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To strengthen urban farming, the Quezon City local government has started an urban farming program and procured 6,000 starter kits for distribution to residents.

The starter kits followed the city's partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA). The local government unit (LGU) wanted to ensure its people have access to a healthy and safe source of food even during the pandemic when everyone is forced to stay indoors. The program tagged as #GrowLokal encourages city residents to grow their own vegetables. The starter kit contains various seeds that include the eggplant, okra, tomatoes, cabbage, mustard, bitter gourd, kangkong, two kilos of organic fertilizer, three potting bags and a guide on proper planting.

The LGU lauded the DA for recognizing the program as implemented by the Agricultural Training Institute and the Bureau of Plant Industry in coordination with the QC Small Business and Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office.

A Quezon City food security task force earlier created a zero-hunger program as part of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations to end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture for the city.

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