fernando	Sta. Ana, San Mateo	Oct. 22, 2008
	SR Marivic Fernando	Silangan, San Mateo	Oct. 30, 2008
Name of Supervisor: DSO Angelina D. Bautista			
	Name of SCO/SR	Name of Assigned Barangay	Date of Supervision
	SR Juanita Agana	Sta Ana, Taytay	Oct. 08, 2008
	SR Ma. Victoria Sardea	San Andres, Cainta	Oct. 10, 2008
	SR Ma. Victoria Sardea	San Juan, Taytay	Oct. 14, 2008
	SR Juanita Agana	Dolores, Taytay	Oct. 23, 2008
	SR Ma. Victoria Sardea	Sto Domingo, Cainta	Oct. 29, 2008

OVERALL SUPERVISOR: PSO NELIA BALLESFIN

V - POST ENUMERATION

During machine processing, until now **ERROR MESSAGE: AGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HEAD AND CHILD IS < 15** is an error where it must satisfy first the variable for age of the mother (it might be the head or spouse or it can be LN01 or LN02) and head must be a female (c06=2).

Data in LFS forms were machine processed and were submitted last Nov. 6 (thru e-mail) while MS Form 6 was sent to the regional office and SOF Forms transmitted at the Central Office last Nov. 11.

VI – BUDGET RECEIVED FROM THE REGION

The budget that was transmitted to our province amounted to P190,694.

VII - OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE OPERATION

During the survey period (due to unpredicted weather), a portion of the coastal enumeration area in Bgy Kalayaan was still flooded until the whole duration of the survey. It was suggested by the DSOs to make considerations in extending the timetable of operation especially during rainy season or when ever it is necessary. So far, the operation was successfully completed in due time. All the problems were taken care of.

VIII - RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Below are recommendations to improve our survey;

- † to coordinate with barangay officials at least one month before the survey round,
- † to motivate respondent there should be some token of appreciation,
- † also provide bags, plastic envelop, umbrella or raincoat and t-shirt as well (w/ NSO Survey logo) to all fieldmen, and
- † provide additional mandays for callbacks. There are times that we consumed more than 4 days going back to the respondent.

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Stat II

Noted By:

SGD. NELIA L. BALLESFIN
PSO

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NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE
Region IV-B (MIMAROPA)
Romblon Provincial Office
Romblon, Romblon**

**2008 3RD LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS)/
SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)
NARRATIVE REPORT**

1. Training

- A. Region :** IV-B (MIMAROPA)
B. Province Romblon
C. Date October 6, 2008
D. No. of Part. 6
E. Issues/Problems:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/ Action Taken
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1. Questionnaires:

The number of questionnaires sent to us was just exactly same the number of sample housing units for the province of Romblon. Just in case we lost or stained some of these questionnaires, we have nowhere to get because we do not have any excess questionnaires. SOF questionnaires however are plentiful.

We hope next round, we can have extra number of LFS questionnaires that just in case we run out of them, there still some questionnaires to cover the loss.

II. Interviewers' Manual	nil	nil
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III. Field Operation

Field operation commenced right after the third level training. However the perennial problem of cash advance did not come out as an issue because our cooperative shared some amount for the enumerators to start with. Definitely the amount loaned from this cooperative can not cover the enumerators' respective assignment. Hence this cash advance should not be discarded since this is the very blood of every field operation. Otherwise, susceptibility to failure of field operation can be possible if these cash advances can not be addressed with propriety.

Hence we suggest to IESD to spare some amount for enumerators to make cash advances to enhance their mobility and ensure veracity of information from sample households and also not to make it so hard for enumerators traversing their assignments.

IV. Manual Processing

Manual processing of LFS/SOF did not pose so much problem for editors since this has been their turf ever since. Two stages were employed in this process a) verification and editing by editors and b) review by the supervisor. With this strategy, we could well assure consistency, completeness and reasonableness of entries in the questionnaires.

The delay in the manual processing was caused by the intermittent power shut down. The excruciating heat has likewise slowed down the pace of manual processing. Hence we advised editors to take out home works.

V. Other matters

Besides the above mentioned issue, we have not encountered other problems relative to LFS/SOF.

2. Enumeration

A. Personnel Involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Operation

Name of Interviewers/Supervisor	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration/Supervision
<u>PSO Abraham F. Fabicon</u> Supervisor I	1. Alegria, Corcuera	Oct. 17-18, 2008
	2. Balogo, Calatrava	October 19, 2008
	3. Panique, Odiongan	October 19, 2008
	4. Poctoy, Odiongan	October 19, 2008
	5. Lemon, Norte, Looc	October 20, 2008
	6. Canyayo, Sta. Fe	October 21, 2008
1. Asst. Stat. Fely Miñano	1. Alegria, Corcuera	Oct. 13-14, 2008
	2. Balogo, Calatrava	Oct. 15-17, 2008
2. SCO1 Johnny Solis	1. Panique, Odiongan	Oct. 8-9, 2008
	2. Poctoy, Odiongan	Oct. 10-12, 2008
	3. Canyayo, Sta. Fe	Oct. 13-14, 2008
	4. Camili, Alcantara	Oct. 15-17, 2008
3. Stat. Aide D. Mindoro	1. Palje, Romblon	Oct. 13-14, 2008
	2. Agnaga, Romblon	Oct. 16-17, 2008

DSO Pepito M. Maestre	1. Otod, San Fernando	Oct. 13, 2008
	2. Pob., San Fernando	Oct. 14, 2008
	3. Bagacay, Romblon	Oct. 15-16, 2008
	4. Lemon Norte, Looc	Oct. 17, 2008
	5. Pob., Ferrol	Oct. 20, 2008
1. SCO1 Erlene Lozada	1. Otod, San Fernando	Oct. 8-10, 2008
	2. Pob., San Fernando	Oct. 13-15, 2008
2. SR Emily F. Lalisan	1. Bagacay, Romblon	Oct. 8-10, 2008
	2. Lemon Norte, Looc	Oct. 13-15, 2008
	3. Pob., Ferrol	Oct.20-22, 2008
3. Adm. Aide Lelis Musa	1. Doña Juana, San Agustin	Oct. 8-10, 2008
	2. MahabangBaybay, S. Agustin	Oct. 13-15, 2008

B. Number of Households by Interview Status

Interview Status	Number of Families
1. Completed	253
2. Refusal	0
3. Temporary Away	3
4. Vacant Housing Units	26
5. Housing Units Demolished	7
6. Others	24
7. Critical Areas or Flooded Areas	0

C. Issues/Problems Encountered

It takes a lot of explaining and persuasion to convince the respondents to give in to our interview especially for new sample households. Hesitancy and reluctance of sample households pose a big problem to our enumerators. So, enumerators must master the objectives of the survey to enlighten the respondents and help them understand the purpose of the survey. Hence, we always emphasize to enumerators the importance of the objectives of the survey to be disseminated to inquisitive respondents.

Another strategy we opted in the field is the giving of junk foods, finger foods or candies sometimes small amount to children of the hostile respondents. By experience, this show of gratitude may be simple but it elates the folks and become cooperative.

We hope this show of gratitude should be borne by the office. It does not only mellow down inimical respondents but it also enhances people's perception about NSO.

2. Post Enumeration

By far, the 2008 3rd Quarter Labor Force Survey/Survey on Overseas Filipinos met its deadline prescribed by IESD. LFS data files were sent through E-mail last November 4, 2008. Narrative report and SOF accomplished questionnaires are now being prepared and ready to be hand carried by the PSO for transmittal this November 9, 2008.

3. Overall Assessment of Operation

By and large, field operation in the province of Romblon is auspicious. It did not encounter any problem. Although there were reversals especially during the key in operation due to intermittent power interruptions, we were still able to meet its deadline. We also appreciate ITSD for the early sending of the fund allocation.

4. Suggestions/Recommendations to Improve Future Surveys.

Surveys as they imply means funding and people. Funding must be thoroughly studied and should be sent ahead to meet the cost of the operation. Cash advances should be availed by the people undertaking the survey. When funding is delayed, the field operation undertaken by enumerators will be limited according to their financial capability. This scenario will somehow affect the expected output.

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November 7, 2008

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OCTOBER 2008 CONSUMER EXPECTATION SURVEY

Narrative Report for Training, Enumeration and Supervision

I. Training

- A. Region/Province : VIII / Samar (Western)
- B. Date/Venue of Training: September 23, 2008
Training Room, NSO Regional Office No. 8
Tacloban City
- C. Number of Participants : NSO WSamar Participants = 2 (PSO & Stat)
- D. Issues/Problems Encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. Questionnaire	None	N/A
2. ENs Manual	None	N/A
3. Field Operation	None	N/A
4. Others	None	N/A

II. Enumeration

- A. Personnel Involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration

Name of EN	Area of Assgnment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
SCO GUILLERMO D. LAGBO	Brgy. Pilar, Calbayog City Pob. 2, Catbalogan City	October 4 – 6, 2008 October 7 – 8, 2008

- B. Number of Households Interviewed by Interview Status

Interview Status	Number of Households
1 – Completed Interview	19
2 – Refusal	0
3 – Temporarily Away/Not at Home	1
4 – Vacant	1
5 – HU Demolished, Destroyed	0
6 – Permanently Moved Out	0
7 – Critical Area	0
TOTAL	21

C. Issues/Problems Encountered

Topic	Issue/Problem	Action Taken
1. Listing (MS Form 6)	None	N/A
2. Concepts	None	N/A
3. Others	No EA map issued	Coordinated closely with barangay officials in locating the samples and once located, SCO ascertained if the HU was in original location.

III. Supervision

A. Personnel Involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
1. Letecia C. Chu	Brgy. Pilar, Calbayog City	October 11, 2008
2. Zaldy C. Lambrinto	Brgy. Pilar, Calbayog City	October 11, 2008

B. Issues/Problems Encountered

Topic	Issue/Problem	Action Taken
1. Listing (MS Form 6)	None	None
2. Concepts	None	None
3. Others	Locating samples took a lot of time Interview of some HHs was difficult since they had bias on the survey	Re explain objectives of survey and inform them on the mission and vision of NSO



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PROVINCIAL NARRATIVE REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF THE OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY/ 2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS/ PROVINCE OF SIQUIJOR

Introduction

The National Statistics Office being the major statistical agency authorized to conduct censuses/surveys is again conducting the quarterly Labor Force Survey and the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos.

The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a regular nationwide survey of households conducted mainly to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. It is geared towards the estimation of the levels of employment and unemployment in the country on a quarterly basis.

While Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) is a nationwide survey that seeks to gather information on Filipino citizens who left for abroad during the last five (5) years. It is a regular rider survey to the October round of the Labor Force Survey every year.

Training

To gain an understanding on the different concepts, scope and coverage of the October 2008 Labor Force Survey/2008 Survey of Overseas Filipinos, a series of training for those personnel involved in the conduct of the said survey was done. The 2nd level training was held in NSO Regional Office 7 last September 26, 2008. This was attended by PSO Ronaldo C. Taghap and AA II Rizalyn Teodora S. Gaviola.

Likewise, the one-day third level training was conducted last September 29, 2008 at the NSO Siquijor P.O. Conference Room and was conducted by PSO Taghap and AA Gaviola.

Below are the names of participants who attended the training:

NAME	DESIGNATION
Jill Bernadette C. Abing	Statistician II
Joselito C. Maghanoy	SCO II
Jay B. Cabaron	Stat. Aide

During the training, the instructions on how to update the List of Sample Housing Units and Households (MS Form 6), the Labor Force Survey concepts and procedures on how to fill up the ISH Form 2 and SOF were thoroughly discussed.

The subject matter division also has allocated an amount intended for utilities equivalent to one hundred twenty pesos per participant during this level of training.

Meanwhile prior to the start of the training, the cost estimates and timetable of operation for the whole operation in the province was submitted to the Regional Office. Included in the cost estimates are the cost for the training and wages of hired Statistical Researcher.

The training went on smoothly with no problems encountered.

Enumeration/Supervision

The enumeration started on October 8, 2008. The PSO and the undersigned were the supervisors. In order to have a smooth flow of enumeration, the field personnel involved were instructed to coordinate and ask assistance from the barangay captains so that all sample housing units/households in the sample barangays will be interviewed. No supervisors from the Central and Regional Offices came to make supervision during this round. Below are the sample barangays and their corresponding number of sample households:

Sample Barangays/ Municipality	Replicate	No. of Sample HUs
CANDANAY SUR, Siquijor	1	1
CANDANAY NORTE, Siquijor	1	14
CANASAGAN, San Juan	2	2
LALA-O, San Juan	2	16
CANG-ALWANG, Siquijor	3	1
PASIHAGON, Siquijor	3	14
KINAMANDAGAN, Lazi	4	19

Generally, the whole enumeration activity was very successful. All the seven (7) sample barangays were fully covered. The enumeration of the LFS/SOF was completed within the survey period. Of the 67 sample housing units, thirteen (13) were treated as non-response, mostly vacant/vacated housing units (VHU). Five (5) of these were reported (VHU) during the listing operation. The same were found to be vacant during the actual field verification. Barangay Kinamandagan of the municipality of Lazi had the most number of non-response.

PSO Ronaldo C. Taghap and Stat. II Jill Bernadette C. Abing also conducted field supervision. The barangays they supervised were Barangays Candanay Sur and Norte, Pasihagon and Lala-o and Kinamandagan. They also accomplished all the supervisors report form as instructed in the manual. Actual field observations were done and review of questionnaires were undertaken in the field.

Problems Encountered During Enumeration and Action Taken

Among the problems encountered during the enumeration period as reported by the field offices are the following:

NO.	Problems	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION TAKEN
1	Non-availability of respondents as they always out of the town or at school/work	Make the necessary callbacks during nighttime or during Saturday or Sunday.
2	Transportation problem to and from the remote sample barangay (Barangay Kinamandagan, Lazi and Brgy. Canasagan, San Juan)	Hired a motorcycle locally known as "habal-habal" to transport to and from the sample barangay. Additional mandays were allotted for travel time.
3	Problems in coding the PSOC and PSIC and the classifying the class of worker	Enumerators were asked to describe the work and the industry especially that all three of them are first-timers in these surveys. Coding were done at the provincial Office later during the processing where corrections were being made immediately.

Manual Processing of SOF Questionnaires/ LFS Machine Processing/Submission of Datafiles and Reports to Regional and Central Office

Meanwhile, the enumeration of the LFS was completed on time. The LFS questionnaires were submitted in advance to the provincial office where it undergoes further editing and manual processing prior to the encoding using the new LFS Processing System which was sent by Central Office.

Manual & Machine processing started on the last week of October and data file was submitted to the Regional Office on the November 4, 2008 where it undergoes certification pass while the SOF questionnaires (Form 1 & 2) were also sent to IESD, Central Office on November 5, 2008 thru LBC with Tracking No. 4035912083. Meanwhile, the updated MS Form 6 were also transmitted to the Regional Office and to IESD.

General Assessment

The whole operation in the province was successful except for some minor problems mentioned above. No major problems were reported and the whole undertaking ran smoothly.

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OCTOBER 2006 LABOR FORCE (LFS) & SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)

I. INTRODUCTION

Every quarter the NSO conducted the Labor Force Survey (LFS). This round, October 2008, LFS has its rider, the Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF). LFS aims to provide statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment, while SOF aims to provide estimates on the number of overseas Filipinos, their socio-economic characteristics and estimates on the amount of cash and in kind transfer received by the families and the mode of remittances.

II. PRE-ENUMERATION ACTIVITIES

Activities	Date	Participants/ Personnel Involved	Trainer/Venue
Regional Briefing	Sept. 26, 2008	OIC Gemma L. Red Acting DSO Henry Rodriguez	Stat III Amy Rebollo NSO-RO V
Provincial Briefing	Sept. 29, 2008	2– SCOs 4 – hired SRs 1 – PO Staff	OIC Gemma Red and SCO Henry Rodriguez PO-Sorogon
Preparation of Workload analysis and Submission to RO	Oct. 1, 2008	OIC-PSO	
Preparation and distribution of forms, supplies & materials needed for enumeration	Oct. 3 and 6, 2008	32 MS Form 6 500 ISH Form 2 35 SOF Form 1 SOF Form 2	Pencils /erasers Travel Order Certificate of Attendance

III. Enumeration

The enumeration started on October 8, 2008. There were 32 sample EAs/barangays or 484 sample households covered that were proportionately divided among 3 SCOs and 4 SRs.

Below is the list of enumerators, place of assignment and dates of enumeration:

Enumerator	Assigned EA	Date of Enumeration
1. SCO Remeo F. Demdam	Poblacion, Bacon San Isidro, Castilla Marifosque, Pilar	October 8-11 13, 16-18 20-24
2. SCO Henry F. Rodriguez	Aguada, Magallanes Calongay, Pilar Pudo, Pilar Sampaloc, Sorsogon	October 8-10 13-15 16-18 20-22

3. SCO Gaudencio B. Fracisco, Jr.	Pob. Central, Barcelona Pob. Sur, Barcelona Bacolod, Irosin Manjumlad, Matnog Tugas, Matnog	October 17-18, 20 14-16 10-11, 13 21 22-23
4. SR Donna Elano	Sta. Cruz, Casiguran Monte Carmelo, Castilla San Juan (Roro), Sor.	October 15-17 18, 20-21 22-25,27-29
5. SR Cristina Despi	Amomonting, Castilla Bonga, Castilla Cogon, Castilla Bibincahan, Sorsogon	October 18-20 25-27 22-24 15-17
6. SR Rosalinda Balmes	Jamorawon, Bulan San Juan (Daan), Bulan Binanuahan, Juban Bariis, Matnog Bolo, Matnog	October 22-25 8-11 12-13,15 17-18, 20-22 23-24, 27
7. SR Elsa Ervas	Mabuhay, Bulusan Naagtan, Gubat Paradijon, Gubat Aroroy, Juban Buraburan, Juban	October 8-11 13-15 16-18, 20 21 22-24, 27

Based on the updated MS Form 6 and SOF Form 1 the table below shows the results of enumeration:

Total No. of Samples	Present Occpt	Compltd Intrvwd	Temp. Away	Vacant Housing Unit	DHU	Moved - Out	Listed OFs
484	20	424	2	21	15	38	19

Out of the 424 sample households interviewed there were 19 Overseas Filipinos were enumerated.

