

## Robredo helps QC vendors, trike drivers

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The office of Vice President Leni Robredo, in partnership with the Quezon City government, will launch this week a project, which seeks to help market vendors and tricycle drivers who lost their income due to the enhanced community quarantine or ECQ.

Public transportation has been suspended in Metro Manila and other parts of the country since the ECQ was implemented on March 17 to curb the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019.

“More consumers are buying goods online now, the problem is the small-time vendors have no access to online platforms,” Robredo said in her weekly program “BISerbisyong Leni” over dzXL.

She said the Office of the Vice President and the Quezon City government would provide the online platform to the vendors and hire tricycle drivers to deliver the goods to the customers. Robredo said a dry run was conducted at the Kamuning Market on Saturday.

“What the consumers need to do is to download an app on their phone, place an order and the items will delivered on the same day,” she said.

An initial 10 tricycle drivers will be hired and accredited by the city government, Robredo said. “There will be restrictions for the drivers. They cannot accept passengers, only the goods that are for delivery,” she said.

The project will be launched either today or tomorrow.

“We’re just ironing things out,” she said.

Robredo said the project does not intend to compete with existing online stores or delivery services.

“This is not to compete with existing online markets because we will only take in the small-time vendors,” she said. –