

Informal QC settlers get own homes

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The **Quezon City government** continues to help informal settler families (ISF), who have been living in the city for decades fulfill their dreams of having permanent homes.

over the weekend, at least 100 families from four homeowner's associations in Barangay Gulod have received their land titles, through the direct sale and direct purchase program facilitated by their barangay.

with the help of the barangay, the beneficiaries were able to finally buy the land where they have been residing for decades from private landowners.

Based on the report of the **Housing Community Development and Resettlement Department**, since July 2019, the city has been able to give security of land tenure to over 17,000 underprivileged beneficiaries through the city's Land Acquisition and Socialized Housing program.

The department also cited that more families have benefited at a faster rate than any time before.

The city has established various land acquisition programs to ramp up and effectively address the housing needs of the residents: The direct sale and direct purchase program, and usufruct agreement for lands owned by other government agencies.

The direct sale and direct purchase program of the city government has helped 7,620 ISF to finally own the land where they have lived for years.

At the moment, the city has already acquired a total of 36.1 hectares of land in Barangays Payatas, Bagong Silangan, Baesa and old Balara.

Usufruct Agreement, on the other hand, gives the city government the authority to develop properties owned by National Housing Authority which will benefit 6,873 ISF from the program.

A total of 292 direct sale beneficiaries were also able to receive their land titles. There are also 298 QCitizen families who have benefitted from the community mortgage program in partnership with the national government.

The city government has also established housing units that will benefit 1,176 ISF and rental housing for 317 families in Barangays Greater Lagro, Payatas, Nagkaisang Nayon and Gulod.