IV. SUPERVISION

To ensure the complete coverage of sample EAs and that instructions on how to accomplish forms and questionnaires were strictly followed, the OIC-PSO conducted supervision to different sample barangays. During the supervision the OIC conducted re-interview some hhs, verified non-response and assisted the SR locating the unknown samples and HUs previously listed as vacant. Below are the list of sample barangays visited and the result of supervision:

EAs Revisited	Date
San Juan Daan, Bulan	October 13
Binanuahan, Juban	October 21
Bariis Matnog	21
Pob. Central, Barcelona	October 22
Pob. Sur, Barcelona	22
Marifosque, Pilar	October 23
San Isidro, Castilla	23
Sta. Cruz, Casiguran	October 28
Pili, Magallanes	28

RESULT OF SUPERVISION

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTER	ACTION TAKEN
Unmatched data on the demographic characteristics with the previous quarter	Verify from concerned EN and errors were corrected
MS form 6 not properly accomplished	-do-
Difficult to locate Vacant Housing Units and unknown samples	Assisted the EN and refer from the Listing Sheets the neighboring households
There were sample hhs declared by the EN as temporarily away but verified being around during the enumeration or already move-out but with present occupant. Also, previously Vacant Housing Units were verified of having a present occupant or already demolished.	<p>The OIC interviewed the said sample households and/or the new occupant HHs.</p> <p>Called the attention of the concerned SCOs to be ardent in the task assigned to them.</p> <p>Marifosque, Pilar: HCN 0048 verified present</p> <p>Pudo, Pilar SHSN 0013, DHU, hhs trans to Naga City</p> <p>Poblacion Sur, Barcelona: SHSN 0005 with OCW, new occ SHSN 0007 with present occ SHSN 0009 verified moved-out, with present occ SHSN 0012 verified move-out, with present occ but used as sari-sari store, owner res in Bgy.Layog SHSN 0014 with present occ</p>

V. MANUAL and MACHINE PROCESSING

After enumeration of every EA the ISH Form 2 , SOF Forms and MS Form 6 were submitted by the enumerators at the Provincial Office for manual processing, encoding and machine validation.

During manual and machine processing there were errors/inconsistencies noted and relayed to the assigned enumerators for verification and corrections:

1. Some MS form 6 were not completely filled-up. Inconsistent status and update codes.
2. Rows for moved-out shh but with present occupant were erroneously lined-out.
3. Name of hh head of present occupant hh of previously vacant HUs were superimposed to the lined-out rows.
4. Skipping pattern was not strictly followed.
5. Inconsistent PSOC & PSIC with class of worker

6. Inconsistent civil status versus relationship to hh head
7. Unmatched entries of demographic characteristics with the previous quarter
8. No write-in entries for "other job" and for cols with "others, specify"

VI. SUBMISSION

This office submitted the following reports to the regional office and central office:

1. Update MS Form 6 - October 31, 2008 - NSO, RO V -thru JRS
2. LFS data files - October 31, 2008 - NSO, RO V -thru e-mail
3. SOF Forms 1 and 2 - October 31, 2008 - IESD, HSD - JRS
4. Narrative Report - October 31, 2008 - RO & IESD - e-mail

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Narrative Report
on
OCTOBER 2008 LFS-SOF

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October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF)

NARRATIVE REPORT

Introduction

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey is a nationwide survey of households conducted every quarter to gather data specifically on the estimation of the level of employment of the country based on the past week reference period.

On the other hand, the 2008 SOF is a rider survey to the October round of the LFS every year. This is to gather information on Filipino citizens who left for abroad during the last five years (October 2003 to September 2008).

Training

The second level training/briefing of LFS/SOF/CES was conducted last September 25-26 at the Regional Office in Cotabato City. It was participated by the Regional Director, all the PSOs of the region, Provincial Statisticians and selected regional staff.

The 3rd level training/briefing of LFS/SOF was conducted last October 6, 2008 at the Provincial Office in General Santos City. It was participated by selected provincial staff and nine (9) hired enumerators, wherein two (2) SRs will be assigned in General Santos City, three (3) SRs in Sarangani Province and four (4) SRs in South Cotabato. Since all of the participants were previous enumerators, the trainers still ensure that all the concepts and definition of the two surveys will be understood fully. The trainer also discussed the errors committed on the previous round and the possibility of decreasing the non-response rate.

Enumeration

The enumeration started last October 8, 2008 and ended on the 31st day of the same month. There were minimal problems encountered by the interviewers. In General Santos City, the interviewers revisited our respondent during night time because to they were not available on day time due to their work schedules especially in the subdivision area. The interviewers had to explain the respondents the importance of the data collected so that they will not wonder why even at night time they have to be interviewed the sample

household. Others went to the offices where the respondent works just to collect the information. In area where our sample respondents are our brother Muslim, the enumerators were assisted by the barangay officials because most of them refused to be interviewed without the presence of their barangay officials. In barangay Lampari of Banga and Barangay Nomoh of Maasim, some sample respondents were interviewed in the evacuation center and Barangay Hall because of unstable peace and order situation. The Barangay Captain did not allowed also our enumerators to proceed to these areas where the sample housing units are located. In T'boli and barangay Pag-asa of Alabel the enumerator was also assisted by barangay officials and they act as interpreter because the sample respondents cannot understand Cebuano dialect. Glad to say that even if there were many problems encountered by the branch but still there were respondents that were accommodating and cooperative including barangay officials that are always ready to assist our enumerators.

Response rate

The branch sample households for this round were decrease by almost 6% of the regular workload of 1,444 sample households. Out of the total 1,362 sample households including VHUs, 1,116 households or 82% were successfully interviewed higher by 6% as compared to the previous quarter. Sarangani province got 84% higher by 9% compared to the previous response rate of 75 %. In South Cotabato the District of Polomolok still got the highest response rate of 86% followed by Surallah - 85% , General Santos City of 82% while Koronadal district got the lowest rate of 77% lower by 3% as compared to the previous quarter. In this LFS round, Status code of 5 had 91 sample households or about 6% of the sample housing units. Some of these housing units that had been demolished were transferred to relocation area, some were demolished because they did not owned the lot, and others were destroyed by typhoon especially in the area of Koronadal, Kiamba and in Barangays Calumpang, Labangal and Fatima of General Santos City. Another cause of non-response is that some vacant housing units were still unoccupied – (5%) that is 74 out of 1,362, permanently moved out (5% i.e. 70 out of 1,362) and most of them transferred to another place looking for work while some was due to unstable peace and order situation in their place. In barangay Kibala of Malungon some sample households transferred due to the presence of “Bandido” who had stolen their farm animals.

Meanwhile, we had also manually processed the questionnaires of 105 Overseas Filipino Workers listed who went abroad for the last five years. Preliminary results showed that there were 25% went to United Arab Emirates and 23% to Saudi Arabia and most of their jobs were as Domestic Helper which comprised 53% and 10% for Seamen, and only 9% worked as Engineers or Nurses.

Table 1. No. of LFS/SOF sample households enumerated by area: July 2008.

Province/District	Total	No. of Successful Interview	Response Rate(%)
Sarangani	332	278	84%
Polomolok	113	97	86%
Koronadal	319	246	77%
Surallah	181	154	85%
GSC	1362	1116	82%

SUPERVISION:

The Provincial Statistics Officer, Provincial Statisticians had utilized substantial number of days for supervision in both LFS and SOF. This is to monitor the conduct of the enumeration and to ensure close supervision of the enumerators. Supervision also focused on the provision of assistance in relation to the conduct of the survey as well as to scrutinize the accomplished questionnaires of the enumerators while still in the sample barangays. For this round the undersigned visited also the housing unit which has a code of 3,4,5 and 6 to verify if it is really the real situation in the field.

Shown below were the area visited by the supervisors.

Supervisor	Municipality	Barangay	EA
PSO Ruben D. Abaro, Jr.	Malungon	Banate	03
		Malungon Gamay	01
	Kiamba	Poblacion	00
		Tamadang	00
	Koronadal	GPS	01
			08
	Lake Sebu	Paraiso	02
Poblacion		03	
Stat II Daniel L. Baligasa	Tampakan	Maltana	01
		Poblacion	03
	Koronadal	Zone III	06
		Poblacion	01
	Sto. Nino	Guinsang-an	02
		Puti	00
	Norala	Poblacion	15
		Magsaysay	03
	Polomolok	Calumpang	01
			15
GSC	Bula	07	

		Tambler	01
		Conel	01
	Banga	Dad North	03
		San Jose	02
		Reyes	01
	T'boli	Kematu	17
	Alabel	Poblacion	03
	Malapatan	Lun Padidu	04
	Glan	Taluya	01

Suggestions:

None.

Post Enumeration

Per guidelines the accomplished questionnaires should be submitted on staggered basis to the provincial office for manual and machine processing. Updated MS Form 6, LFS data file were transmitted to Central and Regional Office last October 8, 2008.

For this round, LFS/SOF operation was done smoothly in the provinces of South Cotabato and Sarangani including General Santos City. Finally, the branch appreciates very much the concerned division that allotted SOCSARGEN area nine (9) SRs to assist the regular field interviewers in conducting the LFS/SOF operation.

The branch had also finished the survey operation ahead of the target date.

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NARRATIVE REPORT

ON

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2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)**

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**October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS)/
2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF)
Province of Sultan Kudarat**

NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The rider questionnaire for October 2008 Labor Force Survey is the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF). This is a nationwide survey that seeks to gather information on Filipino citizens who left for abroad during the last five years within the period October 2003 to September 2008, for any reason are included. Sultan Kudarat Province has a total of 432 samples from 26 sample EAs. In this survey, only replicates 1 & 2 are new samples, taken from rotation group 12 of the Masters Sample. Replicates 3 & 4 are old samples taken from rotation group 11 of the updated samples of October 2007 survey.

PRE-ENUMERATION

Training

One day briefing was conducted for the 2nd and 3rd level at NSO Regional Training Center and Provincial Office on September 26 and October 6, 2008, respectively. The 2nd level training was conducted by OIC-Stat III Ismael B. Ramos, Jr, NSO XII Regional Office while the 3rd level training was conducted by Provincial Statistician Jurilyn P. Abraham. Participants during the briefing were the 4 SCOs, 1 DSO, 1 Assistant Stat, and 3 SRs who were the front liners during the enumeration period.

Updating of the MS Form 6 were reviewed. Errors commonly committed during the past quarter's survey were pointed out and discussed to minimize if not eliminate errors in this survey round. Last HCN used was emphasized to the enumerators to avoid errors in reflecting the HCN to households with new occupants or additional households. Participants were also reminded that if there are changes in names and nicknames of household heads, this should be reflected in the MS Form 6. Also, participants were reminded to append the name of the new occupant and/or additional household in the last row of the sample households listed in MS form 6.

After the MS Form 6 discussion, a review on the concepts of Labor Force survey and the accomplishment of ISH form 2 followed. It was again emphasized that Col 13 of ISH 2 is intended for primary and other job and that an additional column between column 17 and 18 was added- for checkmark to those household member who will qualify to be interviewed to the succeeding columns, for persons 15 years old and over. Common errors encountered during the past quarter survey were reviewed like: A household with a class of worker 5:6, 3:4 should have the same PSIC otherwise there is other job for any of these household members.

In the afternoon, discussion was focused on the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos. Concepts and definition were thoroughly discussed and that only those family members who traveled outside of the Philippines within the period of October 2003 to September 2008 for any reasons are included. Those who are still abroad at the time of visit but left the Philippines prior to October 2003 are excluded. Procedures on how to fill up the control form (SOF Form 2) and Individual Questionnaire (SOF Form 1) was explained well. It was also explained that for OFs who are members of the same Household before they left for abroad but no longer members at the time of visit, assign the line number "81" for the first OF, "82" for the second OF, "83" for the third OF and so on. The name of the OF shall be written in column 7 opposite their line number in column 6 of SOF Form 2.

It was emphasized to the participants that Q22 "How was the remittance of ___ spent" is being added and there are four categories (consumption, investment, savings and other) in this question. Total of percentage distribution on how the remittance is being spent should have a total of 100%.

Below are some of the issues raised, comments, suggestions, recommendation and actions to be taken:

Issues Raised, Comments and Suggestions	Recommendations and Actions to be Taken
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Q1 ask only the name of family member who is/was abroad. Does this question confined only to a family member who left abroad? 2. If an OCW went home for a vacation, the date she/he went back to her/his work abroad will be the last time she/he left the Philippines? 3. In Q25, if the sample family received a mobile phone from a member of the HH who is an OCW, where should we categorize it? Is it included in the item, Appliances? 4. In Q22, where shall we record remittances received intended for the schooling of children? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No, this question includes any household member who left abroad within the period October 2003 to September 2008. 2. No. If she went home for a vacation, the date of her/his first departure will be the date he/she last leaves the country. 3. In this case, we suggested recording it in the item "Others" then specify. 4. It shall be recorded in the consumption category. Indicate in this category how many percent of the remittance was intended for schooling.

ENUMERATION

The enumeration for this month's survey started on October 8 and ended in October 24, 2007. SK has a total workload of 432 sample households with a total of 72 mandays, utilizing 4 SCOs, 1 DSO, 3 SRs and one (1) Statistical Staff.

Personnel Involved/Areas of Assignment/Period of Enumeration

Name of Interviewer	Name of Assigned Barangay	Start Date of Enumeration	End Date of Enumeration
SR Ronald Novesteros	Pob. III, Lebak Salaman, Lebak Limulan, Kalamansig	October 8 October 13 October 17	October 10 October 16 October 20
SR Jonathan Gines	Sta. Clara (Bantogon), Kalamansig Hinalaan, Kalamansig Bolebak, Lebak	October 8 October 11 October 13	October 10 October 12 October 15
SR Mamang Tantung	Balwan, Palimbang Kraan, Palimbang	October 8 October 13	October 10 October 16
SCO Alexis M. Ganayo	New Passi, Tacurong Antong, Lutayan Sto. Niño, Bagumbayan	October 9 October 14 October 16	October 13 October 15 October 19
DsO Tomas C. Rodolfo, Jr.	Rajah Muda, Tacurong Romualdez, P. Quirino Laguilayan, Isulan	October 8 October 13 October 16	October 10 October 15 October 21
SCO Teddy C. Mundo	Pob EA 08, Tacurong Pob EA 04, Tacurong Bugso, Sen. Ninoy Aquino Kulaman, Sen. Ninoy Aquino	October 8 October 9 October 10 October 14	October 8 October 9 October 13 October 16
SCO Roselyn G. Fornan	Mapantig, Isulan Sison, Bagumbayan Bual, Isulan	October 10 October 19 October 23	October 14 October 22 October 24
SCO Luz y. Mabalot	Kudanding, Isulan Busok, Bagumbayan	October 9 October 16	October 11 October 18
Asst. Stat. Ma. Annaliza Mogan	Kalawag II, Isulan San Pablo, Tacurong Dansuli, Isulan	October 10 October 13 October 21	October 11 October 20 October 24

B. Number of households by interview status:

Interview Status	Number of Households
1 – Completed	346 Includes twenty (20) new occupant HHs, residing in the vacated HU of the original sample HH who permanently moved of the HU.
2 – Refusal	0
3 – Temporarily Away/Not At Home/On Vacation	6
4 – Vacant	32
5 – Housing Unit Demolished	19
6 – Others (permanently moved out)	49
7 – Critical areas / flooded areas	0

The province has an approximate response rate of 80.09%, higher by 2.47% compared with October 2007 survey. Non-Response rate is due to selected sample households were VHU (7.47%), HU demolished (4.40%), other sample households had transferred residence (11.34%). The moving out of the sample households to

other places was due to the economic crisis experienced by them and also due to the peace and order condition in the area.

B.Problems Encountered and Actions Taken

Problems Encountered	Actions Taken
1. Difficulty in locating sample households especially for replicates 1 & 2 sample areas.	1. Exerted time and effort in locating respondents housing unit. Also sought the help of the barangay officials and the purok president.
2. Original sample households are no longer present due to economic crisis in the area. Sample HHS transferred to other province or barangays where survival is higher. These cases is common in Barangay Baluan of Palimbang.	2. Interviewed the new occupant households, if there is any.
3. Bad weather condition affects the output of the Enumerator. Road is unpassable and transportation going to the sample area is not available.	3. Waited for the rain to subside and SR hiked to the sample household's housing unit for an interview.
4. In far flung sample households (sitio Camison & Sitio Lomogkot), transportation is not accessible.	4. Hired horse for transportation.

SUPERVISION

PSO Rafael T. Sambrano and her assistant Stat Jurilyn P. Abraham supervised the enumeration of this survey as shown in the matrix below. Each of them conducted spot checking and field review of the accomplished questionnaires of the enumerator being supervised during the first and last week of enumeration.

Name of Supervisor: Rafael T. Sambrano Designation: Provincial Statistics Officer		
Name of Barangay Supervised	Start Date of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Kudanding, Isulan	October 8	October 8
Poblacion EA 08, Tacurong	October 8	October 8
Antong, Lutayan	October 9	October 9
Busok, Bagumbayan	October 15	October 15
Poblacion EA 04, Tacurong	October 15	October 15
Kulaman, SNA	October 16	October 16
Bugso, Kulaman	October 17	October 17

Name of Supervisor: Stat II Jurilyn P. Abraham Designation: Provincial Supervisor		
Name of Barangay	Start Date of	End Date of

Supervised	Supervision	Supervision
Balwan, Palimbang	October 8	October 9
Mapantig, Isulan	October 13	October 13
Rajah Muda, Tacurong	October 13	October 13
Romualdez, Pres. Quirino	October 14	October 14
Sto. Niño, Bagumbayan	October 17	October 18
Bual, Isulan	October 21	October 21
Dansuli, Isulan	October 23	October 23

POST-ENUMERATION

Manual & Machine Processing

Manual processing of ISH Form 2 and SOF Forms 1 & 2 had started on October 24, 2008 and ended on October 30, 2008. Matching with the October 2007 for replicates 1 & 2, were undertaken. It was observed that there were some inconsistencies in the entries on sex, age & highest grade completed in some members of the sample households. These changes were confirmed from the enumerators and explanations were reflected in the questionnaire.

There were 52 duly accomplished SOF Form 1 in the province of Sultan Kudarat. These questionnaires were checked for completeness of entry and consistency and items that need code were coded.

