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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 143, s. 1977

MORE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION OF
STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Heads of Colleges and Universities
School Superintendents

1. Inclosed, for the information and compliance of all concerned, is a copy of Memorandum Circular No. 7-77 of the National Economic and Development Authority in connection with the implementation of LCI No. 521.

2. Attention is invited to the portion of the NEDA Memorandum Circular which requests the agencies concerned to submit to the Statistical Coordination Office (SCO) of NEDA, reports of on-going and programmed statistical surveys and researches, as well as periodic progress reports, preferably on a quarterly basis, and the final report on such on-going statistical surveys and researches.

3. It is desired that the contents of this Department Memorandum be disseminated to all concerned.

(SCD.) JUAN D. MAJUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

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under the following subjects:

REGIONS OFFICES / STATISTICS (Data) /
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(Inclosure to Department Memorandum No. 243, s. 1977)

Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
P. O. Box 1116, Manila

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 7-77

TO: The National Economic and Development Authority
The Department of Trade
The Department of Labor
The Department of Education and Culture
The Department of Agriculture
The Department of Natural Resources
The Central Bank of the Philippines
The National Census and Statistics Office
The National Grains Authority
The Bureau of Agricultural Economics;
The Bureau of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
The Bureau of Forest Development and all
Departments, Bureaus, Offices, Agencies
and Government Instrumentalities,
including government-owned and controlled
corporations involved in the statistical
activities of the Government

SUBJECT: IMPPLEMENTATION OF LETTER OF INSTRUCTION
NO. 521 FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION
OF STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

In connection with Letter of Instruction No. 521,
signed and issued by the President on March 22, 1977,
the following guidelines are issued for the implemen-
tation of the above instructions enumerated therein,
to wit:

- "1. Full support by department secretaries and
national/regional heads to:
 - a. Integrated Household Surveys;
 - b. Integrated Establishment Surveys;
 - c. All other surveys that call for
integration."

In connection with the above instruction, agen-
cies concerned are requested to submit to the Statis-
tical Coordination Office (SCO) of NEDA reports of on-
going and programmed statistical surveys and researches.

Such reports are needed to compile an inventory of statistical services and/or survey activities and should include, specifically in case of the surveys, the objective, scope and coverage, definitions and concepts, questionnaire design, sample design, timetable of activities, cost and frequency, together with a brief description of field operations, processing, reporting and dissemination of results.

The agencies concerned shall provide the SCG, NEDA with periodic progress reports, preferably on a quarterly basis, including the final report, of on-going statistical surveys and researches.

"2. All new large-scale surveys with a sample size of 500 or more to be done by government agencies may be reviewed by NEDA on a post factum basis."

In initiating new statistical surveys and researches, agencies are enjoined to consult with the Statistical Advisory Board through the SCG, NEDA, especially during the preliminary and preparatory stages, so that proper guidance and technical assistance may be availed of, wherever possible.

"3. The universal adoption of prescribed standards and classification systems by government agencies."

Prescribed for adoption by all government agencies are the following standards, prepared by the various inter-agency committees on standard classification and approved for adoption under NEDA Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2, dated January 5, 1977, namely: the Philippine Standard Commodity Classification, the Philippine Standard Industrial Classification, the Philippine Standard Occupational Classification and the Philippine Standard Geographic Code. Updating and/or revision of these standards shall be made from time to time as the need for them arises. In this connection, all recommendations for any change in the prescribed classification shall be sent to the SCG, NEDA stating the justification for such change, for assessment and consideration. Standards/classifications other than/in addition to the aforementioned classifications shall, subsequently, be developed and prescribed.

"4. The NEDA and the Budget Commission should pursue vigorously its proposed tie-up in the budget review process so that they could institutionalize a more effective system of resource (budget) allocation for statistical activities."

Budget Operations Instruction BPR 78-2 dated April 26, 1977 has been issued by the Commissioner of the Budget to guide budget analysts in processing budgetary programs.

Copies of such accomplished budgetary forms for statistical activities as the Budget Commissioner may require for this purpose shall be furnished the SCO, NEDA.

"5. The rationalization of the growth and development of computer based information systems, e.g., data banks/management information systems, among departments by the National Computer Center."

A separate circular will be issued on this.

"6. Closer interdepartmental coordination in the government to prevent the use of conflicting statistics in department reports and press releases."

The Statistical Advisory Board shall prepare a list of official statistics together with the corresponding source agencies which shall be responsible for the dissemination and release of said statistics.

"7. The maximum utilization of the administrative/regulatory data collection of agencies which include the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System and Board of Transportation."

Regulatory agencies like the BIR, SOT, GSIS, SSC, SSS, MEDICARE and such other agencies which produce statistics as by-products of their administrative and regulatory functions shall furnish the SCO, NEDA their current reporting forms and tabulation formats, including a copy/ies of their latest publication/report obtained/derived from these reporting forms.

It is important that the above reports/materials be transmitted as soon as possible to enable a thorough and continuing assessment of the statistical machinery of the government, establish and identify its limitations and weaknesses, with the end in view of initiating measures to improve the system at all levels. Agencies are urged to establish and maintain dialogue with SCO, NEDA where they can avail of policy guidance from the Statistical Advisory Board and technical assistance from the various inter-agency committees created for specific areas/subject fields.

Your prompt cooperation and support will be greatly appreciated.

(SGD.) GERARDO F. SICAT
Director General

June 16, 1977

A true copy.