

QC Human Milk Bank targets more donors

THE Quezon City government aims to increase human milk donations this third quarter to benefit more babies.

Quezon City Human Milk Bank (QCHMB) head Dr. Shahani Duque said her agency will implement measures to raise awareness and increase the number of qualified milk donors.

More than 550 lactating mothers donated milk from April to June this year, the QCHMB said.

Only 80 percent (49, 680 ml) of the total 63, 485 milliliters (ml) of milk donated passed the pasteurization test, however.

About 13,800 ml were found to be infected and were discarded, Dr. Duque said.

Duque stressed the importance of screening donor moms to ensure they are not infected with HIV, Hepatitis B and other diseases that may be passed through breast milk.

QCHMB held a Milk Letting Activity on July 15 as part of its objective to raise the number of donors and qualified milk donations.

Novaliches District Hospital (NDH) will hold a milk letting activity on August 5 in celebration of Breastfeeding Month.