Machine processing (data entry & validation and matching) started in October 28, 2008 and ended October 31, 2008. Validation of invalid codes, verification of encoded data and completeness checking and matching of previous qtr was done on October 31, 2008. The clean data file was sent through e-mail on October 31, 2008 together with the error validation list, the "Not" file and the matching error list.

The folioed Updated MS Form 6 was sent to the regional office on November 3, 2008 while the folioed duly checked and verified SOF forms 1 & 2 were sent to Central Office on November 4, 2008 through JRS AWB Number 237724 with transmittal copy furnished the Regional Office.

C. Observations and Recommendations

Observations	Recommendations
1. Heavy rains and showering delays the enumeration.	1. Umbrella or rain coats shall be provided to fieldmen so that they have something to use during enumeration to avoid delays and to prevent them from acquiring colds and cough.

Overall Assessment of Operation

Despite of the minor problems encountered during the enumeration, the survey ended successfully where all EAs/barangays were completely covered, despite of the unpredictable weather conditions. The success was thru the joint effort and cooperation of the Barangays Officials and NSO Personnel who were dedicated and committed to their work.

The Provincial Office received a total funds of Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen Pesos (P96, 716.00) for October 2008 LFS/SOF Project. Please see matrix for the breakdown:

Fuel	Travelling Expenses	Training and Scholarship Expenses	General Services
P1,000.00	P78,270.00	P2,200.00	P15,246.00

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Narrative Report on
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**October 2008 Labor Force Survey/ Survey on Overseas Filipinos
Narrative Report for Training, Enumeration and Supervision**

I. Briefing

To equip the involved personnel with vital knowledge on the procedures of the October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF), a 3rd level training was conducted at the NSO-PO, Surigao del Sur on October 6, 2008. It was participated by the PSO, DSOs, SCOs, Admin. Asst. III and hired SRs.

Training materials used during briefing were the July 2008 EN's Manual and the Guidelines on the Updating of List of Sample Housing Units and Households (MS Form 6).

Consistency checking for the respondent's answers, appropriate use of PSIC and PSOC Codes were given emphasis for the LFS, while the new question added (Q22) for SOF was stressed out.

Further details throughout the 3rd level training are shown below.

- A. Region/Province: Caraga/Surigao del Sur
- B. Date/Venue of Training: October 6, 2008/NSO-PO, Conference Room, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur
- C. Number of Participants: 12 Participants

***Name, Designation and Participants during 3rd Level Training of October 2008
LFS/SOF***

Name	Designation	Station
1. Ruel L. Dres	PSO	Tandag City
2. Rosalia S. Dahunog	Asst. Stat.	Tandag City
3. Luis P. Dwatin, Jr.	DSO	Tandag City
4. Marito W. Elisan	DSO	Bislig City
5. Marilyn A. Octubre	SCO-I	Bislig City
6. Jennifer C. Estose	SCO-I	Tandag City
7. Alex Pedro P. Arienza	SCO-I	Tandag City
8. Anita M. Cosare	Admin. Asst. III	Tandag City
9. Bebelita M. Brigoli	Statistical Researcher	Tandag City
10. Ricky A. Correos	Statistical Researcher	Barobo
11. Imelda P. Sumile	Statistical Researcher	Bislig City
12. Cirinia G. Balolong	Statistical Researcher	Bislig City

D. Issues/Problems Encountered:

Issues/ Problems Encountered and Corresponding Recommendation/ Action Taken

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation /Action Taken
1. Questionnaire	➤ None	
2. Interviewer's Manual	➤ None	
3. Field Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Respondents are not willing to be interviewed because they were already a sample during previous surveys. ➤ Availability of respondents. ➤ Transportation due to inaccessibility of enumeration areas. ➤ Refusal of respondent. ➤ Sometimes it took long hours of walking, only to enumerate very few households due to far distances between sample housing units. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Explained the importance of the survey. ➤ Made several callbacks. ➤ Hired special vehicle just to enumerate the area. ➤ Persuade the respondent and made some diplomatic approach, thus successfully enumerated the HH. ➤ Exerted extra time and effort just to enumerate the area.

	➤ Required three (3) callbacks were not enough for busy respondents.	➤ Did more than three (3) callbacks just to suit with the respondents' schedule.
4. Processing	➤ None	
5. Others (training materials, training site, etc.)	➤ None	

II. Enumeration

On October 8, 2008, the enumeration for the October 2008 LFS/SOF had finally started. All the field men were busy enumerating their assigned areas. As a result, 100% collection of data was attained on October 31, 2008 and accomplished questionnaires were submitted to NSO-PO for processing.

Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of Interviewer	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
1. Brigoli, Bebelita M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Carromata ➤ Kinabigtasan ➤ Maitum ➤ Magobawok ➤ Cagbaoto 	Dates of enumeration for all the field men covered the period October 8-31, 2008.
2. Correos, Ricky A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Barobo (Pob.) EA 003 ➤ Aras-asan EA 003 ➤ Manambia ➤ Bagong-Lunsod EA 003 ➤ Harip ➤ Roxas ➤ San Juan ➤ Zone II Pob. EA 002, (Hinatuan) 	
3. Estose, Jennifer C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Manyayay ➤ Quezon, Tagbina ➤ Liatimco 	
4. Arienza, Alex Pedro P.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gamuton ➤ Antao, Carmen 	

5. Cosare, Anita M.	➤ Pag-antayan	
6. Dwatín, Luis P. Jr.	➤ Doyos (Pob.)	
7. Dahunog, Rosalia S.	➤ Mabuhay	
8. Sumile, Imelda P.	➤ Cayale	
9. Balolong, Cirinia G.	➤ Magosilom EA 001 (Pob.)	
10. Octubre, Marilyn A.	➤ Quirino EA 001 (Pob.)	
11. Elisan, Marito W.	➤ Sagbayan	
	➤ Bucto	
	➤ Mangagoy EA 002	
	➤ Mangagoy EA 014	
	➤ Poblacion, Bislig	
	➤ Tabon EA 003	
	➤ San Isidro (Bagnan)	
	➤ Tabon EA 006	
	➤ Tumanan	
	➤ Comawas	
	➤ Roxas	
	➤ Barcelona EA 001	
	➤ San Juan, Hinatuan	
	➤ Zone II (Pob.) Hinatuan	
	➤ Harip	
	➤ Poblacion, Lingig EA 002	
	➤ San Vicente	

A. Number of households by interview status:

There were 458 households with completed interview status, 27 HHs whose respondents were temporarily away, 25 vacant housing units (VHUs), 27 demolished HUs due to dilapidation and 72 HHs that were permanently moved out. All in all, there were 609 samples enumerated in Surigao del Sur with 94.43% response rate.

Interview Status	Number of Families
1 – Completed	458
2 – Refusal	0
3 – Temporarily away/on vacation/not at home	27

4 – Vacant	25
5 – Housing Unit Demolished	27
6 – Permanently Moved Out	72
7 – Critical Area	0
TOTAL	609

B. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. MS Form 6 (Listing)	➤ None ➤	
2. Concepts	➤ None ➤	
3. Callbacks	➤ Allotted three (3) callbacks were not enough to suit with very busy respondents.	➤ It is suggested to allot extra day for households with “callback” status.
4. Others	➤ None	

For the summary of Overseas Filipinos enumerated, please refer on the table below.

Municipality/ Barangay / EA	No. of Overseas Filipinos	Line Number	Name	Remarks
Barobo				
Poblacion EA-003	2	03 01	Castillon, Josephine Capistrano Maximo	
Bayabas				
Magobawok	2	08 05	Larena, Macris Jawom, Revitan	
Bislig				
Bucto	1	05	Batistin, Ma. Alma Chona	
Poblacion EA-003	5	07 08 01 04 –	Olarte, Marino Olarte, Kemuel Pacatang, Ruel Barreda, Wenceslao Hugo, Michael Ivan	Immigrant but no SOF form since his travel abroad is not within the reference period.

San Isidro	1	01	Jabagat, Dioscoro	
Tabon EA-003	1	01	Gaudiano, Jhonny	
Comawas	2	01 07	Adlaw, Hector Reambonanza, Mary Ann	
Hinatuan				
San Juan	1	04	Pandili, Felipe Jr.	
Zone II	1	04	Rio, Judeth	
Lingig				
Barcelona EA-001	1	06	Salaga, Beth	
Madrid				
Quirino EA-001	1	06	Buniel, Ruel	
Tagbina				
Manambia	1	06	Peñaranda, Jocelle	
Quezon	3	07 05 06	Lastima, Frelin Barrios, Delia Barrios, Catherine	
Tandag				
Bagong-Lungsod EA-003	2	01 01	Malooy, Daneto Tantoy, Nicolas	

III. Supervision

To ensure the smooth flow of field operation, PSO Ruel L. Dres had performed field supervision such as re-interview of households and verification of VHUs. About 50% of the total number of EAs was supervised within the month of October.

Particulars during the visit are stated below.

A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of Supervisor	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
PSO Ruel L. Dres	Barobo	
	➤ Poblacion EA-003	10/10/2008
	Liangá	
	➤ Liatimco	10/11/2008
	➤ Manyayay	10/11/2008
	Hinatuan	
	➤ Harip	10/13/2008
	➤ Roxas	10/13/2008
	➤ San Juan	10/13/2008
	➤ Zone II (Pob.) EA-002	10/13/2008
	Tago	
	➤ Cayale	10/17/2008
	➤ Kinabigtasan	10/17/2008
	Tandag	
	➤ Bagong-Lunsod (Pob.) EA-003	10/17/2008
	➤ Mabuhay	10/17/2008
	➤ Maitum	10/17/2008
	San Miguel	
➤ Carrmata	10/18/2008	
➤ Sagbayan EA-002	10/18/2008	
Carmen		
➤ Antao	10/22/2008	
Carrascal		
➤ Doyos (Pob.)	10/22/2008	
Cantilan		
➤ Magosilom (Pob.) EA-001	10/23/2008	
➤ Pag-antayn	10/23/2008	

B. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
MS Form 6 (Listing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bgy. Antao, Carmen has a VHU in the listing but with present occupant during supervision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Call the attention of the EN and let him enumerate the household.
ISH Form 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EN forgot to follow Skipping Pattern. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Instructed the EN to strictly follow skipping pattern.
ISH Form 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New HH member is not listed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Instructed the EN to re-enumerate the HH and to be careful in listing the HH members.
ISH Form 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In Col. 11 (Overseas Filipino Indicator with ages less than 15 years old), the EN put Code 5, which is incorrect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Corrected the mistake of the EN.
ISH Form 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Total number of hours work in Col. 20 during the past week should be in three digits, while the EN reported the total number of hours only in two digits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Corrected the mistake of the EN.
ISH Form 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In Col. 34 (How many weeks has been looking for work?), instead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Corrected the mistake of the EN.

	of 3 digits to be reported, the EN used 1 digit only.	
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IV. Post-Enumeration

After field operation, all accomplished questionnaires were edited, encoded, verified and matched at PO. The MS form 6 was submitted to Regional Office on October 30, 2008 while forms 1 and 2 were submitted to IESD (Attention: Director De Guzman, Chief of IESD) on October 31, 2008.

LFS justification of invalid values and justification of matching with previous rounds were submitted on November 5, 2008.

V. Overall Assessment of Operation

Despite of the many obstacles in the field, entire operation of October 2008 LFS/SOF was very successful. Accomplished questionnaires were submitted to PO on time.

VI. Suggestion/recommendations to improve future surveys.

Some of the recommendations that were proposed by the people behind the October 2008 LFS/SOF operation are as follows:

1. Cash advance the traveling expenses before survey.
2. If Possible, provide transportation vehicle such motorcycle especially in inaccessible areas.

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**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY
AND 2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS**

NARRATIVE REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationwide survey of households conducted regularly by the National Statistics Office to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. It is geared for the purpose to provide estimation on the levels of employment and unemployment in the country.

The 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF), on the other hand, served as a rider survey to the LFS and aimed to provide information on Filipino citizens who left for abroad during the last five years.

For the Province of Tarlac, there are 31 sample barangays involving a total of 475 sample housing units.

II. TRAINING

The 2nd Level Training was conducted at the Regional Office, City of San Fernando, Pampanga on September 25, 2008. The one-day training also included a review on the updating of MS Form 6. This was attended by PSO Soc Ramores and Stat. Corazon Bonifacio.

The 3rd level briefing, on the other hand, was conducted at the Provincial office on September 29, 2008. During the training, PSO Soc Ramores and Stat Corazon Bonifacio reiterated the different concepts and definitions used for the LFS and SOF. Likewise, they discussed the common errors observed during the previous round of the LFS, such wrong industry descriptions, basis of payments, invalid entries for cols. 35 to 38.

Seven (7) DSOs/SCOs and two (2) hired SRs attended the training.

III. ENUMERATION

A. Personnel Involved/Areas of Assignment/Period of Enumeration.

District I

Place of Assignment

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. SCO IIServillano S. Gulloy | Pura- Estipona and Maungib |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|

2. SCO I Renato R. Gabriel

Paniqui- Pob. Norte

Camiling- Bancay Ist
Poblacion B
Mayantoc - Rotrottooc

3. SR Erlinda Andres

San Manuel- Pacpaco
Moncada- Pob. 2 & 3
Mabini
Paniqui - Aduas

District II

1. SCO II Corazon C. Adriano

Tarlac City- Tibag,
Care
Victoria – Balayang
Cruz

2. SCO I Theresa Gravidez

Tarlac City – San Miguel
Balingcanaway
Gerona - Cardona
Victoria – Cabuluan

3. SR Ma. Theresa Inong

Tarlac City - San Manuel
Matatalaib,
Lourdes
San Jose - Burgos

District III

1. SCO II Jose G. Caguiat

Capas- Aranguren (EA 02 and
EA 08)

2. SCO I Jessica A. Galang

Concepcion - San Bartolome
Capas -Talaga
La Paz - San Isidro

3. SCO Noli S. Gravidez

Capas - Cut-cut 2nd
Concepcion - Sto Nino
San Juan

IV. SUPERVISION

A. Name of Supervisors:

1. PSO Socrates L. Ramores
2. Stat. II Corazon Bonifacio

B. Areas Supervised and Date of Supervision.

Areas Supervised	Date of Supervision
Pob. B, Camiling	Oct. 10, 2008
Aduas, Paniqui	Oct. 13, 2008
Maungib, Pura	Oct. 14, 2008
Sn Bartolome, Concepcion	Oct. 15, 2008
Balayang, Victoria	Oct. 16, 2008
Cardona, Gerona	Oct. 17, 2008
Rotottooc-Mayantoc	Oct. 18, 2008
Mabini, Moncada	Oct. 20, 2008

C. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken

1. Hard to locate sample housing units under the new panels due to incomplete address in MS Form 6.

Actions Taken: Referred to the neighboring housing units in the Listing Sheets. Assistance was also requested from barangay Officials and purok leaders to locate the sample housing units.

2. Vacant housing units (VHUs) hard to locate in the enumeration areas

Action Taken: Referred to the adjacent housing units in the listing sheets

3. Some respondents were complaining why they are repeatedly chosen as samples for the survey

Action Taken: The objectives of the survey as well as the purpose of sampling were explained to the respondents. Moreover, the importance of comparing results for the different survey rounds were also reiterated to the complaining respondents.

4. Working wives were busy the whole day and that they preferred to be interviewed during weekends.

Action Taken: Enumerators were instructed to conduct the survey during weekends. If necessary, they were encouraged to administer the survey in the workplace of the respondents.

5. Brgy. San Miguel, an urban barangay in Tarlac City is considered the hardest sample area in the district. Some of the respondents listed last 2004 were no longer in the place, transferred to other places, mostly with different present occupants.

Action Taken: Assistance was requested from the local officials. The objectives of the survey were likewise explained to the respondents.

Data Processing of the questionnaires immediately followed. Manual processing of the questionnaires was done at the provincial office under the supervision of Statistician II Corazon Bonifacio. Manual processing included

folioing of the questionnaires, completeness and consistency checking of the responses, coding and verification of totals. Encoding and machine editing was done by SCO Noli S. Gravidez

The diskette containing the clean data files was submitted to the Regional Office on October 31, 2008.

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2008 OCTOBER LABOR FORCE SURVEY
2008 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS
NARRATIVE REPORT
Province: ZAMBALES

I TRAINING:

- ❖ The 3rd level briefing on 2008 October Labor force survey/Survey on overseas Filipinos was conducted on September 30, 2008 at NSO, Olongapo City
- ❖ For this survey round. Replicate 3 & 4 used the same samples updated last October 2007 while Replicate 1 and 2 used new sets of samples. .
- ❖ PSO Florencio A. Angulo, Jr. & Stat II Ray A. Frondarina are trainers for the one day briefing.
- ❖ The participants were composed of three regular staff and two hired statistical researchers namely;

1. SCO II Silver Castillo
2. SCO II Jenneith Cobardo
3. SCO I Bituin Mayor
4. SCO I Dulce Dionisio
5. SCO I Melinda Borja
6. SCO I Crisente Manguerra
7. SCO I Ruben Nalicat
8. Stat Aide Estela Espiritu
9. Admin Aide I Leonida Gabata

II ENUMERATION:

- ❖ We have a total of 20 sample barangays/EAs covering 265 sample-housing units or 257 sample households. The sample were divided into four group or replicate as follows;

Replicate 1 – Poonbato, Owaog-nibloc, Barretto, Sta Rita-EA 012, and Sindol & Calapacuan

Replicate 2 - Del Pilar, Kalaklan, Macarang & Salaza

Replicate 3 – Bamban, New Cabalan, Sta Rita-EA 004, and Lipay & Sn Fernando

Replicate 4 – Pag-Asa, San Pascual, Bayto & Tubotubo North

- ❖ We have allotted 58 mandays for enumeration, supervision. & Submission.
- ❖ We have administered 290 questionnaires for this enumeration.

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|-----|---|
| 204 | successful interview, inclusive of 15 new occupants |
| 12 | Vacant housing unit |
| 0 | Refusal |

14 Temporary away
 09 Demolished
 42 Households permanently moved-out/separate hhs
 09 Critical/lahars area

❖ Attached table 1- distribution of sample HUs and sample HHs by enumeration & response rate by barangays/EAs.

