

## **TIBANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY IN COMMUNITY-BASED CIVIL REGISTRATION**

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Tibang Elementary School partnered with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in a community-based civil registration as the latter marked the celebration of their 32<sup>nd</sup> Civil Registration Month February 2022 with the theme “Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Implementation Strategies through Digital Transformation”. The school initiated “One-Stop Shop PSA Outreach Program” to address the increasing number of learners without birth certificates due to financial constraints. This addresses the need as such document is one of the requirements in entering Kindergarten Class.

Upon the suggestion of Mrs. Herchel B. Emerenciana, a Kindergarten teacher, the school needs to provide assistance to learners to secure their birth certificates without going out of the community and spend for their transportation and other related expenses.

The school wrote a letter of invitation to the PSA field office and cited significant issues and concerns with regard the difficulties experienced by some parents in securing the said document.

The PSA Field Office under the leadership of Mrs. Anavi F. Camacho, Chief Statistical Specialist, including the Civil Registrar Office of San Andres, Catanduanes and Barangay Council of Tibang, responded to the call of the outreach program and it was held in Tibang Elementary School last February 11, 2022.

Aside from processing birth certificates, PSA also disseminated information to the parents and teachers, in consonance with civil registration. Likewise, other services offered like processing of marriage contract, certificate of no marriage record (CENOMAR), late registration, correction of entries in the birth certificates and the National ID System.

The activity lasted for a day and this Birth Certificate Registration Project of PSA in collaboration of LCRO San Andres benefitted ten pupils who will receive free copy issuance of birth certificates with zero transport and miscellaneous cost.