

QC gov't launches project to help women entrepreneurs

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The Quezon City government recently launched the “Shared Service Facility (SSF) Project” to help women entrepreneurs.

The project aims to provide equipment so as to encourage women to put up their own businesses and have a livelihood.

In partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Samahan ng mga Pilipina para sa Reporma at Kaunlaran (SPARK), QC 5th District Congressman **Alfred Vargas** initiated the formation of the equipment sharing facility that will also provide free training, product development and other technical assistance to women entrepreneurs.

Vice-Mayor **Joy Belmonte** has supported the said program and underscored the importance of empowering women financially. She said that “economic incapability sometimes deprives women of getting out of oppressive relationships”.

Belmonte noted that the oppressed women are unable to move out of abusive relationships due to financial constraints and lack of business or managerial skills that will provide them with a decent livelihood.

“Wala silang pagsasanay, wala silang puhunan, walang pangsuporta sa kanilang sarili para bumukod sa kanilang mga asawa kaya sila ay nagtitiis na lang (They do not have the training, they do not have the capital, they do not have the means to support themselves to escape the grasp of an abusive spouse),” said Belmonte.