

QC pays out P2.48B in 'ayuda'

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On to the next ayuda (financial aid) distribution.

The Quezon City government reported Monday the distribution of P2.48 billion in cash aid from the national government to qualified beneficiaries.

A total of 2,339,420 individuals or 747,520 families have claimed their P1,000 to P4,000 aid from different distribution centers in the city.

The 89,154 beneficiaries who have yet to claim their payouts, were already contacted to get theirs, city hall officials said.

Social Services Development Department (SSDD) head Fe Macale said that days before the distribution, the city updated the beneficiary list to remove ineligible and duplicate names.

“So our distribution has been fast and efficient now because our list is clean. We have arranged it to update the list and to give the aid to the residents who really deserve help,” Macale explained.

Each payout site was manned by barangay validators who checked documents, verifiers from SSDD, and paymasters from the City Treasurer's Office.

The Quezon City Police District, Department of Public Order and Safety and Task Force Disiplina were also present at each site to ensure the orderly distribution of the aid.

A grievance and appeals committee table was also placed at each payout site, as well as barangay halls, to address the complaints of constituents regarding financial aid.

Based on the report of SSDD, 2,782 appeals or complaints were received by the grievance committees. The barangays, meanwhile, are still consolidating all the grievances they have received for endorsement to the city.

“If there are still funds left after we provide the aid for the unclaimed, residents who filed grievances or complaints will now be subject to payout,” Macale added.

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