❖ We have also administered 23 SOF Form 1 questionnaires in this survey round namely;

Poonbato, Boolean
 Owaog-nibloc, Botolan
 Del Pilar, Castillejos
 Bamban, Masinloc
 Barretto, Olongapo
 Kalaklan, Olongapo
 New Cabalan, Olongapo
 Pag-Asa, Olongapo
 Sta Rita-004, Olongapo
 Sta Rita-012, Olongapo
 Macarang, Palauig
 Salaza, Palauig
 Sindol, San Felipe
 San Pascual, San Narciso
 Bayto, Sta Cruz
 Lipay, Sta Cruz
 San Fernando, Sta Cruz
 Tubotubo, Sta Cruz
 Calapacuan, Subic

III SUPERVISION:

❖ Provl Statistician Ray A. Frondarina supervision as follows

Tubo2, North, Sta Cruz	October 10, 2008
Bayto, Sta Cruz	October 10, 2008
Bamban, Masinloc	October 11, 2008
Salaza, Palauig	October 13, 2008
Sindol, San Felipe	October 14, 2008
Macarang, Palauig	October 14, 2008
Lipay, Sta Cruz	October 16, 2008
San Fernando, Sta Cruz	October 16, 2008

❖ Sot-checked the HHs temporary away, vacant housing unit and present occupants including demolished.

❖ Barangay Poonbato and Owaog-nibloc, Botolan were not enumerated on this survey round because of critical & lahar area

- ❖ PSO Florencio A. Angulo, Jr. Supervise on any day of October 01-31, 2008 including supervision on Consumers expectation survey.

IV DATA PROCESSING:

- ❖ Manual & machine processing is done on the 3rd^l week of October 2008. Data files report is emailed on October 28, 2008 as well as the ISH Form 2 at NSO, Regional Office, San Fernando, Pampanga while SOF Form 1 & 2 were directly submitted at IESD, Manila by Admin Aide I Armie Lopez.
- ❖ Problems encountered in data processing:

PROBLEMS	ACTION TAKEN
1. Most of the basic payment were out of range.	1. Accepted all basic payment out of range
2. Single Parent	2. Accepted with corresponding remark of 'that the HH head is single parent.

V FINANCIAL:

- ❖ To date, TEV submitted were not yet paid.

VI PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/RECOMMENDATION:

- ❖ Barangay Poonbato & Owaog-nibloc, Botolan are critical & lahar area while Tubo tubo north is an insurgency-infested barangay.
- ❖ More mandays should be allocated to remote & critical areas
- ❖ Additional mandays should be given to new and rotated set of samples.
- ❖ Some parts of Northern Zambales sample households were critical.

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October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) and Survey of Overseas Filipinos (SOF)

Narrative Report for Training, Enumeration and Supervision

I – Training

The 3rd level training was held on October 06, 2008 at the NSO Training Room with five (5) regular personnel involved in this quarter's operation.

There were three (3) hired enumerators to augment the regular personnel in the conduct of this survey.

Acting as trainers for the 3rd level training were: OIC – PSO Ma. Lila D. Daan and Acting Prov'l. Stat. Richard D. Tabigne.

A. Region/Province: IX/Zamboanga del Norte

B. Date/Venue of Training: October 6, 2008/NSO Training Room

C. Number of Participants: 8 [2 DSOs; 2 SCOs; 1 Prov'l. staff and 3 hired SRs]

NAME	DESIGNATION
1. Gemma B. Vidal	DSO
2. Macelinda S. Dalogdog	DSO
3. Cesar Marabulas	SCO I
4. Angelica A. Guirgio	SCO I
5. Alicia A. Sieras	Stat. Aide II
6. Arturo Saguin	Hired Enumerator
7. Ermelinda Carreon	Hired Enumerator
8. Teresita Balanay	Hired Enumerator

D. Issues/Problems Encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/ Action Taken
1. Questionnaire		
2. Interviewer's Manual		
3. Field Operation		
4. Processing		
5. Others (training materials, training site, etc)	Trainer's AUTHORITY to conduct said training.	SCO I Cesar Marabulas is asking for my authority to conduct said training. I read to him both memo from HSD and the regional office on who are to be the participants on the 2 nd level training and subsequently will act as trainers in the 3 rd level training however he didn't agree. The training started only when our OIC-PSO arrived & conducted the training.

II – Enumeration

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey enumeration is conducted on October 8-31, 2008 with twenty-one (21) mandays allotted for enumeration. There were six (6) regular personnel involved augmented with three (3) hired SRs to man the workload for the province.

A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration

Name of Enumerator	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
Gemma B. Vidal	Tipan, Gotalac	October 8-23, 2008
	Sibalic, Gotalac	
	Tambalang, Salug	
	Ipilan, Salug	
	Sto. Niño, Salug	
	Banigan, Liloy	
	Baybay, Liloy	
Julio A. Banua	San Miguel, Liloy	October 20-25, 2008
	Buenavista, Gotalac	
	San Isidro, Gotalac	
	Balacbaan, Tampilisan	
Macelinda S. Dalogdog	Banbanan, Tampilisan	October 8-24, 2008
	Madalag, Jose Dalman	
	Siare, Sindangan	
	Doña Josefa, Sindangan	
	Binuangan, Sindangan	
Cesar Marabulas	Litalip, Jose Dalman	October 8-14, 2008
	Irasan, Pres. M.A. Roxas	
Angelica A. Guirgio	Dicoyong, Sindangan	October 16-25, 2008
	Lagag, Sindangan	
	Poblacion North, Polanco	
	Lingasad, Polanco	
Richard D. Tabigne	Milad, Polanco	October 24-31, 2008
	San Pedro, Polanco	
	Datagan, Siayan	
Alicia A. Sieras	Mangilay, Siayan	October 8-22, 2008
	Imelda, Sindangan	
	Canibongan, Pres. M.A. Roxas	
	Bagumbayan, S. Osmeña Sr.	
Arturo Saguin	San Isidro, S. Osmeña Sr.	October 8-27, 2001
	San Jose, S. Osmeña Sr.	
	Kauswagan, S. Osmeña Sr.	
	Masidlakon, Dapitan City	
	Sulangon, Dapitan City	
	Polo, Dapitan City	
	Bgy Uno, Katipunan	
Seres, Katipunan		
Seriac, Siayan		
Segabe, Piñan		

Ermelinda Carreon	Poblacion, La Libertad	October 8-28, 2008
	Buenasuerte, Mutia	
	New Casul, Mutia	
	Calican, Piñan	
	Punta, Dipolog City	
	Pangalalan, Sindangan	
	Sipaloc, Sibutad	
	Siparok, Jose Dalman	
Teresita Balanay	Doña Cecilia, Sirawai	October 8-25, 2008
	Poblacion, Sibuco	
	Miputak, Dipolog City	
	Minaog, Dipolog City	
	Sta. Filomena, Dipolog City	

B. Number of households by interview status:

The table below showed the number of households/families by interview status.

The province had a response rate of 91.59%. This was attributed to the number of household who are temporary away after three (3) visits and vacant housing units as indicated in the MS Form 6 and still vacant at the time of visit by the enumerator. Many of these temporary away households left their houses temporarily for economic reason.

Interview Status	Number of Families
1 – Completed	534
2 – Refusal	0
3 – Temporarily Away	49
4 – Vacant	69
5 – Demolished	5
6 – Others, specify: <u>Permanently Move-out</u>	33
7 – Critical area/flooded area	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	690

C. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. Listing (MS Form 6)		
2. Concepts		
3. Callbacks		
4. Others		

III – Supervision

This survey round provincial supervisors was OIC-PSO, Acting Prov'l. Stat and DSOs. However due to limited number of SRs that we have the DSOs were utilized as enumerators.

A. Personnel involved/Areas Supervised/Period of Supervision

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
MA. LILA D. DAAN	Datagan, Siayan	October 20-25, 2008
	Mangilay, Siayan	
	Binuangan, Sindangan	
	Litalip, Jose Dalman	
	Imelda, Sindangan	
	Poblacion North, Polanco	
RICHARD D. TABIGNE	Lingasad, Polanco	October 13-18, 2008
	Bagumbayan, S. Osmeña Sr.	
	San Isidro, S. Osmeña Sr.	
	Siari, Sindangan	
	Pangalalan, Sindangan	
	Kauswagan, Jose Dalman	
	Milad, Polanco	
San Pedro, Polanco		

B. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
OTHERS	Availability of respondent	Since this survey had a tight schedule for submission of accomplished questionnaires, the availability of the respondent plays a major role because call back would mean another time thus it would cause the delay. During supervision it was observed that most of the respondent was not at home. The enumerator needs to catch them up in their place of work just to avoid call-back were most of them were farmers who were now very busy in their farm taking care of their plants to make sure they could get a good harvest.
	Respondents fatigue	The were some respondents especially those who belong to replicates 3 and 4 commented that they were always being census yet the government had not able to help them in uplifting their lives in terms of their economic situation. The enumerators (EN) explained to the respondents the purpose of the survey for them to fully understand that the gov't. needs their untiring support and cooperation for the government planners and private sector as well.

IV – Post - Enumeration

Accomplished questionnaires were submitted by almost all enumerators as scheduled except for SCO I Cesar Marabulas who submitted his accomplished questionnaires on November 6 & 7 respectively. He was supposed to submit his accomplished questionnaires by October 14, 2008. Mr. Marabulas was assigned in the two barangays of Sindangan. The delayed submission of questionnaires affected our submission of edited MS Form 6 to the Regional Office and ultimately in the data entry of questionnaires in the particular folio.

Despite of some delays in the submission of questionnaires we still manage to submit the LFS data file to the concerned division in the Central Office as specified in the timetable of activities same with the manually processed MS Form 6 to the Regional Office.

Total mandays for hired enumerators reached sixty three (63) which includes training and enumeration and the total wages amounted to FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE PESOS (P 14,553.00) in all.

The province received the total amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND (140,000.00) PESOS to defray the expenses incurred during the training, enumeration and supervision activities.

V – Overall Assessment of the Operation

With the strong support and cooperation extended by the provincial staff, field personnel and SRs this survey operation was successful one.

VI – Suggestion/recommendations to improve future surveys.

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OCTOBER 2008 NARRATIVE REPORT LFS AND SOF

November 5, 2008

I. INTRODUCTION:

We have conducted the Labor Force Survey and Survey on Overseas Filipino in our province, as scheduled. The training was attended by the DSOs, SCOs, Provincial Staff and hired SRs of the provinces of Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga Sibugay..

Although the utility fund was not received yet, lunch and snack were served during the one day training.

II. TRAINING:

- a. Region/Province:** Zamboanga Peninsula, Zamboanga Del Sur
- b. Concern:** Provincial Level Briefing
- c. Period of training** October 6, 2008
- d. Participant:** Actual No. twenty (20)
- e. Venue:** NSO, Provincial Conference Room, Pagadian City
- f. Facilitator:** PSO Josette A. Abdurahim
Stat. Gregorio C. Quino

g. Highlights:

Oral examinations were given to the participants, some NSO regular personnel was tasked to discuss most of the columns of the IHS Form 2, while other participants gave their comments, critics and expound the concepts which were not properly discussed.

The facilitators give more emphasis on the LFS most important concepts and some common error detected during the previous survey rounds.

The topics of the 3rd Level Training of the October 2008 Labor Force Survey and Survey of Overseas Filipino were not presented in an en-focus facility.

h. Issues/problems encountered during the training

Topic	Issue/problems	Recommendation/action taken
LFS; 1. Field Oper. Man. 2. Questionnaire	SRs benefits in case of emergency During the discussion the IHS form 2 should be presented in a slide format.	Budget Enclosure of SR benefits in case of emergency. During the 2 nd level training the slide format should be distributed to each province.
SOF: 1. EN's Manual 2. Questionnaire 3. Concepts	Free from any errata. APIS form 1 should be presented in a slide format during the training to save time, effort and can be easily understand. Step son/daughter should have separate code for relationship not son/daughter of family head.	We are grateful of the task force. The slide format should be distributed during the 2 nd level training. This query we left it to CO task force to decide

III. ENUMERATION:

a. Workload Assignment:

Ref. No. 08R0973-00444s

7 October 2008

Office Order No. 2008-56

In the interest of the service the following are to enumerate the sample barangays relative to the 2008 October Labor Force Survey /Survey on Overseas Filipino, to wit:

Name	Barangay/Municipality	Total mandays	Subms. date	Date submtd
SCO L. Quino	Makuguihon, Molave, ZDS Dumagoc, Pagadian City San Jose, Pagadian City	10	10/8-17/08	10-17
SCO RV del Pilar	Poblacion, Bayog, ZDS	9	10/8-16/08	10-16

	Boyugan West, Kumalarang Salag Manok, Kumalarang			
SCO B. Paracuelles, JR.	Poblacion, Dimataling, ZDS Limbayan, Pitogo, ZDS Concepcion, Tabina, ZDS	9	10/8-16/08	10/16
SCO J. Burlado	Guicolalay, Dinas, ZDS Napolan, Pagadian City Rebokon, Dumalinao, ZDS	10	10/8-17/08	10/17
SCO P. Solis	Silangit, Molave, ZDS Bogo Calabat, Josefina, ZDS Gonosan, Molave, ZDS Guitran, Dumingag, ZDS	12	10/8-20/08	10/20
SCO H. Cortes	Pob. Margosatubig, ZDS Banale, Pagadian City Kawit, Pagadian City	10	10/8-17/08	10/17
SCO R. Sumalpong	Lower Pulacan, Labangan Tawagan Norte, Lab., ZDS Deborok, Pagadian City	12	10/8-20/08	10/20
DSO S. Duhaylungsod	Balide, Aurora, ZDS Lantungan, Aurora, ZDS Poblacion, Aurora, ZDS	10	10/8-17/08	10/17
SCO AJ Monarca	Bibilop, Midsalip, ZDS Datagan, Sominot, ZDS Balangasan, Pagadian City	10	10/8-17/08	10/17
DSO C. Albellar	Dansal, Lapuyan, ZDS Pantad, Lapuyan Kapatagan, V. Sagun Bularong, Margosatubig, ZDS	9	10/8-16/08	10/16
Asst Stat A. Tauto-an	Calolot, Tambulig, ZDS Culo, Molave, ZDS Miligan, Molave, ZDS	10	10/8-17/08	10/17
Stat Aide M. Sumalpong	Ali Alshree, R T. Lim Bulawan, Payao, ZS	9	10/8-16/08	10/16
DSO I. Templanza	Sisay, Tungawan, ZS Timbabawan, Tungawan, ZS	10	10/8-17/08	10/17

SCO R. Bacon	Kitabog, Titay, ZS Malagandis, Titay, ZS Poblacion, Titay	12	10/8-20/08	10/20
SCO II D. Bienes	Villacastor, Buug, ZS Bliss, Buug, ZS	9	10/8-20/08	10/20
SCO MT Sumicad	Poblacion, Alicia, ZS Poblacion, Mabuhay, ZS Lapaz, Alicia, ZS	12	10/8-20/08	10/20
SCO F. Atay	Lipacan, Malangas, ZS Camanga, Malangas, ZS Poblacion, Malangas, ZS Bateria, Olutanga, ZS San Jose, Olutanga, ZS	12	10/8-20/08	10/20
SR G. Yabo	Navalan, Tukuran, ZDS Sto. Nino, Tukuran, ZDS Dalaon, Molave, ZDS Guinoman, Diplahan, ZS	12	10/8-20/08	10/20
SR MG Burlado	Limonan, San Miguel, ZDS Baguitan, Guipos, ZDS San Jose, Pagadian City	10	10/8-17/08	10/17
SR J. Dacles	Mahayahay, Siay, ZS Paruk, Siay, ZS Sininan, Kabasalan, ZS Lower Ipil Hghts, Ipil, ZS	12	10/8-20/08	10/20

Note: Column 5 not included in the Office Order.

For your information and guidance.

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b. Number of households by Interview Status: (LFS)

Code	Interview Status	Number of households	
		Zamboanga Del Sur	Zamboanga Sibugay
1	Completed	490	238
2	Refusal	0	0
3	Temporary Away	39	15
4	Vacant Housing Unit	64	39
5	Housing Unit Demolished	25	10
6	Others: HH permanently moved out	50	26
7	Critical/flooded area	0	0

The vacant housing unit listed in MS Form 6 still unoccupied after the operation for both Sibugay and Zamboanga Del Sur Province.

c. Issue/problems encountered.

Topic	Issue/problems	Recommendation/action taken
Updating MS 6	The complete name of previous occupant of the sample vacant housing unit should be written in the remark portion.	To be done in Central Office during the updating of MS form 6

The enumeration started on October 8, 2008. The operation was undertaken smoothly because the accomplished questionnaires were submitted on time. No problem encountered during the enumeration.

IV. SUPERVISION:

PSO Abdurahim and Stat. Quino had visited twelve (12) sample barangays for spot checking; using the different methods, i. e. review of accomplished questionnaires, re-interview of sample households, verification on non-responding sample households, and observed the interviewer.

a. Personnel involved/area of assignment/ number of mandays.

Name of supervisor	Area supervised	Number of mandays
PSO Josette A. Abdurahim	Poblacion, Mabuhay, Sisay, Siay Poblacion, Titay Bateria Olutanga San jose Olutanga Sininan, Kabasalan	5 days
Stat. Gregorio C. Quino	Bularong, Margosatubig Don Jose, Dinas Datagan, Sominot Limbayan, Pitogo Concepcion, Tabina Baguitan, Guipos	5 days

b. Issue/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/problems	Recommendation/action taken
<p>LFS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS form 6 2. Relationship code 3. ENs Manual 	<p>Difficulty in locating the vacant housing unit.</p> <p>Hired SR and ENs properly updated and coded the form.</p> <p>One of the problem raised was relationship code for step son and daughter (not son and daughter of the HH head)</p> <p>Data were obtained according to the concepts.</p>	<p>The complete name of previous occupant of the alleged VHU should be written in the remark portion.</p> <p>Keep on the good works.</p> <p>Recommending to separate the relationship code for Step children from the Household head's son & daughter.</p> <p>Cheers . . .! for the good work</p>
<p>SOF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENs Manual 2. APIS form 1 	<p>Data were gathered according to the concepts</p> <p>there were accomplished questionnaires which the GEO ID codes were inconsistent with the LFS.</p> <p>With family members working in the government but no withholding tax reported in M3.12g</p> <p>The total Value Consumed was not included in the recapitulation portion.</p>	<p>Keep on the good works</p> <p>Instructed the SR concern to refer the correct GEO ID in MS form 6</p> <p>Instructed the SR concern to make callback.</p> <p>Advice the SR and EN to include in the summary.</p>

Upon matching the supervision results with the enumeration results no discrepancy noted except some of the questionnaire in the certification portion was not signed by the SR and EN concerned.

