'GrowQC' feeding program launched

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In a bid to help the city's urban farmers, the Quezon City local government launched its #GrowQC Nutritious Feeding program that will provide healthy meals to residents using locally-sourced vegetables.

"The #GrowQC Nutritious Feeding program is one of the city's initiatives to let residents know they can get healthy vegetables from urban farms. Through this effort, we are able to provide urban farmers with a means of livelihood," a QC official said.

"We encourage residents who have lost their jobs because of the pandemic to give urban farming a try because it has many good benefits, especially when it comes to food security. The city will help you get started," the official added.

Last Saturday, 1 May, the city's feeding program distributed hot meals to 1,600 residents in eight Yakap day care centers in Barangay Bagong Silangan.

The #GrowQC program was launched by the city's Food Security Task Force and Social Services Development Department.

Emmanuel Hugh Velasco, QC Sustainable Development Affairs Unit head, said, "This is just the beginning of our #GrowQC Nutritious Feeding Program. We will continue this in the city's other barangays. We will also continue supporting urban farms because this provides a means of livelihood to many of our urban farmers."

The Quezon City government, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, distributed seed starter kits to urban farmers.