



# PRESS RELEASE

## AWARDING OF CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH TO FRIENDS RESCUED (FRs) UNDER BIRTH REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT (BRAP)

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*“Facilitating identity empowerment through collaboration”*

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has a mandate of registering all vital events of a person in his lifetime. Through this mandate, Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) was created to give assistance on the late registration of an individual. The “Friends Rescued” (FRs) are included as beneficiaries of the BRAP. They were the former rebels (FR) or NPA fighters that laid down their arms and return to the fold of the law

On 19 January, the FRs received their Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) during the Awarding Ceremony at 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (60<sup>th</sup> IB) Compound, Doña Andrea, Municipality of Asuncion, Province of Davao del Norte.



Awarding ceremony of COLB to “FR”. In between the “FR” is Col. Merill C. Sumalinog and NS CRG Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD, CSS Pepito D. Amoyen, OIC-RD Randolph Anthony B. Gales. Taken at the 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Barangay Doña Andrea, Municipality of Asuncion, Province of Davao del Norte

The awarding ceremony was inaugurated by Colonel Merrill C. Sumalinog, the Battalion Commander of the 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion. Relatedly, Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa, Ph.D., the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the



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Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) directly handed over the Certificate of Live Birth to the Friends Rescued.



Usec. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, Ph.D. giving his remarks on the importance of having a Certificate of Live Birth


Several PSA personnel actively participated in the ceremony, including Chief Statistical Specialist Pepito D. Amoyen of Davao del Norte, OIC Regional Director (Chief Statistical Specialist) Randolph Anthony B. Gales, Chief Statistical Specialist Rogelio T. Lebria of Davao del Sur, Chief Statistical Specialist Jessie A. Madulin of Davao Occidental, and OIC Emily P. Tomogdan (Supervising Statistical Specialist) of Davao Oriental.

Additionally, representatives from the Local Government Units of Talaingod and Kapalong, namely Municipal Civil Registrar Jaidee Sanico (Talaingod) and OIC Grace Alegre (Kapalong), actively participated in the event, efforts between various demonstrating collaborative agencies.



Friends Rescued having their Certificate of Live Birth with the men and women of PSA Davao del Norte with the staff of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office-Davao del Norte

The coordination between PSA PSO-Davao del Norte and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) of Davao del Norte played a crucial role in facilitating the provision of identity to the FRs through the issuance of their Certificate of Live Birth during this significant activity.

  
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