

Nursing mothers in QC to get cash aid

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The local government of Quezon City will include high-risk nursing mothers in its expanded financial assistance program for residents affected by the enhanced community quarantine, Mayor Joy Belmonte announced yesterday.

Belmonte said around 6,000 nutritionally challenged nursing mothers would be given P2,000 each.

The city government has allocated P600 million for the expanded “Kalingang QC” program that gives cash subsidy to residents severely affected by the lockdown.

Quezon City initially provided P200 million to at least 100,000 public utility vehicle drivers, vendors and other daily wage earners.

The local government also gave cash assistance to unregistered vendors, solo parents, persons with disability and senior citizens.

Around 43,000 residents have received cash grants from the city government as of April 25.

Isko distributes milk to seniors

In Manila, more than 120,000 senior citizens will receive milk as part of the city’s relief efforts during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Mayor Isko Moreno said a total of 120,886 elderly residents would receive a can of 400 grams Ensure milk to boost their immunity against the virus.

Moreno said senior citizens are more vulnerable to COVID-19 infection.

The city government procured the milk at P237.35 per can, cheaper compared to the market price of P400 per can.

Earlier, Moreno ordered the distribution of P1,500 pension of senior citizens in the city.

More than 64,000 senior citizens have benefited from the social amelioration program of the government.