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Socioeconomic Issue on Spotlight URBANIZATION

are in the National Capital Region. Four out of these 33 HUCs—Caloocan City, City of Manila, Quezon City, and Davao City—have at least one million inhabitants. What seems to be a form of rapid urbanization, as experienced in the country, not only puts pressure on urban infrastructure (**ADB 2014**) but may also disrupt public services in urban areas due to congestion.

According to **Manasan** (1999), the root cause of the shortage on basic public services in large cities may be pinned on the inability of the government to fund the delivery of these services, which she referred to as fiscal gaps. Closing these gaps means more money flowing in the government.

However, because of continuous population growth and massive migration to larger cities, the demand for public services in urban areas increases. This causes the linkage between rural-to-urban shift, poor public services, and poverty more intrinsically connected and, thus, more difficult to address.

Since the late 1970s, a paper published by the University of the Philippines School of Economics has attributed the rural-to-urban shift to socioeconomic development factors in both rural and urban areas rather than to demographic pressures experienced in rural areas (**Pernia 1977**). This suggests that rural development alone may not be the cure for urbanization. Rural development, based on

The Asian Development Bank's *National Urban Assessment Report* in 2014 classified the Philippines as a highly urbanized nation. Based on the same report, 48.9 percent of the 94 million Filipinos in 2010 were living in urban areas. Expectedly, 16 from the 33 cities classified as highly urbanized cities (HUCs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Asia-Pacific Social Protection Week 2016

ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines
1–5 August 2016

This regional conference will feature recent issues affecting social protection in developing economies and showcase successful stories from countries with advanced social protection systems.

ADB Transport Forum 2016

ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines
12–16 September 2016

The ADB Transport Forum will assemble the leading minds in transport and international development for a series of high-level policy debates, deep-dive technical sessions, and thought-provoking talks and presentations.



The photo shows the typical housing condition in congested urban places. Photo by MVPAranas

the same paper, must be partnered with a purposive and well-designed location strategy in order to contribute to a balanced urbanization. The need for a staunch regional development policy is, therefore, highlighted to reroute population flows to areas outside the metropolitan (**Pernia 1977**).

A more recent PIDS discussion paper that scrutinized urbanization challenges through the infrastructure lens, likewise, asserted that managing urban growth needs advance planning using national physical plans that actively target the removal of slums and urban renewal, among others (**Navarro 2014**).

On her study, **Navarro** (2014) pointed out that past urban development planning initiatives focused on housing at the expense of other types of physical infrastructure. She also noticed that the respective urban development plans of local government units are not only fragmented but they also lack complementarity.

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In the early 1990s, at the height of urbanization in Metro Manila, **Gultiano and Flieger** (1993) applied a multidisciplinary lens in understanding the opportunities for development and the potential pitfalls of urbanization, particularly in the relationship between urban places and urban people. Studies that dealt with demographic, theoretical, and sociological standpoints on urbanization, like that of Gultiano and Flieger's, are available on the SERP-P website.

Among others, the SERP-P database showcases studies that attempt to explore the patterns in the rural-urban continuum (**Quisumbing and McNiven 2006**), track the early linkage between food and urbanization (**Herrin et al. 1985**), document urban growth management in cities outside Metro Manila (**Villanueva and Cuenca 2004**), understand spatial and urban issues and perspectives (**Pernia and Paderanga 1980**), and present a comparative analysis between Asian urbanization and development (**Pernia 1981**). ■

SERP-P Resources on Urbanization

- Food, Fuel, and Urbanization in the Philippines
- Asian Urbanization and Development: A Comparative Analysis
- Urbanization and Spatial Development in the Philippines: A Survey
- Urbanization and Economic Development in the Philippines: Some Implications for Regional Policy
- Scrutinizing Urbanization Challenges in the Philippines through the Infrastructure Lens
- Republic of the Philippines: National Urban Assessment
- Urbanization Sans Development?
- Migration and the Rural-Urban Continuum: Evidence from Bukidnon, Philippines
- Closing the Urban Fiscal Gap: Some Considerations
- Metro Iloilo Development Council: In Pursuit of Managed Urban Growth
- Beyond Socioeconomic Status: Some Implications for Planned Health Intervention among the Poor
- Managing Urbanization under a Decentralized Governance Framework (Volumes 1 & 2)
- Metropolitan Arrangements in the Philippines: A New Urban Development Challenge
- The *Lote para sa Mahihirap* Housing Program of San Carlos City, Negros Occidental
- Local Governance and the Challenges of Economic Distress: The Case of Iligan City

For more urbanization-related studies, simply type “urbanization” or “migration” in the search box of the SERP-P website.

