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MICROINSURANCE GROWTH RATE AND OUTREACH CONTINUES TO INCREASE AS OF END OF 3RD QUARTER OF 2017

Microinsurance industry in the country continues to improve in terms of growth rate and outreach as of end of third quarter of 2017.

Growth rate of the microinsurance sector in the country as measured by premiums and contributions generated by 30.06% in the first nine months of 2017 compared to that generated during the same period in 2016.

According to Insurance Commissioner Dennis B. Funa, "Preliminary data based on the quarterly reports submitted to the Insurance Commission show that the microinsurance sector recorded a total of P5.17 billion in terms of premiums payments and contributions as of end of third quarter of 2017—30.06% higher compared to the P3.97 billion premiums and contribution generated during the same period in 2016."

Having recorded a total of P2.92 billion premium contributions, the mutual benefit associations (MBA) sector continues to take up more than half of the market share.

The premium contributions from MBA members increased by 32.39% from P2.20 billion recorded as of end-September 2016 to P2.92 billion during the same period in 2017.

"The life and non-life insurance sectors likewise registered an increase in terms of premium generated from the sale of microinsurance products," Commissioner Funa said.

The life insurance sector recorded a total of P1.73 billion in terms of premiums generated, up by 27.84% compared to the P1.36 billion recorded during the same period in 2016.

The premium production of the non-life sector, on the other hand, increased by 25.86% to P0.52 billion as of end-September 2017 from P0.41 billion of the same comparable period in 2016.

"Outreach of microinsurance as measured by the number of individuals covered continues to expand by 21.66%," said Commissioner Funa.

As of end-September 2017, the number of individuals covered by some of microinsurance product increased by 21.66% to 32.03 million from 26.33 million of the same period in 2016.

“Again, the MBA sector recorded the highest number of individuals covered with 17.85 million individuals and dependents covered or 55.72% of the 32.03 million,” Commissioner Funa said.

He added, “The non-life insurance sector, on the other hand, recorded substantial increase in terms of number of insured covered from 3.11 million individuals covered as of end of September 2016 to 5.18 million individuals as of end of third quarter of 2017, up by 66.77%.”

Meanwhile, the number of lives covered by the life insurance sector rose by 18.72% from 7.58 million as of the third quarter of 2016 to 9 million of the same period in 2017.

As of end of third quarter of 2017, there are forty one (41) entities which are actively engaged in providing microinsurance products comprising of twenty one (21) mutual benefit associations (MBAs), eleven (11) life insurance companies and nine (9) non-life insurance companies.


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