V. MANUAL PROCESSING

The accomplished IHS form 2 of Zamboanga Sibugay were coded and manually processed in the Provincial Office while Zamboanga del Sur questionnaires were processed in the District I Office and District II Office, respectively.

The accomplished SOF questionnaires were manually processed and folio in the Provincial Office by the provincial staff.

The machine processing of IHS form 2 started on October 26 and lasted up to November 3, 2008. The data files were subsequently submitted to the division concern.

While the SOF questionnaires the manual processing was completed on November 4 2008 and in the following day the processed questionnaires were submitted to Central Office, thru LBC forwarder.

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a. Issue/problems encountered:

Topics	Issues/ problems	Recommendation/action taken
SOF: 1. SOF form 1	There were questionnaires which GEO ID not consistent with the LFS. Some of the questionnaire not signed by the EN/supervisor	Called the SR/EN concern Called the EN/supervisor concern

V. FINANCIAL

The expenditures incurred of the province of Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga Sibugay:

	Allocation	Disbursement	Balance	Remarks
LFS/SOF Wages	0	15,246	(15,246)	
SR training/enumeration	0	15,246	(15,246)	Allocation
				not
TE/PD	0	198,794	(198,794)	yet
Briefing (Provo level)	0	3,890	(3,890)	received
Enumeration/submission	0	160,151	(160,151)	
Supervision(Pso,Stat,driv	0	34,753	(34,753)	
Gasoline	0	4,000	(4,000)	
Supplies	0	500	(500)	
Freight	0	300	(300)	
Utility	0	3,150	(3,150)	
TOTAL	0	221,990	(221,990)	

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**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS) /
SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)
NARRATIVE REPORT**

INTRODUCTION

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) was undertaken together with the rider survey 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF). The LFS is conducted quarterly to gather data on the demographic and socio economic characteristics of the population while the SOF seeks to gather information on Filipino citizens who left for abroad during the last five years.

PRE-ENUMERATION

The provinces of Cagayan, Isabela and Quirino were provided with five (5), four (4) and two (2) Statistical Researchers (SRs), respectively to help in the enumeration proper. Hence, prior to the briefing at the regional office, selection of qualified applicants to serve as SRs was already accomplished by the abovementioned provincial offices.

Provincial cost estimates for the operation were prepared by PSOs and provincial statisticians prior to the briefing at the regional office. The regional office evaluated, approved and consolidated the cost estimates based on the reasonableness of their expenses. Approved cost estimates for the provinces were sent ahead of time on October 7, 2008.

Likewise, provincial time table set by regional office was sent to Income and Employment Statistics Division (IESD) on October 3, 2008.

The 2nd Level Briefing on October LFS/SOF was conducted at the NSO-02 Conference Room on September 26, 2008. The training was attended by Provincial Statistics Officers (PSO), provincial statisticians and selected regional office staff. To brief the participants was Statistician I Reyma C. Tabalno as the Regional Statistician Mary Jane C. Tabalno joined for a while the PSO Conference with OIC-RD Annabelle C. Langbayan.

The provincial offices conducted their one (1) day briefing in their respective choice of venues in their province on October 6, 2008. Hired SRs were in attendance to be fully equipped with necessary and important concepts for the enumeration.

ENUMERATION

Enumeration of sample barangays by province started October 8, 2008 and ended October 31, 2008. Provinces of Batanes and Quirino finished their enumeration before the month ended. So far, no major problem had yet the regional office received during the entire duration of enumeration.

The following were the total sample barangays and total households enumerated.

Table 1: Total Sample Barangays and Total Households Enumerated by Province

PROVINCE	TOTAL SAMPLE BARANGAYS	TOTAL SAMPLE HOUSEHOLDS
Batanes	1	18
Cagayan	51	851
Isabela	66	1,054
Nueva Vizcaya	16	261
Quirino	10	149

SUPERVISION

In order to check the consistency of entries in the questionnaires submitted by the enumerators as revealed by the data file submitted to the regional office by the provinces, the regional statistician supervised.

The following were the barangays visited by the personnel from the regional office and their supervision dates.

Table 2: Regional Personnel, Sample Barangays Visited and the Date of Post-Supervision

Regional Personnel	Barangay Visited	Date of Post-Supervision
Mary Jane C. Cabauatan	Abolo, Amulung	October 9, 2008
	Calaoagan Bassit, Gattaran	October 10, 2008
	Baculod, Ilagan	October 14, 2008
	Osmena, Ilagan	October 15, 2008
	Centro, Ilagan	October 16, 2008

No major problem so far encountered during the enumeration. Everything was in order and skipping patterns in the questionnaires were followed properly.

POST-ENUMERATION

Provincial offices submitted their data files ahead of provincial deadline set by the regional office. These data files had undergone consistency and completeness checking and certification pass at the regional office before it was sent to central office on November 7, 2008.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE OPERATION

The October 2008 LFS-SOF encountered no problem during the briefing, pre-enumeration activities such as allocation of supplies and forms, enumeration of the barangays including those from far flung areas where the enumerators ably did their duties even if the climate was not so good and the manual and machine processing of the data at the provincial as well as the regional office were accomplished on.

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October 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY/
2008 SURVEY OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS
NARRATIVE REPORT**

I. TRAINING

The 2nd level training of the October 2008 round of the LFS and this time's rider 2008 SOF was held at NSO Region III, SFDO Pampanga last September 25, 2008. It was attended by NSO Nueva Ecija head OIC-PSO Elizabeth M. Rayo and DO II Ria J. Concepcion. The 3rd level training on the other hand, was held at NSO Nueva Ecija provincial office and this was attended by SCOs and hired statistical researchers.



II. ENUMERATION

Simultaneously, these two surveys, LFS and SOF were conducted starting October 08, 2008 giving way to the LFS concept, last week reference period. A work force constituted by 8 SCOs and 5 hired SRs went out in the field to accomplish the task.

a/ PERSONNEL INVOLVED/ NO. OF EAs / NO. OF MANDAYS

The list below shows the personnel involved their respective number of EA assignment and equivalent mandays.

NAME OF PERSONNEL/SR	NO.OF EAs ASSIGNED	EQUIVALENT MANDAYS
SCO II Y. RIMADA	3 EAs	7 mandays
SCO II J. ANGELES	1 EA	2 mandays
SCO II E. TINIO	2 EAs	4 mandays
SCO I M. NIEVES	4 EAs	8 mandays

SCO I	E. SACAY	3 EAs	7 mandays
SCO I	E. REYES	4 EAs	12 mandays
SCO I	P. MALARULAT	5 EAs	10 mandays
SCO I	J. VILLAMIN	3 EAs	4 mandays
SR	E. MALARULAT	5 EAs	11 mandays
SR	Z.REBAYA	5 EAs	9 mandays
SR	E. BUENAFE	5 EAs	9 mandays
SR	A. SANTOS	6 EAs	14 mandays
SR	S. MARIANO	4 EAs	7 mandays

b/ NO. OF SAMPLE HUs / COMPLETED INTERVIEWS/ NON RESPONSE

After the enumeration phase, it was found out that of the 794 sample housing units listed in our workload, 693 were reported as completely interviewed and the rest, non-response questionnaires.

Completely interviewed	693
Non response	101

Total no. of HUs	794

Breakdown of non-response questionnaires is given below. It was found out that 12.7 percent of the total sample HUs were non-response.

Vacant housing units	53
Temporarily away	16
HU demolished	5
Others	27 (moved –out, CBLs)

Total	101

c/ With regards to 2008 SOF, a total of 108 accomplished SOF Form 1 was recorded in the end.

SOF FORM 1	108
SOF FORM 2	59

Breakdown of SOF Form 1 according to primary reason for leaving the country is given below

OCW	79
TOURIST	22
OTHER CONTRACT WRKR	4
OFFICIAL MISSN	2
IMMIGRANT	1

TOTAL	108

III. SUPERVISION

All SCO II were designated in supervising the conduct of these 2 surveys. OIC-PSO Rayo and SCO I Julius B. Villamin supervised the entire process. Averages of 3 mandays were given to each SCOs for their supervisory activities.

a/ NAME OF SUPERVISORS/AREA OF ASSIGNMENT

Name of Supervisors	Area of Assignment
SCO I M. NIEVES	District I
SCO II J. ANGELES	District II
SCO II Y. RIMADA	District III
SCO II E. TINIO	District IV
PSO E. RAYO	All Districts
SCO I J. VILLAMIN	All Districts

IV. EDITING/PROCESSING/ENCODING

All SCO II were ordered to do the editing of ISH 2 and MS Form 6 of their respective district of assignment. Final Editing of questionnaires and forms were done in the provincial office by SCO I Julius B. Villamin and OIC PSO Rayo. Selected staffs were detailed to do machine encoding and validation of ISH Form 2.

V.SUBMISSION/TRANSMITTING

Clean data files of ISH Form 2 were E Mailed on time at the Regional Office. Simultaneously, Edited MS Form 6 was submitted. On the other hand, SOF Form 1& 2 were submitted to IESD on time.

VI.PROBLEMS/SOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATION

In general, all personnel involved in these 2 surveys were cooperative during the various phases of operation. Cases of non response particularly CBIs were reported in the municipality of Quezon, particularly in Barangay Pulong Bahay, immediate verifications were made and it was found out that such samples truly do not exist. Certification was secured to barangay chairman to further strengthened verifications made. Many cases of addresses updated were encountered by field personnel particularly in new replicates 1& 2. On the other hand, in SOF, minimal problems of incomplete data collected were encountered during final editing, such as specific place of destination wherein only the continent of the country was reported like, Europe etc. Likewise, some cases of occupation reported were not fully described. But all of these minimal problems were settled upon further verifications made.

Some SOF respondents were hesitant in giving figures in remittances of OFWs, confidentiality of data gathered was once again assured to them.

Field researchers are appealing to maximize their budget when going to their area of assignments during surveys and censuses. If possible, cash advances are made.

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October 2008 Labor Force Survey and Survey of Overseas Filipinos A Narrative Report

I. Training/Briefing

- A. Region: IV-A – CALABARZON
- B. Date and Venue of Briefing: September 30, 2008/NSO IV-A, Lipa City
- C. Number of Participants: 7
- D. Issues/Problems Encountered

Some of the issues raised during the training were the following:

No	Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1	SOF	There is a possibility that if in case a respondent frequently go in and out of the country, the enumerator will miss out or could have a wrong entry on the questions regarding the date last leave, respondent's occupation before he/she depart for work abroad and other questions pertaining to him/her being an OFW.	Could the questionnaire be changed to like a history table covering the 5 yr-period indicating all the details concerning his/her frequent travels in and out of the country and the siphoning of the valid answers be done during manual or machine processing.
2	No. of samples	Discrepancy in the number of samples This issue was again raised during the briefing. Workload do not usually include VHUs or it is not counted as part of the workload.	It should also be counted and be given budget because fieldmen also visited VHUs and look for them in the sampled area and if it is occupied, the household is interviewed.

The undersigned conducted the LFS and the SOF briefing to the PSOs last September 30. The content of the questionnaire was discussed briefly giving emphasis on question, Q22, which is newly-added starting this survey round. The question is somewhat similar to one of the questions included in the CES. It is good that it is included starting this survey round.

II. Enumeration

The region had total workload of 4,851 households, a total of 97 field office personnel were tapped in the CES operation. The field enumeration started on October 8 until 31. Below is the breakdown of the workload per province:

Province	No. of Samples	No. of ENs	Completed	Refusal	Temp. Away/Not at home/ on vacation	VHU	HU demolished etc.	Others	Critical area
Total	5,039								
Batangas*	939	18							
Cavite	1,205	12	970	0	58	88	18	52	19
Laguna	1,055		872						
Quezon	813	15	674	0	36	40	18	45	0
Rizal	1,027	10	750	1	23	56	38	159	0

Note: * - Total samples based on MS Form 6 listing.

Laguna and Batangas did not indicate details, i.e. completed, etc. in their report.

Hereunder is the summary of the issues/problems encountered in the field:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
MS Form 6	Incomplete address in the listing	This should have been remedied during censustaking. This should be given emphasis on the next census, i.e., indicate complete address of every household not just the barangay name esp. if there are names of streets, sitios in the area.
On Concepts	Col 16. Kind of business and industry. ENs just indicated the name of establishment not the type of business of industry.	Errors committed were immediately discussed to respondents
Actual enumeration	Difficulty in making callbacks esp. to far flung areas.	Ask the help of barangay officials or any knowledgeable person on the right time to make a callback. Saturdays and Sundays were utilized for the callback.
	100% enumeration in highly urbanized cities is difficult to	There should be a pro-forma letter to barangay chairman and

	achieve	homeowners informing them and asking assistance to the successfully conduct the enumeration in their area.
	Non-enumeration of Datu Esmael in Cavite	Replacement of Bgy. Datu Esmael
SOF questionnaire	Q22. ENs got confused with the use of the box. They thought that they should put check mark on it.	Remind ENs that it is for the codes 1 for consumption, 2 for investment and others

III. Supervision

The field office had conducted their own supervision during the actual enumeration in their provinces. The Regional Office personnel did not have time to do their own supervision because right now we are undermanned at the region.

IV. Post-Enumeration

LFS Datafiles were submitted by the provincial office not as scheduled in the timetable. There are provinces who submitted it day before the schedule of submission of the datafiles to CO. This fact made the machine processing at the region sometimes difficult to do because of the tight schedule. However, the Regional Office was still able to email the LFS datafiles last November 18 (on-schedule) while MS Form 6 datafiles was sent last Nov. 21 (on-schedule). The hardcopies of the LFS and MSF6 were then sent to CO soon after undergoing machine processing.

V. Over-all Assessment

With good scheduling and team work, provinces were able to finish enumeration way ahead of the schedule. But some were not that lucky because of several callbacks which is beyond their control.

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**October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS)/SOF
Region IV-B (MIMAROPA)
Narrative Report**

I. Training

- A. Region/Province : Region IV-B (MIMAROPA)
- B. Date/Venue of training : September 26, 2008 (second level)
- C. Number of participants : 13 (see attached attendance of the training)

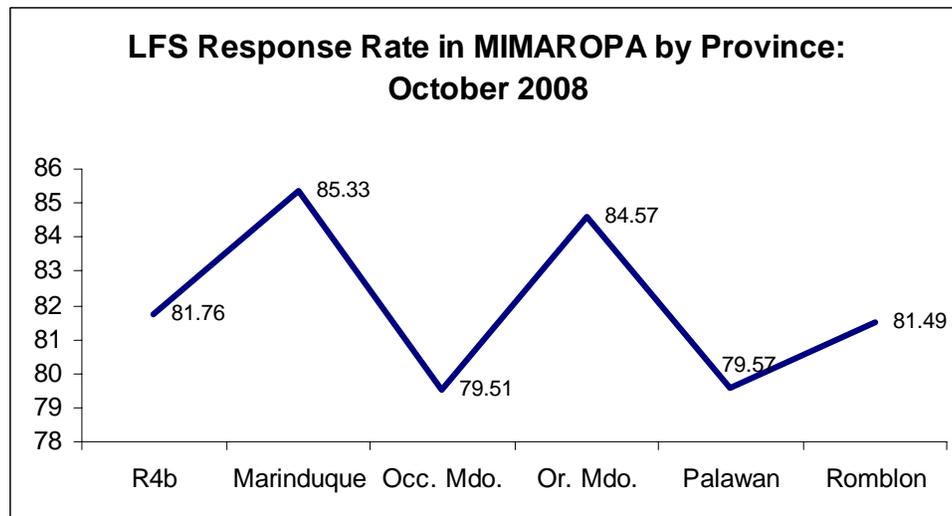
Participants				
PSO	Statisti cian	SCO/Other Staff	RD	Total
3	2	7	1	13

D. Issues/problems encountered during the training:

There was no issue raised on LFS/SOF concepts during the second level training.

II. Enumeration

Region IV-B enumerated a total of 2,336 sample households/housing units in October 2008 LFS. An additional of about 4.99 percent (111 households) from its original workload recorded. The response rate is 81.76 percent for the entire region.



As shown in the graph Marinduque recorded the highest response rate of 85.33 percent. Lowest response rate of 79.51 percent recorded in Occidental Mindoro.

On the other hand, SOF questionnaires were submitted on time to the Central Office to wit:

Region/Province	No. of SOF Form 1	No. of SOF Form 2	Date Submitted to C.O.
Region IVB	150	135	
Marinduque	27	15	Nov. 4, 2008
Occ. MIndoro	22	22	Nov. 5, 2008
Or. MIndoro	61	38	Nov. 6, 2008
Palawan	23	48	Nov. 4, 2008
Romblon	17	12	Nov. 10, 2008

III. Supervision

Region IV-B has a total of 137 sampled EAs in October 2008 LFS. Of these total around 72 bgys/Eas or 52.55 percent were supervised by the regional and provincial supervisors.

The outcome of regional office supervision was noted below:

Problems	Action Taken
Inconsistent PSOC and PSIC in some LFS forms.	Advised EN to specify occupations clearly.
Sample household always expecting goods or assistance from the interviewer.	Noted.
Sample household did not want to be interviewed because they are exhausted answering the question every quarter or survey.	Noted.
The accessibility of the location of sample household is grueling task and very depressing if it is a callback or vacant.	Noted.

IV. Financial Report

Consolidated financial report of the region will be submitted on or before its due date on November 30, 2008.

V. Problems Encountered

Problems	Action Taken
Low response rate of respondents	Supervisors saturated some enumeration areas that recorded a number of nonresponse cases. Some resulted to successful interviews.

VI. Recommendations/suggestions/conclusions

The number of non-responding household in a sample survey is bearing serious effect on survey estimates. The estimates may no longer be representative of the population.

For every survey undertaking, those area that are recording low response rate should be prioritize in the supervision on the next survey rounds.

It will be better to hear feedback from the CO on what areas to prioritize on supervision.

The number of ISH questionnaires sent to the provinces for every survey undertaking should have at least five percent reserve.