2016 BSP International Research Conference

Revisiting macro-financial linkages: Looking back and looking ahead
Manila, Philippines
20–21 September 2016

The conference will center on macro-financial linkages that explain the interactions between the financial sector and the domestic economy: (1) how financial sector variables, such as asset prices, affect the real economy or (2) how real sector variables, such as economic growth and income, can impact the financial sector.

Graduate Scholarship for Southeast Asians

SEARCA invites applications for its graduate scholarship (MS and PhD) in agriculture and related fields for Academic Year 2017–2018.

Deadline of Application:
30 September 2016

Legislative Information System (LEGIS)

House of Representatives
LEGIS is a browser-based system that allows a user connected to the Internet to access, retrieve, print, or save structured bills information and status as well as download full texts of bills, republic acts, House Journals, House publications, and other published legislative materials and documents.

The banner photo used for this issue shows an informal settler community in Pasig City. Photo by *Gizelle Manuel*

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Research Themes

Agriculture, fisheries, and forestry;
Banking and finance; Climate change;
Economic outlook; Environment and natural resources; Fiscal policy and taxation;
Gender and development; Governance;
Health; Infrastructure, transportation, and communication; International relations and foreign policy; Labor and education;
Land reform and property rights
Migration and development; Poverty;
Trade and industry; Urban development and housing

LATEST SERP-P RESOURCES

- Do Capital Investments in Health Increase Local Service Utilization?
- Results of the Process and Impact Evaluation for Selected Government Water Supply and Sanitation Programs
- Putting Prevention of Childhood Stunting into the Forefront of the Nutrition Agenda: A Nutrition Sector Review
- Politics in Iloilo City: A Study of Ilonggo Perceptions on Political Patronage and Dynastic Politics in the Post-EDSA Period, 1986–2006
- Political Involvement among the Youth in Barangays with Low Number of Qualified Voters during the 2007 Sangguniang Kabataan Election: Issues and Concerns
- The Ilonggo Artistic Tradition in the Works and Lives of 10 Selected Visual Artists
- The Effect of Reflected Journal Writing on Students' Critical Thinking and Mathematical Communication Skills
- Mythology: Pathway in the Search for the Philippine Bisayans' Bornean Roots
- Perspective Toward Schooling Opportunities of a Most-At-Risk Population in Iloilo City
- Norms of Morality as Reflected in the 19th Century Philippine Literature: A Content Analysis
- A Constructivist Reading of Rhetoric and Recurrence of Political Advertisements on Television for the 2010 National Election
- The Extent of Use of Online Social Networks and Interpersonal Relations: Their Implication to Teaching and Learning
- Faces, Facets, and Facebook: A Discursive Analysis on Ethos
- Nutrient Composition and Antioxidant Property of Philippine Indigenous Vegetables
- Service Innovation in Philippine Industries
- Review and Assessment of the Students Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (SGP-PA) and Expanded SGP-PA
- Preliminary Assessment of the Shared Service Facilities
- Cross-Country Econometric Study on the Impact of Fiscal Incentives on Foreign Direct Investment

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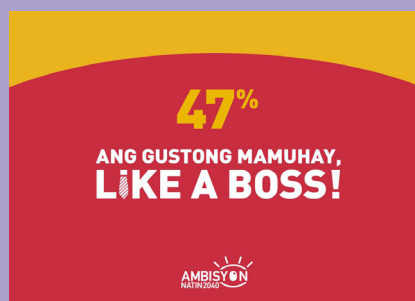
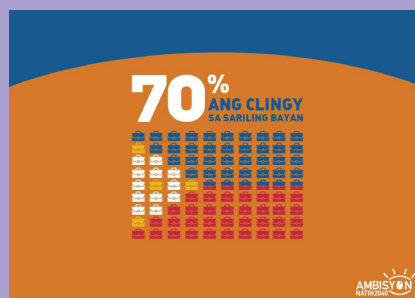
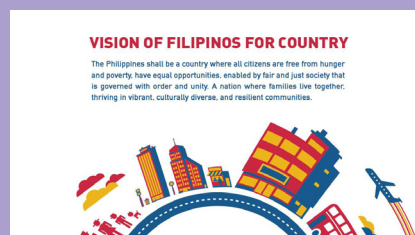


CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career opportunities at **PIDS**

- **Division Chief III** (Publication and Circulation Division)
- **Division Chief II** (Research Dissemination and Public Affairs Division)
- **Administrative Officer IV** (Human Resource Management Officer II)
- **Supervising Research Specialist** (PIDS-3iE Project Improving the Chances of Success through Better Beneficiary Sorting and Employment Facilitation in the Philippines)
- **Administrative Officer IV** (Financial Analyst II)
- **Research Analyst II**

PIDS invites **web developers and programmers** to submit quotation for the redesign of the **PIDS website**.



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