

QC grants land titles to informal settlers

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THE Quezon City government has distributed land titles to more than 100 informal settler families (ISFs) in Barangay Gulod through the land acquisition and socialized housing program facilitated by the leadership of their barangay (village).

The scheme allowed ISFs to buy the property they were occupying from private landowners.

“The informal settler families have been living in the city for decades and now they have fulfilled their dreams of having a home,” Mayor Maria Josefina “Joy” Belmonte said.

A Housing Community Development and Resettlement Department report said that an unprecedented 17,000 underprivileged beneficiaries in Quezon City have benefitted from the program since July 2019.

“My administration has been exerting its best to ensure the fast processing of papers of concerned ISFs and give them permanent homes,” Belmonte said.

The QC government was also harnessing the Usufruct agreement that will authorize it to develop properties owned by the National Housing Authority for the benefit of 6,873 ISFs.

Belmonte said that for this purpose, the city government has already acquired a total of 36.1 hectares of land in Payatas, Bagong Silangan, Baesa and Old Balara.