QC gov't to start data collection for better services

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Comprehensive records on public health, livelihood and education will soon be collected in Quezon City to enable the local government to provide improved services to residents. Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte said the project would resolve the lack of data, which affects policymaking and formulation of ordinances that could address the needs of the public.

"I have mentioned several times that we need more data on different areas for us to find out the issues that require our attention. I observe that it is what we lack as of the moment. That's why we can't pinpoint which aspects we should prioritize," Belmonte said. "Without accurate data, it is hard to create projects we are supposed to give to the public. For

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Belmonte said she has allocated P20 million for the project.

The data collection covers livelihood, education, employment, sports and health, among others.