

Philippines Socioeconomic Panel Survey:
Providing publicly available data to
investigate the long-run processes of
social and economic development



The Challenge

A major constraint in the understanding of development is the absence of long-term, representative, rich and high-quality data. Most data collection efforts are carried out at a single point in time and focus on only a few variables of interest, relevant to a particular policy question or impact evaluation.

Panel studies can offer rich, comparable, and representative data by regularly tracking individuals over an extensive period of time with a wide array of questions to capture both the natural and man-made environment in which they live. This relies on strong survey infrastructure, and experienced personnel ensuring high quality standards of the data collected.

The survey instrument will encompass over 500 questions covering household demographics, education, health, economic and socio-outcomes, and others. Targeting a specific region in the Philippines, enables a deeper understanding of household circumstances and choices over the years.

We are partnering with researchers and organizations to run rigorous impact evaluations on the panel sample, as a way of leveraging data collection efforts and infrastructure already in place. Our priority is to run evaluations with high policy relevance for which long-run data will be important, as well as simple light touch interventions with high expected impact, for which independent data collection would not be practical otherwise.

Socioeconomic Panel

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Philippines and the Global Poverty Research Lab (GPRL) at Northwestern University have partnered with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies and the University of the Philippines School of Economics to launch a twenty-year panel survey, tracking a sample of rural households Western Visayas.

The objective is to provide publicly available data for government actors, researchers, and practitioners to better understand the long-run processes of social and economic development. Most importantly, the panel will serve as a unique platform for enabling rigorous impact evaluations that test specific programs and policies designed to alleviate poverty.

PSPS at a Glance

	Location: Rural Western Visayas (Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, Negros Occidental)
	Scope: ~13,500 households across 500 barangays
	2023 First wave of data collection in December Regular data collection every four years
	2043 Various interventions take place over twenty-year time frame

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This two-page brochure provides a brief overview of the Philippines Socioeconomic Panel Survey (PSPS), including its focus areas, policy impact, and how implementing partners can get in touch with the PSPS team to measure the impact of their programs through rigorous impact evaluations as a part of this panel survey.

Learn more about the PSPS [here](#).