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Proportion of Poor Families in Region X drops to 25.4% in the First Semester of 2018

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The proportion of families whose income fall below the poverty threshold in the region, known as poverty incidence among families, was estimated at 25.4 percent as of the first semester of 2018. During the same period in 2015, poverty incidence among families was recorded at 35.9 percent.

Four of the five provinces in the region showed decreases in poverty incidences. These provinces were Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte and Misamis Occidental. The province of Bukidnon posted the biggest drop of poverty incidence, bringing down the poverty incidence to 32.1 percent in the first semester of 2018 from its recorded poverty incidence of 54.1 percent in the first semester of 2015.

The proportion of families in the region whose income fall below the food threshold, known as subsistence incidence among families, was estimated at 9.3 percent in the first semester of 2018. Subsistence incidence of the region in the same period of 2015 was recorded at 18.7 percent.

All of the provinces posted decreases in subsistence incidence in the first semester of 2018 as shown in Table 2. Bukidnon posted the biggest drop in subsistence incidence among the five provinces, bringing down the subsistence incidence to 12.0 percent in the first semester of 2018 from 31.5 percent in the same period of 2015. The subsistence incidence among families shows the proportion of families living in extreme poverty.

Poverty and Subsistence Incidence Among Population


The poverty incidence among Region X population in the first semester of 2018 was estimated at 31.5 percent. During the same period in 2015, poverty incidence among population was recorded at 41.9 percent.

The subsistence incidence among Region X population was 12.4 percent in the first semester of 2018, lower than the recorded subsistence incidence of the same period in 2015 at 22.9 percent.

Food and Poverty Thresholds

Food threshold is the minimum income required to meet basic food needs and satisfy, the nutritional requirements set by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) to ensure that one remains economically and socially productive. Poverty threshold, on the other hand, is the minimum income required to meet the basic food and non-food needs such as clothing, fuel, light, water, housing, transportation, health, and education expenses.

In the first semester of 2018, a family of five needed at least PhP 7,125, on average, every month to meet the family's basic food needs and at least PhP 10,193, on average, every month to meet both basic food and non-food needs. These amounts represent the monthly food threshold and monthly poverty threshold, respectively.


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