



## SERP-P: A Decade and Counting



The SERP-P website has undergone several transformations to improve user interface.

The SERP-P project is actually a take-off from a previous PIDS undertaking known as the Clearinghouse Project, a database of policy studies from various academic and research institutions that appeared in the Institute's newsletter, [Development Research News](#). But compared to the Clearinghouse Project, SERP-P is more comprehensive in terms of coverage and content. It also makes use of the latest information technology as well as the benefits of research networking as operational strategies.

The main objective of PIDS with SERP-P is not only to provide the public with easy and timely access to socioeconomic information. It also aims to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration in policy research.

Through the years, the knowledge portal has significantly grown, thanks to the continued participation and support of its member-institutions. The growth of the SERP-P Network is a testament to the increasing commitment of public and private agencies and institutions involved in policy research to knowledge dissemination as an essential tool for education and empowerment.

Back in December 2002, the SERP-P Network had only 19 participating institutions. The portal contained a total of 2,153 publications from 1,326 authors. Today, a decade later since the turn of the millennium when the SERP-P project began, these figures have undeniably risen. Fifty-one institutions are now part of the SERP-P Network, and they have contributed a total of more than 5,000 studies.

To those institutions that have been with us since 2000 and to all the members of the SERP-P Network, our sincere thanks for your support. PIDS would not have successfully sustained and continued this project without your participation. We look forward to more fruitful years of dynamic partnership in development with all of you. **PIDS SERP-P Team**

In year 2000, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) initiated the [SocioEconomic Research Portal for the Philippines \(SERP-P\)](#) project. It was part of the Institute's newest strategy at that time called "Providing the infrastructure for research and networking" which was formally launched in 2002 during PIDS' 25th founding anniversary celebration.

PIDS introduced SERP-P to the public together with four other online initiatives: the [Electronic Resource Base for Legislation](#), which is also linked to the [SERP-P](#); [GIS-based Socioeconomic Profile of the Philippines](#); Social Science and Policy Research Network for Agriculture; and the [PIDS Library Online Public Access](#).

## Announcements

### Memorandum of Agreement

To further strengthen the partnership and commitment to make SERP-P a truly useful tool for research, knowledge exchange and collaboration, the signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between PIDS and each member-institution has been made a requirement for all SERP-P Network members. To date, the following members have already signed a MOA with PIDS:

1. Asian Development Bank
2. Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department
3. DLSU-Social Development Research Center
4. Mariano Marcos State University
5. Mindanao Development Authority
6. National Economic and Development Authority Regional Office 1
7. National Economic and Development Authority Regional Office 8
8. National Tax Research Center
9. National Statistical Coordination Board
10. Palawan State University
11. Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture
12. Silliman University
13. UPLB Center for Strategic Planning and Policy Studies
14. University of San Carlos

Once again, we would like to remind the rest of the members to contact SERP-P Coordinator Kristine Carla Oteya for the finalization of their Memorandum of Agreement. We anticipate with enthusiasm the cementing of our partnerships through the signing of all the MOAs this year.

### Experts Directory

The SERP-P team will add a new feature in the website. This is the SERP-P inventory of social science experts across the country. This new feature aims to promote interaction and exchange of ideas among experts and researchers in the social sciences. It would also allow more systematic flow of information and promote better coordination in terms of policy recommendations and reforms. Future activities such as symposiums and forums can be easily coordinated and organized through this new feature.

We would like to remind the Network members to submit the list of experts in their respective institutions. Kindly ask the permission of your experts to publish in your organization's website their contact information. Please get in touch with the SERP-P Coordinator for any question or concern.

**SERP-P Update**

Number of Publications	5,090
Number of Member Institutions	51
Number of Authors	2,607
Number of Keywords	2,986
Average Daily Visits	5,000
Average Daily Queries	200

## Press Releases

- [PIDS, ADB Formalize Partnership on Research Dissemination and Knowledge Sharing through SERP-P](#)
- [PHOTO RELEASE: PIDS, ADB ink agreement on socioeconomic research portal](#)
- [PHOTO RELEASE: PIDS, ACPC link up to boost economic research through SERP-P](#)
- [User-friendly knowledge gateway to socioeconomic studies enhanced on PIDS website](#)

## SocioEconomic Issue on Spotlight

### Food Security

Being food secure means that all people at all times have physical and economic access to sufficient quantities of nutritious, safe, affordable, and culturally appropriate food, which is produced in an environmentally sustainable and socially just manner, and that people are able to make informed decisions about their food choices. In many developing countries, including the Philippines, food security constraints are increasingly becoming a threat, exacerbating poverty and health problems.

Studies by academic and research institutions can provide useful insights on how to address food security issues.

- [Impacts of Natural Disasters on Agriculture, Food Security, and Natural Resources and Environment in the Philippines.](#)
- [Food Security](#)
- [Philippines: Food Security versus Agricultural Exports?.](#)
- [Putting Rice on the Table: Rice Policy, the WTO, and Food Security](#)

## New Acquisitions

- [Rice Self-sufficiency = No Rice Imports: Is It really Feasible?](#)
- [Why a New Industrial Policy for the Philippines Is Critical](#)
- [Economic Policy Monitor 2012: Regional Economic Integration and Inclusive Growth - Engaging Nations, Embracing People](#)
- [Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino: Why "Deepening" Matters in Achieving Its Human Capital Objectives](#)
- [The Philippine Economy in 2012 and Prospects for 2013](#)
- [Amending the Sin Tax Law](#)
- [Searching for Effective Poverty Interventions: Conditional Cash Transfer in the Philippines](#)

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