

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### 2019 Third Quarter Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll

#### **Nagueños’ net satisfaction with Pres. Duterte “poor”; Satisfaction with air quality in Naga City “moderate”**

**Almost half of Nagueño households are “poor”**

This quarter’s poll found that 47.8% of Nagueño households considered themselves “poor”. This self-rated poverty incidence increased by 3.8% from last year same quarter’s 43%. The median poverty threshold or the amount of monthly income that an average Nagueño household needs in order to consider themselves “not poor” is at P20,000. This amount remains unchanged compared to third quarter of 2018.

About half of Nagueño households (44.5%) are food insecure. This figure increased by 6.7 percentage points as compared to last year’s 37.8% from the same quarter.

**Majority of Nagueños are “highly optimistic” of their life in the next six months**

Close to half of Nagueño households (47%) reported that their quality of life has improved compared to the past six months while about one out of five (17.5%) said that it has worsened. This resulted to a moderate personal gain of +29.5.

More than half of Nagueños (56.2%) are optimistic of their quality of life in the next six months while about 1 out of 10 (7.3%) anticipate that it will get worse. These responses resulted to a net personal optimism of +48.9 which is higher than last year’s +40.

**Government not serious on the safety and protection of Filipino fishermen in the West Philippine Sea said Nagueños**

There is an “extremely strong” agreement (+87.2) among Nagueños that the Philippine government should arrest Chinese fishermen who destroy the natural resources in the West Philippine Sea (91% agreed, 3.8% disagreed). Similarly, Nagueños’ net agreement rating (+64.7) on whether the Philippine government should assert its rights to the disputed islands in the West Philippine Sea in reference to the 2016 Permanent Court of Arbitration is also “extremely strong” (75.3% agree, 10.6% disagree).

However, as regard to the seriousness of the government in protecting Filipino fishermen’s welfare against threats from foreign vessels, there is a “moderate weak” agreement (-21.1) among Nagueños (21.8% serious, 43.9% not serious).

**Television, the main source of news and information**

Nagueños get news 5 days a week on average. The top three sources of news and information of Nagueños are television (80.6%), internet like webcast and podcast (9.8%), and radio (9.1%).

**Air quality net satisfaction, “moderate”**

More than a third of Nagueños (38.3%) are satisfied with the quality of air in Naga; while one out of five (20.3%) are not satisfied. This resulted to a “moderate” net satisfaction of +18.

Nagueños are not satisfied with the present air quality because of the foul smell from Balatas dumpsite (55.6%), smoke belchers (42%) and drainage (9.9%).

The major effects of air pollution are on health (76.5%) particularly difficulty in breathing, irritation on the eyes and nose, skin problems, and asthma incidences.

**Clean air must be promoted by the government**

Almost all Nagueños (96%) agreed that clean air must be promoted by the local government; while few (0.5%) disagreed. This resulted to “extremely strong” net agreement of +95.5. Among those who said that clean air must be promoted by the government, 9 out of 10 (95%) Nagueños are willing to participate in government initiative.

Almost all (91.4%) Nagueños believe that something can still be done to resolve air pollution while few (6.2%) believe otherwise.

**A substantial majority of Nagueños did not listen, read, nor watch the SONA**

A substantial majority of Nagueños (74.8%) was not aware of the State of the Nation Address (SONA) of Pres. Duterte on July 22, 2019.

Those who have listened, watched, or read agreed with the statements of Pres. Duterte on the Anti-Drug Campaign (19.8%), increased income of government employees (15.8%), and stand of the government on West Philippine Sea dispute (9.9%).

On the other hand, more than a third of Nagueños (38.2%) also do not agree with the stand of the government in the territorial dispute in the West Philippine Sea with China, 6.9% on the re-imposition of death penalty, and 5.9% on extra-judicial killings and human rights violation.

**Nagueños strongly agree with mandatory ROTC for senior high**

More than half of Nagueños (57.5%) are aware of the proposal of mandatory Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) for grade 11 and 12 students. Of those who are aware, 58.3% agreed to the proposal while 21.3% Nagueños disagreed. This resulted to a “strong agreement” of +37.

**Pres. Duterte’s performance in the past 6 months rated “poor” by Nagueños**

One out of five Nagueños (21.3%) are satisfied with Pres. Duterte’s performance in the past six months; while 32% are dissatisfied. This resulted to a “poor” net satisfaction of -10.7. Meanwhile, VP Robredo’s net satisfaction is +55.3 which translates to “very good” (63.3% satisfied, 8% dissatisfied).

**Nagueños choose career over love life.**

On a lighter note, four out of five Nagueños (80%) choose their career over love life.

**Survey Background**

This 2019 Third Quarter Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll used face-to-face interview of 400 randomly selected voting age respondents of Naga City. The confidence interval of this survey is 95% with a margin of error of ±4.9%. This survey, funded by the Ateneo de Naga University, was conducted from July 31 to August 21, 2019 by the Ateneo Student Researchers Pool (ASRP). The ASRP consists of 15 student scholars assigned to the Ateneo Social Science Research Center (ASSRC). This study adapts the methodology and rating interpretation terminology of the Social Weather Station (SWS).

Net Agreement rating is the difference between those who agreed and those who disagreed, while Net Satisfaction rating is the difference between those who are satisfied and those who are dissatisfied. The results are interpreted as follows using SWS terminology:

NET AGREEMENT INTERPRETATION		NET SATISFACTION INTERPRETATION	
+50 and above = EXTREMELY STRONG	-10 to -29 = MODERATELY WEAK	+70 and above = EXCELLENT	-10 to -29 = POOR
+30 to 49 = VERY STRONG	-30 to -49 = VERY WEAK	+50 to +69 = VERY GOOD	-30 to -49 = BAD
+10 to 29 = MODERATELY STRONG	-50 and below = EXTREMELY WEAK	+30 to +49 = GOOD	-50 to -69 = VERY BAD
-9 to +9 = NEUTRAL		+10 to +29 = MODERATE	-70 and below = EXECRABLE
		+9 to -9 = NEUTRAL	