QC vaccination reaches 1M mark

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The Quezon City (QC) government has administered more than a million shots since it started its vaccination program last March.

As of 13 July, 1,013,988 jabs had been rolled out. Of this number, 686,311, or 40.37 percent of the 1.7 million target population, have received their first doses, while 327,677, or 19.28 percent of the same target, are fully protected after having received their second doses.

City officials attribute the success of the vaccination program to their team of health care workers, volunteers and auxiliary personnel.

"From our police officers who ensure that the vaccine supply is secure from the warehouse to the sites, the doctors, nurses and other medical workers who screen patients and administer the vaccine doses, up to the volunteers who marshal our sites, distribute forms, and clean up after, and the encoders who record our patients' data individually — the continuous success of our program is due to your unwavering efforts. We are truly grateful for your service to our QCitizens," the QC mayor said.

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The QCProtektodo Vaccination Program has been improving with the help and support of the city's many stakeholders, including malls, homeowners associations, religious groups, medical organizations, schools and universities, government agencies, private sector groups and business establishments.

For the past weeks, the vaccination program has consistently reached record-high numbers. Last 23 June, the city posted a new record by administering more than 45,000 vaccines in one day.

"The key has always been a whole of city approach where all stakeholders, public and private, join hands to collaborate on this program. Through this, we are confident we will reach our goal of population protection in the coming months for as long as soon as vaccine supply stabilizes," the city official said.

Different vaccine brands such as Sinovac, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Gamaleya and Moderna have been administered to members of the A1 to A5 priority groups. Whenever there is enough supply of vaccines, the city government can operate around 50 vaccination sites simultaneously.

Joseph Juico, co-chair of the QC Task Force Vax to Normal, shared the city will continue to expand and improve its inoculation efforts.

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