The sample barangay/EA reporting numerous numbers of callbacks should be considered in costing.

The geographical location, accessibility of the area, and frequency of transportation should also be considered in the allocation of mandays and days of supervision.

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NARRATIVE REPORT ON THE OCTOBER 2008 FIELD OPERATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

This report covers all activities undertaken during the October 2008 Labor Force Survey field operations in Region V.

2. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

2.1 Training/Briefing

On September 26, 2008, Regional Statistician Amelia Rebollo conducted a briefing on the October 2008 Labor Force Survey and 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos at the Regional Office. In attendance were the OIC-RD, RO staff, all PSOs/OICs and Provincial/Acting Statisticians in Region V. Likewise, DSO Marivel Alarcon of NSO Masbate who happened to be at the Regional Office because of NDHS field operation and SCO Coney Frances Bragais being the only enumerator in Albay who is involved in CES operation requested to attend the briefing at the Regional Office. The LFS briefing stressed the importance and consistency for answers given by respondents, inconsistencies generated by Central Office in the PSIC and PSOC codes and class of worker.

2.2 Enumeration

The field interview of sample households was conducted on October 8-31, 2008 including Saturdays. The survey covered the four replicates of sample enumeration areas for a total of about 2,927 households in the new master sample in Region V. For this round, replicates 1 and 2 used rotation group 12 while replicates 3 and 4 used rotation group 11. The sample households for replicates 1 and 2 were all new while replicates 3 and 4 were the sample households in the October 2007 LFS round.

The response rate for the October 2008 LFS in Bicol Region was recorded at 80.7 percent or 2,361 households out of the 2,927 total sample households

(includes appended households) were successfully interviewed. Of the 2,927 total samples, 111 households (3.8 percent of 2,927 original listings in MS Form 6) were either present occupants of the vacated housing units of those households who permanently moved out or additional households in the sampled housing units.

On the other hand, 566 households or 19.3 percent of the 2,927 total sample households in the region were not interviewed for various reasons such as refusal of sample household, household temporarily away/on vacation/not at home, vacant housing unit, housing unit demolished and others like housing unit was converted to establishment and household not a permanent resident.

Shown below are the response and non-response rates for October 2008 LFS by province:

Province	Total Samples	Response		Non-Response	
		Rate	Number	Rate	Number
Total	<u>2,927</u>	<u>80.7</u>	<u>2,361</u>	<u>19.3</u>	<u>566</u>
Albay	680	78.7	535	21.3	145
Camarines Norte	303	81.2	246	18.8	57
Camarines Sur	884	77.9	689	22.1	195
Catanduanes	129	84.5	109	15.5	20
Masbate	438	81.3	356	18.7	82
Sorsogon	493	86.4	426	13.6	67

Manual processing of accomplished LFS questionnaires started on October 15, 2008 and it lasted on November 7, 2008 while the data entry started on October 17 and ended on November 7, 2008.

2.3 Supervision

OIC Alejandro Sario, conducted field supervision in Camarines Sur and Sorsogon.

2.4 Data Processing

a. Manual Processing

A general review of the questionnaires was done at the provincial offices. The provincial staff checked that each sample households listed in MS Form 6 have the corresponding ISH Form 2.

Below is the provincial timetable for the manual processing of the LFS questionnaires:

Province	Sample HHs	Start	End
Albay	619	Oct. 15	Nov. 5
Camarines Norte	269	Oct. 15	Oct. 31
Camarines Sur	825	Oct. 15	Nov. 7
Catanduanes	112	Oct. 15	Oct. 27
Masbate	388	Oct. 15	Oct. 31
Sorsogon	443	Oct. 15	Nov. 3

b. Machine Processing

Data entry of LFS questionnaires and checking for completeness and invalid values were done in the provincial offices.

The timetable prepared by the regional office for the data entry and machine editing was followed by all provinces in the region. After the data entry and checking for completeness and invalid values, the LFS data files were sent to the regional office for certification pass.

Shown below was the date of receipt through e-mail at the Regional Office of the LFS data files:

Albay - Nov. 7 (3 days ahead)

Camarines Norte	-	Nov. 4 (as scheduled)
Camarines Sur	-	Nov. 8 (3 days ahead)
Catanduanes	-	Oct. 28 (1 day ahead)
Masbate	-	Oct. 28 (8 days ahead)
Sorsogon	-	Oct. 31 (6 days ahead)

In the certification pass done at the regional office and matching of MS Form 6 and LFS, errors committed includes incorrect GEO ID, HCN and SHSN and inconsistencies of interview status in LFS questionnaire vis-à-vis interview status in MS Form 6. Majority of the referrals made by Regional Office to the Provincial Offices were the out-of-range in the basic pay of salaried household members.

On the other hand, errors which were verified correct and acceptable are – basic pay not in range, age <> 15:20 or 60:99, reason for not looking = 6, Mstat of Head=1, child, son/daughter-in-law present.

2.5 Submission

The required data files and reports for the LFS were submitted to IESD via e-mail on staggered basis on the following dates:

Albay	-	Nov. 10
Camarines Norte	-	Nov. 4
Camarines Sur	-	Nov. 12
Catanduanes	-	Oct. 31
Masbate	-	Oct. 31
Sorsogon	-	Nov. 4

Deadline of the Regional Office in the submission to Central Office of clean data files is November 14, 2008.

2.6 Recommendations

None.

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NARRATIVE REPORT

October 2008 Labor Force Survey and Survey on Overseas Filipinos

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) with the Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) as rider. The LFS is primarily geared towards the estimation of the levels of employment and unemployment in the country while the SOF gathers information on Filipino citizens who left for abroad during the last five years.

BRIEFING:

The 2nd level briefing was done last September 25-26, 2008 at the Regional Office. This were attended by the Regional Statisticians and their assistants, Provincial Statistics Officers and their respective Provincial Statisticians.

Common problems and errors were discussed on the updating of MS F6 and on the consistency check for verification sent by CO Manila where also reviewed and discussed. SOF questionnaire were discussed thoroughly.

Instructed Provincial Stat on the consistency of PSOC and PSIC likewise, discussed one common error in MS form 6 in the difference between additional household and new occupant when there are two households in the housing unit. One household move out and their was a new occupant household. Instructed them to reiterate this example during the provincial briefing.

SUPERVISION:

Name of Supervisor	Area Supervised
Consuelo Virgula	Aklan, Capiz
Res Villavicencio	Antique, Iloilo City
Arleen Bagoning	Iloilo, Guimaras

Issues/Recommendations:

Topic	Issues/Problems	Recommendation/Actions Taken
SOF-	Can former HH member and former	

<p>LFS-SOF – Not a HH member in the LFS but a sample in the SOF</p>	<p>OFW now working in Manila be included</p> <p>When did ____ return home? October 2007. Could the HH member still be considered OFW?</p> <p>The couple (SHH) went to US last June. HH is currently occupied by a relative not a HH member in the previous listing. The couple has a son who is a seaman and expected to be home this coming December including the couple?</p>	<p>The relative present occupant of their HH was interviewed on behalf of the HH currently abroad.</p>
<p>MS Form6 – Samples</p>	<p>Difficulty in locating samples. Although we have service vehicle, we have observed that locating sample took much of the time especially if it is a new sample area.</p>	<p>As much as possible, ENs should be retained in their usual area of assignments specially when we have long survey questionnaires so that they will not waste locating the sample hhlds.</p>
<p>ISH Form 2 HAI</p>	<p>In most forms these were not accomplished</p>	<p>Called the attention of the provincial stat for EN to accomplish</p>
<p>ISH Form 2 Col 3-4</p>	<p>In most forms these were not accomplished</p>	<p>No reference previous quest were lost and destroyed by typhoon Frank. Likewise attention of provincial stat was called for accomplishment by EN in new samples</p>

Capiz	Observed that EN have already an accomplished questionnaire when she went to the EA. She was just updating the characteristics during the visit.	Have a reinterview of sample households in the Enumerator's area of assignment regularly to make sure she visits her sample hlds every quarter
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FIELD ENUMERATION/SUPERVISION

Field Supervision was not possible when Stat Villavicencio visited the province of Antique due to heavy rainfull. Instead, review of LFS, CES and SOF questionnaires where done.

Likewise, she also visited Bgy. Lambuyao, Oton, Iloilo. There was no problem in the data/information gathered by the EN

In some of the bgy in Iloilo City the most common problem is the call back since most of the HH are working and no responsible respondent could be interviewed during the visit.

In Passi City, Bgy Soblogon visited by Asst. Stat Bagoning, SCO Lemos and Tumlos were in charge of that sample area. We got a hard time in locating the sample household since the sample households are so far apart and this is a new sample area. Sometimes people asked do not have any knowledge of their neighbors. It is good, that they rented a motorcycle to be used for the enumeration. I can't just imagine if you don't have a service vehicle. You need to walk all day long rain or shine since the weather this month is not fine affected by the global warming. Maybe the result you will accomplished two to three households after three days of enumeration surely you will got sick

Residents of the place told us that the household of Travaces, Adelina, the head died, other members of the household move out and the housing unit was destroyed. We searched for the housing unit (HU) and we found a shanty occupied before by the sample the neighbors told us that someone was living in it. Later. we found out that it is a one-man household not at home and working in a rice mill other information where supplied by the neighbors who also knew the occupation and salary received.

In Bgy. Lanipe Nva. Valencia, Guimaras some samples were reinterviewed. The household of Clavines informed Asst Sta Bagoning that they are already visited by the hired Statistical Researchers and according to her the SR made a callback to her since her father who was interviewed during the first visit do not know the remittance sent to them by her sister. Other sample households were also reinterviewed. They were asked what questions were asked by the enumerator. According to them they were asked : what are the names of the household members; occupation; age; are their OCW/OFW living with them, etc.

Stat Virgula scrutinized LFS and SOF questionnaires at the Provincial Office of Aklan and Capiz. She also observed an EN during an interview.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

Another activity of the office was accomplished and we commend our field men for a job well done. However, it would be proper and fitting that the office will provide motorcycles for fieldmen its been a long time that they are looking forward for this. Last year they thought that this will be materialized but it didn't. Sad to say that some prepared money for down payment in the procurement of motorcycle but news come out that the office is on the process of providing them but it was not materialized. Again they looked forward that this will come true since this would be of great help to our field personnel especially during surveys.

Our fieldmen are doing their job whatever it takes paying for hired vehicle just to accomplished their assignment on time that is without cost from their actual claims from the office and we really appreciate them for their dedication and loyalty.

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**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS)
SURVEY OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)**

NARRATIVE REPORT

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Introduction

This report covers the activities for the conduct of the October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) with its rider survey, the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) in Region VII. It also includes the regional staff who conducted supervision, findings and observations as well as suggestions and recommendations for future surveys.

Training/Briefing

Based on the memorandum issued for the conduct of the October 2008 LFS/SOF, a one day briefing was conducted by the Regional Office participated by the Provincial Statistics Officers and Provincial Statisticians. The regional briefing was conducted last September 26, 2008 with Stat. I Charito S. Doller and SCO I Felixberto M. Sato, Jr, acted as trainers. To be able to conduct supervision in many sample areas as possible, some regional staff were also made to attend the briefing.

List of trainers and participants of the October 2008 LFS/SOF

Trainers: SCO I Felixberto M. Sato, Jr.
Stat I Charito Doller

Participants: Bohol	PSO Jessamyn Anne C. Alcazaren SCO I Fidel Antopina Jr.
Cebu	PSO Firmo C. Diputado SCO II Leopoldo Alfanta
Neg. Or.	PSO Ariel E. Florendo Stat II Regino Fabro Jr.
Siquijor	PSO Ronaldo C. Taghap Stat II Jill Bernadette Abing
Reg'l Office	Stat Aide Myrna Trinidad T. Cataluña Stat Aide Leslie Marie V. Zuasula Admin Aide Dann Andrew Jakosalem

Supervision

As required and to ensure quality of data and for the smooth flow of the field operation, the regional office conducted supervision. The 10 mandays given for supervision, that is, 5 days for the RD and 5 days for the Regional Statistician were distributed among those who have participated in the training to have a wider coverage of supervision. Six (6) personnel from the regional office were able to conduct field supervision. RD Tandoc and Stat II Carriaga both have to go to Negros Oriental for other activities (BREQS MOA Signing and SLSD Briefing) in addition to the LFS supervision. The following is the summary of supervision conducted.

Name of Personnel/Date	Area	Type of Supervision
RD Atty. Lilia B. Tandoc Oct. 14, 2008	Dumaguete City, Neg. Or Cambado, Bacong, Neg. Or. Tampi, San Jose, Neg. Oriental	Monitoring as to problems Re-interview Spot-check
Stat II Edwina M. Carriaga Oct. 14, 2008	Cambado, Bacong, Neg. Or. Tampi, San Jose, Neg. Oriental San Francisco, Sta. Catalina, NO	Re-interview Re-interview Review of questionnaires/MS Form 6
Stat I Charito S. Doller October 13 & 16, 2008	Cabito-onan, Toledo City, Cebu Bulacao, Cebu City	Observed interview Observed interview
SCO I Felixberto M. Sato October 13, 14 & 15, 2008	Bgy. Abucayan, Balamban, Cebu Bgy. Tubigagmanok, Asturias, Cebu Bgy. Punta Princesa, Cebu City	Spot-check/Observed Interv. Re-Interview and Spot-check Spot-check & Re-interview
SA Leslie Marie Zuasula Oct. 9, 10 & 16, 2008	Cabantian, Guindulman, Bohol Basak Pardo, Cebu City	Observed interview Observed interview
SA Myra Trinidad Cataluña Oct. 16, 2008	Lahug, Cebu City	Observed interview
AA Dann Andrew Jakosalem Oct. 13 -14, 2008	Don P. Rodriguez, Bogo, Cebu Poblacion, Badian, Cebu	Observed interview Observed interview

Findings and Observations during supervision:

Findings and Observations	Action Taken
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No corresponding remarks indicated in some sample housing unit if the MS Form 6, e.g. correction in the address/ change of household head. 2. Code 2 in column 39, (no work experience) but stated in the remarks "retired public school teacher". 3. Line 2, Code "02" (spouse) but age is 06 and has a remark that "wife moved out and lived with another man. 4. Spelling of names (hhld head) differed between MS Form 6 and Form 2 	Informed the Prov'l supervisor (PS) for verification with the interviewer effect whatever corrections.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. One household member (child) was not included in the list of household members because of two different 	Instructed the (PS) to include the additional

respondents	member because it was verified to be there during the actual visit of the interviewer
6. SR was able to locate all sample housing units in the sample area but 2 of the sample households were not around which required callback; 3 have permanently moved and with new occupants	
7. Addresses are not very specific in MS Form 6, hence, SR had a hard time locating the sample HU.	
8. A courtesy call was made at the barangay hall before the start of the enumeration in the EA. The Brgy. Secretary was already informed by the DSO who visited a week before the visit of the SR and supervisor.	
9. As SR is first time to handle LFS, she introduced herself properly but failed to explain well the survey as well as the confidentiality of the data.	Reminded the SR to introduce not only herself but the other information about the survey which the respondents should know so that they can understand
10. SR sometimes did not follow the sequence of the questions and at times suggested answers if the respondent cannot give her response immediately.	Re-oriented the SR on the proper procedure in conducting the interview such as asking the questions in the order it is written in the questionnaire and follow the skipping correctly.
11. SR brought only 2 questionnaires which was not enough for her day's work as there were more than 2 overseas Filipinos found.	Instructed the SR to use the filled-out questionnaire in the interview but write the responses in the sheet of bond paper making sure that GEO IDs, question items are also indicated, otherwise, SR would do callback.
12. Two (2) Vacant H.U.s were verified as demolished	
13. Insufficient number of SOF Form 1 provided to the SRs	(In the Field – Cebu City) SOF Form 1 questionnaire was photocopied to produced sufficient number of qstrs.
14. No overseas indicator in column 11 for 15 years old and over (ISH Form 2)	Verified and assign corresponding overseas indicator in column 11
15. Listed member should not be included as member of the household after verification was made.	Line-out the particular listed member

16. After the interview, SR forgot to accomplish SOF form 2	SR was reminded to accomplished SOF Form 2
17. The age and the highest grade completed of the members does not match after re-interview	Write the correct entries in the questionnaires after verification was made

Suggestion/Recommendation:

It is suggested that the briefing for the LFS/SOF October round should have been allocated for two (2) days. To mentioned on our observations: 1) only half-day was allocated for the discussion for two topics that is the ISH Form 2 and MS Form 6. A one-day discussion for the ISH Form 2 and MS Form 6 is enough. There is really a need to emphasize in the discussion the topic on ISH Form 2 because every quarter there are issues that needs to be addressed based on the experiences from the fieldmen; and 2) Again, a one-day briefing is needed for the discussion on SOF since this particular survey was conducted a year ago and most of the fieldmen have already forgotten the operational procedure and concept on how to conduct this particular survey.

Based on the supervision of the Regional Office, the activity was successfully conducted without any major problems and everything was in place. Maybe, on the part of the field offices, close and a wider coverage of supervision should really be done because although many of the enumerators/fieldmen are experienced in fieldwork, there are still instances of omissions and errors in the conduct of the interview.

We thank and commend the Central Office for considering the requests of the provincial offices for additional SRs as well as suggestions and recommendations.

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OCTOBER 2008 CONSUMER EXPECTATION SURVEY (CES) NARRATIVE REPORT

I - Introduction:

The October 2008 Consumer Expectation Survey (CES) was conducted in the four (4) provinces in the region namely; Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar and Samar. The province of Biliran was no longer sampled this quarter and Southern Leyte was not sampled since April 2008.

II - Briefing:

- A. Region/Province:** Eastern Visayas
- B. Date/Venue of Training:** September 23, 2008 at NSO Training Room, Regional Office VIII, Tacloban City
- C. Number of Participants:** Two (2) participants from each province except for Southern Leyte and Biliran and three (3) participants from the Regional Office
- D. Issues/problems encountered:**

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. Questionnaire	Had difficulty in explaining the specific BSP responsibilities (new enumerators except Samar).	More examples should be given in the manual to properly explain this topic.
2. ENs Manual	None	
3. Field Operation	None	
4. Others	None	

III - Enumeration:

Some provinces were not able to start on October 1 as scheduled because aside from the collection of prices for the CPI most of the SCOs involved were also busy in the conduct of NSO Forum in their respective provinces in line with the celebration of the National Statistics Month. Although they were not able to start at once but still they were able to submit the questionnaires before the deadline set by the Regional Statistical Unit (RSU).

