

Ghana announces extension of time for provision of relief packages in response to COVID-19

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In a nationwide broadcast on 8 November 2020, Ghana's President addressed the nation on the progress made in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and the extension of time for incentives the Government is providing to frontline health workers as well as for the general public.

In the 8 November address, Ghana's President announced the extension of time for the following incentives for the frontline health workers and the general public, namely:

Frontline health workers:

- i. Exemption from the payment of tax on their employment emoluments extended by three months to December 2020.
- ii. Additional allowance of 50% of their basic salary per month extended by three months to December 2020.

The general public:

- i. Extension of the policy of free access to water for all households across the country until December 2020.
- ii. Extension of the Government's absorption of electricity bills for one million active lifeline customers until December 2020.
- iii. Reduction of the Communication Service Tax from 9% to 5%, effective September 2020.

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