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In meeting the minimum basic needs of living:

Ilocos Norte ranks 2nd in the entire country

The 2002 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS) showed that Ilocos Norte ranked 2nd highest nationwide in meeting the minimum basic needs of Filipino families in terms of survival security and empowerment. The overall ranking of the province is based on the unweighted mean of national ranks of the province in terms of the various indicators on survival (e.g. percentage of families that obtain their water from a safe water source), security (e.g. percentage of families owning houses) and empowerment or enabling needs (e.g. percentage of families with children 6-12 years old in elementary grades).

Survival Needs

Under survival needs, it is noted that 99.71 percent of families in the province have sanitary toilet facilities (either water –sealed and closed pit type). The proportion is the 2nd highest among the 77 provinces nationwide.

In terms of access to health facilities, Ilocos Norte ranked 3rd with a percentage of 55.47. Most (90.57%) families also used electricity for lighting.

On the other hand, the province showed lower access of families to safe water supply. There is a low proportion of families having a faucet or a tubed or piped well.

Security Needs

Under security indicators, there are 87.12% families who live in houses with roofs and outer walls made of strong material. Considered as strong materials are galvanized iron, aluminum, tile concrete, brick stone, wood, plywood and asbestos.

Most families in the province (83.3%) owned or amortized their house and lot they are residing. This high proportion is a good indicator of security.



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Empowerment or Enabling Needs

Under this category, it showed that 93.60% of the total families have children 6-12 years old who are in the elementary grade, 89.69% with children 13-16 years old in the high school level, 66.17% with members involved in people's organization while 17.86% with working children 5-17 years old.

Overall Ranking

The top five provinces in meeting the minimum basic needs are Mountain Province (1st), Ilocos Norte (2nd), Laguna (3rd), Rizal (4th) and Isabela (5th). On the other hand, the lowest provinces are Western Negros Oriental (77th), Samar (76th), Masbate (75th), Basilan (74th), and Sarangani (73rd).

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