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**The General Secretary,  
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Allied Workers' Association ( IUF),  
Geneva, Switzerland**

## **CONCERNS: RE: COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR IUF AFFILIATES**

Following the e-mail circular of March 24, 2020 relative to the above subject matter, we wish to post the following news and information as the impact of COVID-19 on the IUF sector in Ghana:

1. All Hotels have been closed down
2. Employers of the Hotels in a form of cartel want to graduate downwards salaries of April, May and June, 2020 by 75%, 50%, 30% and 20% respectively.
3. Presently we are engaging the employers on how to protect jobs and lives. We will communicate outcome shortly.
4. Government has given Three Billion Ghana Cedis as a loan with minimum interest to support the Hotel Industry.
5. Regular workers are still at post at the hotels, though no work is going on. Casuals numbering 2,400 have been laid off (though they are not members of the Union).
6. Agric Sector – All workers of the Agric Sector are working but observing social distance. However, productivity has declined.
7. Government has given support to the entire country with 50% water and electricity payment cut for three months, i.e. April to June, 2020.
8. Public and civil servants will be paid their full salary up to June, 2020.
9. Restaurants have suffered major blow as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks for your solidarity.

Best regards.

  
**SOLOMON KOTEI**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**