## QC puts up daycare feeding stations

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The Quezon City government, through its Social Services Development Department (SSDD), set up feeding stations in each Yakap Day Care center in the city.

In a bid to provide healthy meals to the most vulnerable and in need members of the city, a total of 295 feeding stations were established as part of the #GrowQC Nutritious feeding program that aims to provide healthy meals. "All our feeding stations established in 295 daycare centers can feed up to 100 families a day. Each day we are giving 29,500 nutritious food in each family which is part of the most vulnerable sector of the community," city mayor said.

The nutritionist-dietitians of SSDD create the menu and prepare a variety of nutritious meals such as Monggo dilis with Spinach/ Malunggay, Misua Veggie soup, Adobong Kangkong and Ginisang Repolyo, Sayote and Carrots with the help of day care workers and parent volunteers.

The ingredients of the meals were also sourced from the city's urban farms to also provide livelihood to the urban farmers in New Greenland (Barangay Bagong Silangan), Villa Viena (Barangay Novaliches) and Sitio Uno (Barangay North Fairview).

According to SSDD chief Fe Macale, most of the beneficiaries of the program are those who were hugely affected by the pandemic.

"Most of the beneficiary of this feeding program are those who lost their jobs during the pandemic. Until the NCR is under modified enhanced community quarantine we will be giving free and nutritious foods everyday." Macale said.

Aside from the feeding stations, the #GrowQC mobile kitchen is also going around the city to bring nutritious meals closer to the communities.

The #GrowQC program is part of the city's action plan on food security. Aside from this, it also assists and supports local provincial and urban farmers by buying their produce and linking them into the city's feeding program.