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2016 Third Quarter Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll

Two out of five Naga City families remained poor; one out of two food secure

The 2016 Third Quarter Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll found that 39.8% of Nagueños declared themselves as poor. Self-rated poverty incidence remained the same from last year of the same quarter. Most of the respondents (48.4%) said that having no permanent job is the major reason for being poor. Median poverty threshold or the amount of monthly income that an average Nagueño household needs in order to become “not poor” is at PhP20,000. This survey found, however, that 54.3% considered themselves food secure.

Nagueños “highly optimistic” of their life

More than half (51.8%) of Naga City adults expect their personal quality of life to improve in the next 6 months (“Optimists”), and 3% expect it to get worse (“Pessimists”), for a very *high* Net Personal Optimism score of +48.8 (the difference of Optimists over Pessimists). Two out of five (45.2%) adults, however, are ambivalent of what’s in store for them in the next 6 months.

Duterte trust rating “good”, Robredo “excellent”

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, who was sworn to office 2 months ago received a +38.7% net trust rating and was rated “good” while Vice-president Maria Leonor Gerona-Robredo received an “excellent” trust rating of +75.8%. PNP Chief Gen. Ronald ‘Bato’ dela Rosa was rated “good” at +40.5% while 3-termer Mayor John G. Bongat got a “very good” net trust rating of +55.7%.

Federalism got “good” approval rating

Two out of five Nagueños (40.5%) rated themselves “average” when it comes to their knowledge about federalism as a form of government.

Less than half (48%) said that they are in favor of changing the Philippines’ form of government from democratic to federal form while 14.2% are not in favor. This results to a net approval rating of +33.8% which is considered as “good”.

Net satisfaction rating of the National and LGU Naga’s campaign against illegal drugs rated as “very good”

The national government and LGU Naga’s campaign against illegal drugs both got a “very good” net satisfaction rating of +52.2% and +50.7%, respectively.

To strengthen the LGU Naga’s campaign against illegal drugs, Naga City households suggested that the LGU Naga should continue its efforts that it has started (52.8%), should increase livelihood and employment opportunities to more Nagueños (11.5%) and should strengthen youth’s awareness on ill-effects of illegal drugs (6.8%).

*Emergency 911 and
Citizen Complaint Hotline
8888*

Half of the Nagueños (41.8%) have read, heard or seen about 911 Emergency Hotline Philippines launched by the national government and 65.3% are confident that the system will be able to give emergency fire, rescue, medical, and police assistance.

Similarly, 37.3% have read, heard or seen about 8888 Citizen Complaint Hotline. About 3 out of 5 Nagueños (57.8%) are confident that the hotline will be effective against corruption in the government.

*Naguenos confident that
ENDO will be abolished*

The move of the department of labor to put an end on contractualization in labor was agreed by 62.8% of Nagueños with a net agreement of +51% which is considered “very good.” Less than half (47%) of the respondents, however, said that they are confident that the present administration will be able to abolish ENDO.

*Traffic lights in Naga City
rated “poor”*

The traffic lights installed in Naga City received a “poor” net satisfaction rating of -20.5%.

To resolve the traffic problems, Naga City households suggest the removal of traffic lights (18%), increased deployment of traffic enforcers, PSOs, and police personnel (16.5%), observance of proper distance of traffic light posts (13.3%), implementation of the city’s major roads-widening projects (11.5%) and fixing of traffic signal timing (11.3%).

*Candy Crush and
Pokemon Go top favorite
mobile games of
Nagueños*

On the lighter side, Naga City residents were asked if they play games using their smartphones. Of the 38.3% who said that they spend leisure playing games in their phones, 45.8% play Candy Crush, 17% play Pokemon Go and 9.2% play Bubble beach.

Survey Background

The 2016 Third Quarter Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll used face-to-face interview of 400 samples randomly selected from voting age population of Naga City. The error margin is $\pm 4.9\%$. The survey was conducted from August 13 to September 4, 2016 by the Ateneo Student Researchers Pool, which consists of 21 student scholars of Ateneo de Naga University under the guidance of the Ateneo Social Science Research Center staff and funding from the University Research Council. The study adapts Social Weather Station (SWS) methodology and uses its rating interpretation terminology.