



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I



OFFICE MEMORANDUM

PPRD-2026- 341

**CY 2026 SECOND QUARTER ILOCOS REGION QUARTERLY REGIONAL
ECONOMIC SITUATIONER (QRES)**

To: Assistant Regional Director
Chiefs of Functional Divisions (FDs)
Heads of Units/Sections
All Others Concerned

1. This is to furnish you a copy of the CY 2026 Second Quarter Ilocos Quarterly Regional Economic Situationer (QRES) from the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) Region I, an assessment of the region's socio-economic performance during the quarter which may be considered in the preparation of plans, programs, and projects.

2. Some of the highlights of this report include:

- Regional inflation accelerated to 6.1 percent, up by 4.1 percentage points Q-o-Q, driven by price pressures in transport, household utilities, and food.
- Labor market conditions improved, with the employment rate sustaining at 95.4 percent, while unemployment and underemployment declined to 4.6 and 7.9 percent, respectively.
- Total investments reached PHP 2.73 billion, increasing by 37.32 percent Y-o-Y despite a 37.03 percent Q-o-Q decline following the higher investment generated in the previous quarter.
- Total agricultural production posted a 5.73 percent Y-o-Y increase to 485.499 thousand MT, despite a 38.92 percent Q-o-Q contraction mainly due to the seasonal decline in crop production.
- *Quarter Focus:* Peace and order conditions remained generally stable, with total crime volume declining 10.70 percent Q-o-Q to 2,203 incidents, although fire incidents increased to 356.

3. An e-copy of the report can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/2ndQRESCY2026>. To continue receiving high-quality report, it is requested to complete the Reader Feedback Survey at: <https://tinyurl.com/QRES-RSS>.

4. For information and guidance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT
REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 1

FOR : **RDC-1 MEMBERS AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN REGION 1**
(Regional Line Agencies, Local Government Units, State Universities and Colleges, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector and all stakeholders in Region 1)

SUBJECT : **CY 2026 Second Quarter Ilocos Region Quarterly Regional Economic Situationer (QRES)**

DATE : September 8, 2026

1. The Department of Economy, Planning, and Development Regional Office 1 (DEPDev RO1), as the Secretariat of the Regional Development Council-1 (RDC-1), prepares a Quarterly Regional Economic Situationer (QRES), which provides an assessment of Region 1's socioeconomic performance during the quarter. This report covers inflation, employment, investments, and agriculture production.
2. We are pleased to furnish you with an e-copy of the CY 2026 2nd Quarter Ilocos Quarterly Regional Economic Situationer. The report is also posted on the DEPDev Region 1 website and can be accessed through:
<https://tinyurl.com/2ndQRESCY2026>.
3. Highlights of the report include the following:
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4. The DEPDev RO1 is committed to providing relevant information on socio-economic performance in the most responsive and efficient manner. For us to

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continue providing you with high-quality reports, may we request you to accomplish the Reader Feedback Survey accessible through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/QRES-RSS>.

5. Should you have queries or concerns regarding the said report, you may contact **Mr. Jericho Jay Q. Abacco of the Policy Formulation and Planning Division** on telephone numbers (072) 888-5501 or (072) 888-2679/80, or via email at dro1@depdev.gov.ph, copy furnished & DRO1-pfpd@depdev.gov.ph.

Thank you for your continuous support and our warmest regards.

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