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PSA RSSO XIII prepares for the conduct of the Geotagging and Processing of Key Features/Structures for the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS)

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Regional Statistical Services Office XIII launches the region's 2022 CBMS – Geotagging and Processing of Service Institutions and Infrastructure and Government Projects for the PSA-Funded localities. The CBMS Act thru its implementing rules and regulations defines **geotagging** as "the process of adding metadata about government projects, households/housing units, service facilities, and natural resources to various media and of uploading to a web-based application. This enables the mapping of all areas in the Philippines and allows the government, the citizenry, and other stakeholders to check the progress of projects in real time."

The field operation will start on 20 March until 31 May 2023. The activity aims to:

- 1) Gather accurate and relevant spatial and attribute data of all existing service institutions and infrastructure and government projects located within the barangay;
- 2) Geotag and digitize the structures into corresponding point and line features; and
- 3) Produce a list of these structures and to generate maps using the collected information for subsequent planning, program implementation, and impact monitoring for socio-economic development and poverty alleviation.

The map data collectors shall be responsible for the geotagging activities while the map data processors and map data reviewers shall assist the map focal persons in the processing and reviewing of collected shapefiles.

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