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## Legarda, Belmonte team up for poor

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Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda and Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte teamed up in providing P30 million to around 1,400 Quezon City residents through the Department of Labor and Employment's Kabuhayan program.

Belmonte accompanied Legarda at the Amoranto Sports Complex on Thursday, where 1,100 beneficiaries received 13 sacks of rice weighing 25 kilos each in the amount of P20,000.

In addition, 300 beneficiaries were awarded a set of high-speed sewing and edging machines in the amount of P30,000.

"With our livelihood assistance, we give them an opportunity to help them dig themselves out of the hole caused by poverty," she added.

Beneficiaries identified by the Quezon City local government unit include displaced workers, housewives, vendors, senior citizens, tricycle drivers and persons with disabilities.

It is the latest in Legarda's initiatives to help the urban poor in Quezon City, with the veteran legislator awarding millions of pesos over the past year through the DoLE and Department of Social Welfare and Development programs.