

## QC protection center reopens

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The **Quezon City government** has reopened its protection center for victims of gender-based violence and abuse.

The QC Protection Center will begin serving walk-in clients this week, particularly women, children and members of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community who have experienced violence and harassment.

The center, located within the **Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH)** compound in Barangay Bahay Toro, was temporarily shut down by the local government due to the coronavirus pandemic.

However, it continued to accept inquiries and complaints through its e-mail [quezoncityprotectioncenter@](mailto:quezoncityprotectioncenter@gmail.com)

[gmail.com](mailto:quezoncityprotectioncenter@gmail.com), social media account and through Hotline 122 for those needing immediate action.

The decision to reopen stemmed from news reports indicating that around 602 people, or an average of eight people a day, across the country, were raped from 17 March to 23 May.