

## Ghana announces plans to provide relief to frontline health workers in response to COVID-19

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In a nationwide broadcast on 5 April 2020, Ghana's President addressed the nation on the progress made in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and the incentives the Government has proposed for frontline health workers as well as for the general public.

In the 5 April address, Ghana's President announced the following incentives for the frontline health workers, namely:

- i. Exemption from the payment of tax on their employment emoluments for a three-month period commencing from April 2020.
- ii. A daily allowance of GHS150 (approx. US\$26) payable to those undertaking contact tracing.
- iii. Additional allowance of 50% of their basic salary per month for a four-month period commencing from March 2020.
- iv. Insurance package, with an assured sum of GHS350,000 (approx. US\$60,345).

In addition, the President announced that, to enable everyone to wash his/her hands frequently, the Government will absorb the water bill of every resident individual for a three-month period commencing from April 2020.

Already, a challenge has been made over who is considered a frontline health worker. The President has asked the ministers responsible for health and finance to work with all the stakeholders to resolve this issue.

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