A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of EN	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
1. Esther Cabus	Eastern Samar	October 1-5, 2008
2. Bernadette Montana	Leyte	October 2-11, 2008
3. Vicente Cuayson	Leyte	October 3-9, 2008
4. Mae Moreno	Northern Samar	October 2-8, 2008
5. Guillermo Lagbo	Samar	October 3-8, 2008

B. Number of households by interview status:

Interview Status	Number of Households
1 – Completed	111
2 – Refusal	0
3 – Temporarily Away	1
4 – Vacant	7
5 – Housing Unit Demolished	12
6 – Others (Transferred, Moved Out)	8
7 – Critical/Flooded Area	0
Total Workload	139

C. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. Listing (MS Form 6)	Difficulty in locating vacant housing units.	Exhaust all efforts in locating VHUs using the listing sheet and barangay maps.
2. Concepts	Most of the respondents who answered “not aware” of the responsibilities of BSP in Section E2, answered “do not know” in Sections E3 and E4, which are valid.	It is suggested that if the answer in Section E2 is not aware, Sections E3 and E4 should no longer be asked.
3. Others	None	

IV - Supervision:

A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
1. Raul F. Dones	Laoang, Northern Samar Gamay, Northern Samar	October 9 & 10, 2008
2. Mae R. Almonte	Quinapondan, Eastern Samar Elizabeth, Leyte	October 1, 2008 October 6, 2008

B. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action taken
1. Listing (MS Form 6)	Verified vacant housing units and demolished housing units.	Verified correct.
2. Concepts	Some questions which required reasons were not properly answered. Reason as to what kind of policy was not answered.	Returned questionnaires to the enumerator for verification. Verified from the enumerator.
3. Others		

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**OCTOBER 2008 LABOR FORCE SURVEY (LFS)
and SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (SOF)
NARRATIVE REPORT**

I - INTRODUCTION

This report covers the Labor Force Survey (LFS) and Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) activities, that is, from briefing, supervision and financial report.

II - BREIFING

Ms. Mae R. Almonte, Regional Statistician, conducted a one-day briefing at the Regional Office. It was participated by the Provincial Statistics Officers (PSOs) and Provincial Statisticians.

It was focused on the concepts and procedures as well as specific instructions in accomplishing ISH Form 2 and the updating of MS Form 6. More examples on the different cases in updating of MS Form 6 were given since most of the enumerators; even regular SCOs and staff are still having difficulty in updating their MS Forms 6.

IV - SUPERVISION:

Regional Statistician Mae R. Almonte, Statistician I Shery Ann A. Jamisola, Stat Aide Evelyn Dacoycoy and Admin Aide Matilde Dacullo revisited and re-interviewed the October 2008 LFS/SOF sample households in the following sample barangays in the Provinces of Leyte, Samar, Eastern Samar and Biliran (see Table below). Mostly visited were non-responding households to verify if what were the interview status of these sample households and conducted re-interview.

Respective provinces in the region had also conducted supervision by the Provincial Statistics Officers (PSOs), Provincial Statisticians, District Statistics Officers (DSOs) and selected regular staff. Five (5) mandays were allotted to each staff for supervision.

A. Areas Supervised/ Date of Supervision

Name of Barangay	Start Date of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
Barangay Palengke, Caibiran, Biliran	Oct. 8, 2008	Oct. 8, 2008
Barangay Uson, Caibiran, Biliran	Oct. 9, 2008	Oct. 9, 2008
Barangay Salug, Guiuan, Eastern Samar	Oct. 16, 2008	Oct. 16, 2008
Barangay Mabuhay, Marabut, Samar	Oct. 17, 2008	Oct. 17, 2008
Barangay Sto. Niño, Marabut, Samar	Oct. 17, 2008	Oct. 17, 2008
Barangay Manloy, Capoocan, Leyte	Oct. 24, 2008	Oct. 24, 2008
Barangay Pob. Zone I, Capoocan, Leyte	Oct. 24, 2008	Oct. 24, 2008
Barangay Sawang Pob.1, Carigara, Leyte	Oct. 25, 2008	Oct. 25, 2008
Barangay Barugohay Sur, Carigara, Leyte	Oct. 25, 2008	Oct. 25, 2008
Barangay Rizal, Daram, Samar	Oct. 27, 2008	Oct. 27, 2008
Barangay Astorga, Daram, Samar	Oct. 27, 2008	Oct. 27, 2008
Barangay Sta. Rosa, Villareal, Samar	Oct. 28, 2008	Oct. 28, 2008
Barangay Plaridel, Villareal, Samar	Oct. 28, 2008	Oct. 28, 2008
Barangay Daja-Daku, San Isidro, Leyte	Oct. 28, 2008	Oct. 28, 2008
Barangay Poblacion, Inopacan, Leyte	Oct. 29, 2008	Oct. 29, 2008
Barangay Victory, Abuyog, Leyte	Oct. 30, 2008	Oct. 30, 2008
Barangay Comatin, Javier, Leyte	Oct. 30, 2008	Oct. 30, 2008

B. Problems Encountered and Actions Taken, if any, Observations, and Suggestions/Recommendations

Observations/Issues	Action Taken	Remarks
Sample household was interviewed even if the household had already transferred to a different barangay for almost a year.	Informed the PSO and updated the MS Form 6.	
Information gathered during the re-interview had slight inconsistencies on the age, education and hours due to different respondents.	Noted.	Some corrections were made in MS Form 6 especially on the address and nickname of the household head.

Observations/Issues	Action Taken	Remarks
Visited the reported temporarily away household and found out that the sample household was present during the supervision.	Interviewed the sample household since it's still within the enumeration period and updated the LFS data file and MS Form 6.	

V – FINACIAL REPORT:

Below is the summary of financial report:

Region/Province	Training	Enumeration	Supervision	Submission of Reports
Regional Office	7,200.00	0	22,700.00	0
Biliran	8,491.00	16,409.00	5,500.00	0
Eastern Samar	4,920.00	44,915.00	6,092.00	1,490.00
Leyte	13,737.00	192,919.00	60,136.00	4,767.00
Northern Samar	5,920.00	51,460.00	8,160.00	0
Samar	12,042.00	56,159.00	19,500.00	0
Southern Leyte	8,400.00	37,335.00	16,570.00	0
TOTAL	60,710.00	399,197.00	138,658.00	6,257.00

VI – RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS:

- None

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OCTOBER 2008 CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS SURVEY (CES)

Consolidated Narrative Report for Training/Briefing, Enumeration and Supervision in Region 9

I. Training

A. Region/Province: IX – Zamboanga Peninsula/Zamboanga City

B. Date/Venue of training: September 26, 2008/NSO RO9, Conference Room, Zamboanga City

C. Number of participants: 09 (with 2 participants from Basilan for LFS&SOF)

D. Facilitators: Stat. Naser S. Usman

E. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. Questionnaire	None	
2. ENs Manual	None	
3. Field Operation	No available regular personnel in Zambo. City for field enumeration Latest PD for field personnel	CO informed us that Zambo. City has been allocated of 1 SR Stat. Usman reviewed the latest guidelines for this matter but still subject for verification at CO
4. Others	None	

At the opening, OIC-RD Expedito C. Rebollos encouraged all personnel who were involved in the CES to exert more efforts to finish every phase of the operation before the deadline. It followed by a presentation of the latest results of the CES by Stat. Naser S. Usman of the Regional Office and continued facilitating the CES training. He also emphasized the most common errors that were observed particularly of no entries on “Others specify _____” and duplicate codes for boxes with multiple entries.

After the 2nd level training at the Regional Office, OIC-RD Rebollos traveled to Zamboanga del Norte to supervise the training on Sept 29, 2008 and subsequently proceed his supervision during field enumeration.

II. Enumeration

A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of EN	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Enumeration
Zambo Norte		
1. Carlos D. Silva 2. Julio Banua	Segabe, Piñan	October 3-4, 2008
	Siare, Sindangan	October 6 -7, 2008
	Poblacion North, Polanco	October 9-10, 2008
	Irasan, Pres. M.A. Roxas	October 3-4, 2008
	Bagumbayan, S. Osmeña	October 7-8, 2008
	San Jose, S. Osmeña	October 10-11, 2008
	Tambalang, Salug	October 13-14, 2008
Zambo. Sur and Sibugay		
1. Leonila Quino 2. Dimna Bienes	1. Makuguihon , Molave	September 29 , 2008
	2. San Jose, Pagadian City	October 1, 2008
	3. Limonan, San Miguel,	October 2-3, 2008
	4. Bogo Calabat, Josefina	October 4-5, 2008
	1. Guinicolalay, Dinas, ZDS	September 29-30, 2008
	2. Guinimanan, Margosatubig	October 1-2, 2008
	3. Bliss, Buug, ZS	October 3-4, 2008
	4. Poblacion, Mabuhay, ZS	October 5-6, 2008
5. Gaycon, Tungawan, ZS	October 7-8, 2008	
Zamboanga City		
1. Genlyn Delos Reyes	1. Camino Nuevo, Z.C.	October 1-2, 2008
	2. Canelar, Z.C.	October 2-4, 2008
	3. Manguso, Z. C	October 6-7, 2008

B. Number of households by interview status:

Interview Status	Number of Households
1 – Completed	129
2 – Refusal	0
3 – Temporarily Away	3
4 – Vacant	15
5 – Demolished	4
6 – Others, specify: Permanently Move-out	10
7 – Critical area/flooded area	0
Number of Households	137

C. Issues/problems encountered:

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
1. Listing (MS Form 6)	None	

2. Concepts	None	
3. Others		
Zambo. Norte	Locating sample HHs	Very difficult to locate sample hholds even bgy officials cannot assure if sample is still residing in the area.
Zambo. Sur & Sib	The complete name of previous occupant of the sample vacant housing unit should be written in the remark portion Lack of CES form I	Request be done in central office during the updating of MS form 6. Reproduced
Zamboanga City	Distance of some sample hholds were very far from each other in Brgy Mangusu	Coordinate with the Brgy. Officials and residents to locate the sample hholds

III. Supervision

A. Personnel involved/Area of Assignment/Period of Enumeration:

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
Zambo Norte		
Richard Tabigne	San Jose S. Osmeña Sr. Bgmbayan, Osmeña, Sr. Irasan, Pres. M.A. Roxas	October 8, 2008 October 9, 2008 October 9, 2008
Ma. Lila D. Daan	Siari, Sindangan Segabe, Piñan Poblacion North, Polanco	October 8, 2008 October 9, 2008 October 9, 2008
Zambo. Sur & Sibugay		
Gregorio C. Quino	Guinimanan, Margosatubig Makuguihon, Molave, ZDS Guinicolalay, Dinas ZDS Bogo Calabat, Josefina	October 2, 2008 October 4, 2008 October 6, 2008 October 11, 2008
Josette A. Abdurahim	Bliss, Buug ZS Poblacion, Mabuhay, ZS Gaycon, Tunagawan, ZS	October 4, 2008, 2008 October 6-7, 2008 October 13, 2008
Fernando Cuarte	Camino Nuevo	October 1, 2008
	Canelar	October 3, 2008
	Mangusu	October 6, 2008

	not registered to the said folio number.	
	5. Late submission of accomplished forms (Zambo. Del Norte) and narrative reports to RO	Reminded through e-mail.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Partial report only.

Name of activity	No. of Hhs.	No. of ENs	MD	Items of Expenditures				
				Wages	TE	PD	Utilities	Total
Training:								
Zambo. Norte								
Zambo. Sur								
Zambo.Sibugay								
Zambo. City		1	1	231	0	0	500	731
Sub-total		1	1	231	0	0	500	731
Enumeration:								
Zambo. Norte								
Zambo. Sur	36	1	11	2,541	3,235	6,800	0	12,576
Zambo. Sibugay	24	1	6	1,386	2,000	4,800	0	8,186
Zambo. City	27	1	6	1,386	2085	1600	500	8,291
Sub-total	87	3	23	5,313	8,120	15,120	500	29,053
Supervision:								
Zambo. Norte								
Zambo. Sur	36	1	3	0	2,930	3,200	0	6,130
Zambo. Sibugay	24	1	3	0	0	3,200	7500*	10,700
Zambo. City	27	1	3	0	785	960	500	2,245
Sub-total				0	3,715	7,360	8,000	19075
Grand total				5,313	11,835	22,480	8,500	48,859

Note: * gasoline expenditure.

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NARRATIVE REPORT
on the
October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS), 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipino (SOF) and
October 2008 Consumer Expectations Survey (CES)

Introduction

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey (LFS) round was conducted together with the 2008 Survey on Overseas Filipino (SOF) and the October 2008 Consumer Expectation Survey (CES) as riders, the latter was conducted on October 1-15.

Regional Briefing

The regional briefing was conducted by the Regional Statistician on September 26, 2008 at the Regional Office, and was attended by the Regional Director, Provincial Statistics Officers (PSOs), Provincial Statisticians and selected staff.

Training : Regional Briefing on October 2008 LFS/CES/2008 SOF
Date : September 26, 2008
Venue : Regional Office, Zamboanga City
Trainers : Naser S. USman
Participants :

<i>Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Place of Assignment</i>
1. Expedito C. Rebollos	OIC-Regional Director	Regional Office
2. Josette A. Abdurahim	PSO	Zamboanga de Sur
3. Jalandoni S. Besas	PSO	Basilan
4. Ma. Lila D. Daan	OIC-PSO	Zamboanga del Norte
5. Pedro P. Baradi, Jr.	Statistician II	Basilan
6. Gregorio F. Quiño	Statistician II	Zamboanga del Sur
7. Richard D. Tabigne	Asst. Statistician	Zamboanga del Norte
8. Fernando A. Cuarte	SCO I	Zamboanga City

Enumeration

Enumeration for the October 2008 LFS and 2008 SOF started on October 8 and ended on October 31, 2008, while the October 2008 CES was conducted on October 1-15, 2008 successfully.

Response Rate

With the total workload of 2,281 sample households, Region 9 had reported to have successfully interviewed 1,854 HHs, representing a total response rate of 93.91 percent.

VHUs topped the list at 193 housing units. This was followed by those that were on vacation/temporarily away at 113 HHs. Table A shows the summary of successful interviews and non-response by province.

TABLE A Number of Households Successfully Interviewed and Non-Response by Type by Province: October 2008

Region/Province	Total Workload	HHs Interviewed completely	Non-Response					Response Rate	
			Temp Away	HU Demolished	VHU	Moved Out w/o Occupant	Others (merged, etc.)		Total
Region IX	2,281	1,854	113	32	193	88	1	427	93.91
Basilan	235	213	6	-	10	6	-	22	97.18
Zambo. Norte	657	519	49	6	67	16	-	138	90.56
Zambo. Sur	638	472	35	18	68	45	-	166	92.58
Zambo. Sibugay	324	239	15	8	42	20	-	85	93.72
Zambo. City	427	411	8	-	6	1	1	16	98.05

By province and Independent Component City (ICC), Zamboanga City recorded the highest response rate of 98.05 percent, followed by the Province of Basilan at 97.18 percent. Zamboanga del Norte had the lowest response rate at 90.56 percent.

Supervision

During the enumeration, the Regional Director and the Regional Statistician conducted spotcheck/supervision on selected areas throughout the region. Below is the summary of the supervision of regional supervisors during the enumeration period.

Name of Supervisor	Area Supervised	Date of Supervision
Expedito C. Rebollos – OIC-Regional Director	Zamboanga del Norte	1st and last week of October
Naser S. Usman – Regional Statistician	Panunsulan, Isabela City	October 10
	Diki, Isabela City	October 11
	Townsite, Maluso	October 14
	Guiong, Sumisip	October 15
	Tumakid, Lamitan	October 16

Problems Encountered/Action Taken

So far, there were no major problems encountered during enumeration. Except for some areas where there are no regular transport, hiring of habal-habal and other means of transport had to be the last course.

Recommendations/Suggestions

No suggestions/recommendations noted.

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October 2008 LFS/SOF/CES OPERATION
Narrative Report

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Narrative Report on
October 2008 LFS/SOF

I – INTRODUCTION

This narrative report pertains to the October 2008 LFS/SOF/CES operation undertaken by this region on October 8-31, 2008. The undertaking is a regular project of the office, commonly known as the Labor Force Survey (LFS), with rider surveys the Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) and The Consumer Perception survey (CES).

This report will highlight on the different phases of activities, namely:

- a. Pre-enumeration activities
- b. Enumeration;
- c. Supervision;
- d. Processing;
- e. Financial aspect
- f. Enumeration results: Preliminary results of response and Non-response rate,

It is with great hope that this report will provide information that will appraise top-management on how the aforesaid operation was conducted during the given period.

II – Presentation

The LFS and SOF covered 138-sample enumeration areas for a total of about 2,301-sample households in the region (see Table 1). This is to ensure a reliable estimate of employment and unemployment in the region.

The October LFS/SOF survey round, utilized two (2) -rotation groups, RG 12 for replicates 1 and 2 while RG 11 for replicates 3 and 4 respectively. . Sample households belonging to Replicates 1 and 2 will all be new while those in RG 11 of replicates 3 and 4 will use the sample households in October 2007 LFS round.

Table 1. Total Number of Sample Barangays/EAs by province,
and Number of Sample Households: CARAGA

REGION/PROVINCE	BGY	EA	No. of Sample Households
Caraga	84	138	2,301
Agusan del Norte	33	34	667
Agusan del Sur	14	35	547
Surigao del Norte	24	32	481
Surigao del Sur	16	378	606

A. Pre-enumeration activities

The regional/provincial office, before the operation had undertaken preparatory activities, to wit:

1. Recruitment of Statistical Researchers (SR)

For this round, a total of thirteen (13) SRs were hired. The field offices of Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Sur had the biggest Number of hired SRs with 4 SR each, while Agusan del Norte hired 3 SRs and two (2) SRs were hired in Surigao del Norte.

2. Training/Briefing

2.1 Briefing

The October 2008 LFS/SOF along with CES, was conducted in two (2) levels. Participants for each level will act as trainers in the succeeding training levels.

