

QC bares more housing projects

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina Belmonte on Wednesday announced the inauguration of several lowcost housing projects primarily designed for poor residents.

These include a three-story socialized housing project and a 12-story housing project in Barangay Balingasa, she said.

Belmonte assured the residents that the city government aims to provide decent and affordable housing for them, especially those homeless.

“Since the value of the property, that the residents would be obtained at low cost, would be high, we hope that your children can inherit them in the future,” the mayor said.

The city government is targeting about 17,000 indigent families that will benefit from the housing projects.

Earlier, the mayor and other concerned city officials held a public dialogue with residents in Barangay Batasan Hills who want to be part of the direct sale housing program.

Two infrastructure projects are in the works — a five-story evacuation center and the QC Megawide Emergency Healthcare Facility.

The evacuation center will have its own command center, sleeping quarters, showers and toilets, while the health care facility would be a permanent isolation center for residents who will test positive for Covid-19.

The mayor said the isolation facility will lessen the need for the city to use public schools as quarantine facilities.

To help bring services closer to its residents, the local government recently opened an Action Center in District 4, she said.

In the newly built action center, some city departments will have satellite offices such as the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs, Persons with Disability Affairs Office, QC Health Department, Social Services Development Department, Public Employment Services Office, QC Youth Development Office, City Civil Registry Department and Office of the Action Officer.

A pharmacy is also included inside the action center to provide accessible and affordable essential medicines, Belmonte said.

“Our vision in the city government is to provide quality service to our constituents and to decentralize these services to increase efficiency and reduce inconvenience,” the local chief executive said.