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'Kuha sa Tingi' initiative to further curb sachet use

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With the current 1,060 sari-sari stores that received the "Kuha sa Tingi" starter kit, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte plans to add 5,000 more stores in the city to convert into community-based refill hubs this 2024.



Launched in June 2023, "Kuha sa Tingi" is a sustainable initiative by Greenpeace Philippines, Quezon City government, and Impact Hub Manila, which aims to help address plastic pollution by promoting refill and reuse systems.

"Being sustainable and eco-friendly doesn't have to be expensive," Mayor Belmonte said, "and limiting our plastic generation is inclusive, affordable, and accessible to all, including those from socioeconomic sectors and urban areas."

Through the project, customers bring their own reusable containers to refill essential items, including liquid detergent, fabric conditioner, and multipurpose cleaner — helping take down plastic culture one refill at a time.

Apart from the ecoinitiative, the city government has implemented various anti-plastic waste strategies, including plastic bag ordinances, prohibition of single-use plastic, and the Vote to Tote program, where thousands of campaign tarpaulins were repurposed into bags.