2.2 Training Date/Venue/Facilities

The 1st level briefing was conducted on September 24, 2008 at NSO-Field Office located in Tandag City, Surigao del Sur. The 2nd level briefings in the field office were scheduled on the 1st week of October.

2.3 Trainers/Participants

There were fifteen (15) participants who attended the 1st level LFS/SOF/CES briefing, composed of Statisticians, DSOs, SCOs and regular staff. (see *attachment 1: Attendance Sheet*).

2.4 Training Proper

During the briefing, the focus was on the importance of the survey, concepts and definitions, and the survey procedures especially in filling up of ISH Form 2, SOF Form 1 and 2 as well as the common errors encountered in Updating the MS Form 6 and MS Form 6a. The participants were allowed to interact by asking queries, raise issues for clarification and for uniformity of the course of action.

During the briefing, several issues were tackled and were discussed methodically by the trainers.(see Table 2)

Table 2. October 20084 LFS/SOF Issues, 1st Level Briefing

Questions/Comments/Suggestions	Action Taken
Labor Force Survey (LFS):	
1. VHU in MS Form 6 but occupied during enumeration	Update MS Form 6
2. In Household Auxiliary Information , When do we use Code 3 (Rotated household)?	For this round, only for sample households belonging to replicates 1 & 2.
3. LFS System had produced error listings even primary occupation consistent with kind of industry in the questionnaire, i.e.; ' <i>PKB inconsistent with PROCC.</i> '	To be referred to SMD for inclusion in the edit specs...
4. For the rotation group, are we still using two (2) rotation group?	Yes, RG 11 and RG 12 respectively
4. During lat round, there were inconsistencies w/ for household members with s class of worker code 6 but nobody within the household was engaged in business	Reminded participants that there must be a member within the household who is engaged in business for a household member to have code 6 in class of worker
5. Last October round, there ENs who were not using the LAST HCN used in a sample EA in their updating of new occupant/additional households...	Reminded the participants to refer to the LAST HCN used in a sample EA for their additional/new occupant households
Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF)	
1. In accomplishing the SOF Form 2, is it in SHSN ascending order or as of visit order?	Accomplish in as of visit order during enumeration but upon submission it must be in chronological order for easy verification/consistency check by the supervisors, as agreed by the body during training
2. What is our treatment to Filipinos with dual citizenship? Accordingly, dual citizenship is approved in the congress and legal now in the country.	Treat as OCW, OFW, tourist, students, etc.. as the case may be..
2. Do we still include overseas Filipinos who were members of the sample HH before they left for abroad (e.g. 1999) but no longer members at the time of visit?	In SOF Fom 2. assign line number 81 for the first OF then so on...w/ remarks in column 8 "immigrant"
3. . Do we still include overseas Filipinos who were listed in ISH Form 2 but departed in outside the reference period (i.e. Sept. 2003) but still continuously sending remittances to relatives?	In SOF Form 2, list the OF in column 8 put necessary remarks. Do not assign SOF Form 1
3. Do we still include that one of HH members did a business trip (within the reference period) for procurement of stocks, etc?	As long that HH member was able to go to abroad within the reference period, then included.
3. New Item in SOF Form 1, Q22 why is it included?	For researchers to know how the bulk of the remittances were spent...

B. Enumeration phase

A total of thirteen (13) hired statistical researchers and twenty (20) SCOs/staff were fielded for the operation, which started on October 8 and ended on October 31, 2008. All households of sample barangays/EAs were administered with LFS. The standard output was six (6) households per day for urban barangays, while four (4) households per day for rural barangay. The total number of days to complete the operation was 20 days including Saturdays.

During the enumeration, no untoward incidents barred the operation except for the few callbacks and bad weather condition. Households were mostly cooperative which made the undertaking a complete success.

C. Supervision

Monitoring is one of the important aspects in any survey, of the 138 sample EAs, 58 bgy/EAs or 42% were visited and monitored by the regional and provincial statisticians the PSOs likewise conducted spot-checking, re-interview and supervision to enumerators. This was to ensure the quality of data and timely submission of reports. Table 3 shows the name of supervisors, areas supervised and the date of supervision, to wit:

Table 3. Name of Supervisor, Areas Supervised/Date of Supervision

Name of Supervisor	Area Supervised	Start Date of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
1. PSO Ricardo Galarse	Agusan del Norte		
	Los Angeles, Butuan City	10-14-08	10-14-08
	Agusan Pequeño, Butuan City	10-14-08	10-14-08
	Pob. 9, Cabadbaran, ADN	10-17-08	10-17-08
	Ambago, Butuan City	10-15-08	10-15-08
	Sta. Ana, Tubay	10-20-08	10-20-08
	Bangonay, Jabonga	10-22-08	10-22-08
2. Stat. Eddie Cabonilas	Pob. 1, Santiago	10-23-08	10-23-08
	Ibuan, Las Nieves	10-13-08	10-13-08
	Bayabas, Cabadbaran	10-14-08	10-14-08
	Camagong, Nasipit,	10-15-08	10-15-08
	San Agustin, Carmen	10-16-08	10-16-08
	Basilisa, R.T.R.	10-20-08	10-20-08

Name of Supervisor	Areas Supervised	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
1. Jesus G. Apellado	San Isidro, Loreto	Oct. 9
	Bgy. 5, San Francisco	Oct. 13
	Patin-ay, Prosperidad	Oct. 14
	Poblacion, Sibagat	Oct. 18
	Dacutan, Esperanza	Oct. 22
	Sta. Isabel, Sta. Josefa	Oct. 23
2. Brigidito R. Acebu	San Juan, Bayugan	Oct. 9, 2008
	Bentahon, Esperanza	Oct. 13, 2008
	Taglatawan, Bayugan	Oct. 15, 2008
	Poblacion, San Luis	Oct. 18, 2008
	San Agustin, Talacogon	Oct. 20, 2008

Name of Supervisor	Area Supervised	Start Date of Supervision	End Date of Supervision
7. PSO Ruel Dres	Surigao del Sur Poblacion, Barobo Namiamba, Tagbina Tabon, Bislig, City	10-18-06 10-19-06 10-20-06	10-18-06 10-19-06 10-20-06
6. Stat. Virgilio Avelina	Taft, Surigao City Alipao, Alegria Del rosario, tubod, Mat-I, Surigao City Patiño, Tagana-an Banban, Taganaa-n Mabini, Mainit Quezon, Mainit Villariza, Mlimono Masgad, Mlimono	10/10/08 10/11/08 10/12/08 10/12/08 10/14/08 10/15/08 10/18/08 10/19/08 10/25/08 10/26/08	10/10/08 10/10/08 10/12/08 10/12/08 10/15/08 10/115/08 10/18/08 10/19/08 10/26/08 10/26/08

Name of Supervisor	Area of Assignment	Inclusive Dates of Supervision
PSO Ruel L. Dres	Barobo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Poblacion EA-003 Liangá <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Liatimco ➤ Manyayay Hinatuan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Harip ➤ Roxas ➤ San Juan ➤ Zone II (Pob.) EA-002 Tago <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cayale ➤ Kinabigtasan Tandag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bagong-Lunsod (Pob.) EA-003 ➤ Mabuhay ➤ Maitum San Miguel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Carromata ➤ Sagbayan EA-002 Carmen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Antao Carrascal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Doyos (Pob.) Cantilan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Magosilom (Pob.) EA-001 ➤ Pag-antay 	10/10/2008 10/11/2008 10/11/2008 10/13/2008 10/13/2008 10/13/2008 10/13/2008 10/17/2008 10/17/2008 10/17/2008 10/17/2008 10/17/2008 10/18/2008 10/18/2008 10/22/2008 10/22/2008 10/23/2008 10/23/2008
8. Stat Reynelo S. Magno	Taft, Surigao City Lipata, Surigao city Quezon, surigao city	10-20-21/2008

Issues/problems encountered: Surigao del Sur

Topic	Issue/Problem	Recommendation/Action Taken
MS Form 6 (Listing)	➤ Bgy. Antao, Carmen has a VHU in the listing but with present occupant during supervision.	➤ Call the attention of the EN and let him enumerate the household.
ISH Form 2	➤ EN forgot to follow Skipping Pattern.	➤ Instructed the EN to strictly follow skipping pattern.
ISH Form 2	➤ New HH member is not listed.	➤ Instructed the EN to re-enumerate the HH and to be careful in listing the HH members.
ISH Form 2	➤ In Col. 11 (Overseas Filipino Indicator with ages less than 15 years old), the EN put Code 5, which is incorrect.	➤ Corrected the mistake of the EN.
ISH Form 2	➤ Total number of hours work in Col. 20 during the past week should be in three digits, while the EN reported the total number of hours only in two digits.	➤ Corrected the mistake of the EN.
ISH Form 2	In Col. 34 (How many weeks has been looking for work?), instead of 3 digits to be reported, the EN used 1 digit only	➤ Corrected the mistake of the EN.

Issues/problems encountered: Regional Office

FINDINGS/OBSERVATION	ACTION TAKEN	REMARKS
column 8 for LNS 01-05 are all blank	called attention of EN	for callback/tre-interview
column 31-39: blank for LN 05	- do -	- do -
Q9 blank	- do -	- do -
Total # of OFWs in col 5: blank	- do -	- do -
Q17 returned home aug 2008 but Q23 is code 2	- do -	- do -
Q9 "Private Employee"	- do -	- do -

D. Processing

D.1 LFS

Before the data entry started in the provinces, the regional statistical staff prepared deadline of submission of ISH Form 2 questionnaires to the region in order to meet the required timetable from the Central Office (see Table 4). The LFS system was e-mailed to the field offices on October 19, 2008 as the RO received the system on October 17, 2008.

Below are the deadline and date submission of ISH Form 2 Questionnaires:

Table 4. LFS Provincial Timetable

Region/Province	Total Sample HHs	Deadline of Submission	Date Submitted To R.O.	Submitted to C.O.
Caraga	2,301	Nov. 15, 2008		Nov. 10
Agusan del Norte	667	Nov. 6	Nov. 9	Nov. 7
Agusan del Sur	547	Nov. 4	Nov. 4	Nov. 10
Surigao del Norte	481	Oct. 31	Nov. 2	Nov. 7
Surigao del Sur	606	Nov. 3	Nov. 5	

Machine Processing:

Machine processing involves data entry, completeness checking and machine editing. Shown below are the common errors and action taken to wit:

Table 5. Common Error Messages/Action taken: Caraga Region

Problems encountered	Action taken
3. Age diff. Bet. Head and son/daughter <15 Head = 40, son =26	3. Accept. Step-daughter of the HH head, he/she is the daughter of the wife on 1st marriage
4. C19_PKB inconsistent w/ C16 Mason (7122), LGU (7511) Mechannic (7234), PalmOilMnfg (1591) Truck Driver (8324), - do - (1591)	5. Accept. LFS system Edit Specifications must be updated

With the foregoing error messages encountered, justifications were transmitted correspondingly to HSD-IESD.

E. Financial Aspects (based on cost estimate)

- See separate report -

F. Enumeration results

F.1 LFS

Interview status for response and non-response households

1. Response and Non-response

A total of two thousand three hundred one (2,301) sample households in the region were visited. Out of the total, 1,845 are eligible households; from these households 1,761 were completed/successfully interviewed or a response rate of 95.4 percent. Correspondingly, the non-responding households reached 84 or 4.6 non-response rate. The households were either temporarily away or not at home during the survey period was the primary reason of all the non-responding households, as shown in Table 6.

Table 6. No. of Households, Eligible households, Response and Non-Response Rate by Province: Caraga: October 2008 (unweighted)

Region/ Domain	Total Sam- ple HHs	Eligible Hous- e- holds	Response		Non-Response							
					Total	Rate	Refusal		Temporarily away/on vacation		Critical area/s	
			Total	Rate			Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Total	Rate
Caraga	2,301	1,845	1,761	95.4	84	4.6	-	-	84	100.0	-	-
Agusan del Norte	667	515	504	97.9	11	2.1	-	-	11	100.0	-	-
Agusan del Sur	547	443	424	95.7	19	4.3	-	-	19	100.0	-	-
Surigao del Norte	481	405	379	93.6	26	6.4	-	-	26	100.0	-	-
Surigao del Sur	606	482	454	94.2	28	5.8	-	-	28	100.0	-	-

The response rate across the provinces was generally high-this was over 93 percent, with Agusan del Norte recorded the highest response rate of 97.9 percent and the least recorded in Surigao del Norte del with 93.6 percent response rate. (see Attachment 2)

F.2 SOF

SOF Form 1 and SOF Form 2 were directly submitted to IESD by the respective field office.

III – SUMMARY/CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

The October 2008 Labor Force Survey/SOF/CES operation was conducted in the region from October 8-31, 2008. Field enumerators were technically trained to withstand the rigors of the survey, especially along interview procedures and composure required for a successful data gatherer. Manpower component for the operation involved thirteen (13) hired statistical researchers and twenty (20) SCOs/staff.

There were no grieving household related problems met in the field, for generally, all sample households interviewed were cooperative making the undertaking a complete success. Barangay Officials were also supportive to the office in facilitating felt needs of enumerators during the survey.

In totality, the October 2008 LFS/SOF operation was successfully conducted through the efforts of the people behind this region.

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Attachment 1: Attendance Sheet



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OCTOBER 2008 LFS/SOF/CES BRIEFING

September 24, 2008
 NSO - SURIGAO DEL SUR

Attendance Sheet

NAME OF PARTICIPANT	POSITION/OFFICE	TIME		SIGNATURE	TIME		SIGNATURE
		IN	OUT		IN	OUT	
EDDIE M. CARONILAS	Stat. II - ADN	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
BRIGWID N. ACOSU	ASST. STAT. - ADS	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
EMELKINDO, J. G.	Off/PSO	8:00		<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
RICHARD L. GALANSE	PSO ADN	8:00		<i>[Signature]</i>			<i>[Signature]</i>
Nicasio C. Fabina	PSO ADN	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
VIRMANO B. ANELMA JR	STAT-II / MNSO	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
MARYTO W. ELISAN	SCO-11	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jennifer C. Gelace	SCO-I	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
REYNOLDO S. MAGNO	STAT-I R-D	7:45	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	12:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
RUEL L. DRES	PSO/NSO-SDS	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
ROSE C. Celis	OTC- RND	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
MARILYN A. OCTOBERE	SCO-1	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
LUIS P. DWERTIN, JR	SCO-11	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:02	<i>[Signature]</i>
ALEX YERDIN P. ANTONIO	SCO-1	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>
ROSALIA S. PANTANOG	Asst. Stat./SOS	8:00	12:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	1:00	5:00	<i>[Signature]</i>

Attachment 2: Interview Statust by Province: Caraga 2008

Table 1. Caraga Provinces by Interview Status

Caraga Provinces	Total		completed interview		refusal		temporarily away/on vacation		vacant housing unit		housing unit demolished, destroyed by fire, typhoon, etc.		others		critical areas, flooded areas	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total	2301	100	1761	76.5	0	0	84	3.7	123	5.3	94	4.1	239	10	0	0
Agusan del NOrte	667	29	504	21.9	0	0	11	0.5	35	1.5	43	1.9	74	3.2	0	0
Agusan del Sur	547	24	424	18.4	0	0	19	0.8	37	1.6	8	0.3	59	2.6	0	0
Surigao del NOrte	481	21	379	16.5	0	0	26	1.1	27	1.2	14	0.6	35	1.5	0	0
Surigao del Sur	606	26	454	19.7	0	0	28	1.2	24	1	29	1.3	71	3.1	0	0



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September 24, 2008

Part I	Opening Program
8:00-9:30	Invocation..... Virgilio G. Avelina, Jr. Stat. II, Surigao del Norte
	Acknowledgement of Participants
 Eddie M. Cabonilas Stat. II, Agusan del Norte
	Welcome Message..... Ruel L. Dres PSO, Surigao del Sur
	Message..... Jesus G. Apellado OIC-PSO, Agusan del Sur
	Message..... Ricardo L. Galarse PSO, Agusan del Norte
	Message..... Rosalinda C. Celeste OIC-RD, Caraga Region
Part II	Briefing Proper
9:30-10:00	October 2008 LFS/SOF/CES Reynelo S. Magno Stat. I, Caraga Region
10:00-10:15	Snacks
10:15-12:00	Continuation of the Briefing
12:00-1:00	Lunch Break
1:00-3:00	Continuation of the Briefing
3:00-3:15	Snacks
3:15-4:30	Continuation of the Briefing
4:30-5:00	Closing Message..... Nicasio L. Hubilla PSO, Surigao del Norte

Attachment 3: ISH Form 1B

ISH FORM IB - SUPERVISOR'S REPORT FORM

TITLE OF SURVEY: Oct 2008 LFS/SOF

Region/Province: Caraga/Surigao del Norte

DATE OF SUPERVISION	TYPE OF SUPERVISION	GEO-ID		PERSON SUPERVISED (Name/Position)	TYPE OF FORMS REVIEWED (Enter Code)	FINDINGS/OBSERVATION	ACTION TAKEN	REMARKS
		Mun./Bgy./EA	HCN					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
10/21/2008	6	67/048/010	0284	Franz Jedrich, Parrucho	2	column 8 for LNS 01-05 are all blank	called attention of EN	for callback/tre-interview
			0284	- do -	2	column 31-39: blank for LN 05	- do -	- do -
			0284	- do -	3	Q9 blank	- do -	- do -
			0284	- do -	4	Total # of OFWs in col 5: blank	- do -	- do -
10/21/2008	6	67/24/024/000	0011	- do -	3	Q17 returned home aug 2008 but Q23 is code 2	- do -	- do -
10/21/2008	6	67/24/036/000	0262	- do -	3	Q9 "Private Employee"	- do -	- do -

Codes for Col. 2

Codes for Col. 6

Accomplished by:

- 1 - Assist in the conducting of training
- 2 - Observe conduct of interview
- 3 - Review of questionnaire in the enumeration areas
- 4 - Re-interview of household
- 5 - Verify non-responding HHs that cannot be located
- 6 - Verification of questionnaire at the Provincial Office
- 7 - Verification of complains/fabricated data
- 8 - Spotchecking of field personnel
- 9 - Others _____

Specify

- 1 - ISH Form 12
- 2 - ISH Form 2
- 3 - SOF Form 1
- 4 - SOF Form 2

(Signature Over Printed Name)

Designation

Date

Attachment 4: Pictures