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Change is indeed inevitable while development or progress is conditional. A famous quote from Calvin Coolidge states that “*All growths depend on activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort and effort means work*.” The proof of development is when the condition of the society changes positively. There are plenty of indicators that can be used to establish the product of development.

This Socio-Economic and Physical Profile for the year 2011 is annually being prepared by the Provincial Planning and Development Office. It embodies the different societal sectors and its condition based on various parameters. The annual preparation of this document allows the readers to make comparatives and assess the changes or development that have happened as well as create forecasts for the future. This profile covers a wide range of data and information on geography, population, socio-economic parameters, social services, economic infrastructure and the productive sectors. Such data and information has proved vital to many policy makers, planners, researchers, donors and functional managers.

Under the demographics, the SEPP 2011 uses the publication of the Census 2010 data by the National Statistics Office which was released in May of 2012. It served as an important resource to identify key demographic and socio-economic trends in the province. Consequently, it is a significant input in the designing of government programs concerning the general public.

The preparation of this document also became a very challenging task for the office. The country, despite presently coping with the information age, is currently confronted with information inadequacy at the provincial level. Following the trend of evidence-based decision-making, we are trying to exhaust all possible data sources in order to bridge these information gaps.

The increasing number of users of the SEPP encourages and allows us to make it more valuable and informative to our clients. Constructive view and criticisms are still invited from readers to enable such profile to become a better tool in the implementation of the province’s policies.

Thank you very much and all for the glory of our God Almighty.

  
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