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Could the Coronavirus wipe out a third of the population in developing countries?

A Global Collaboration of the African Diaspora Development Institute (ADDI) World Youths, Medical Practitioners, Business and Religious Leaders from around the World: Africa, Asia, India, Europe North, and South America came together to address the COVID-19 pandemic that has engulfed the world since it was first detected in November 2019. This Preliminary Press Conference held via Facebook Live on Friday April 3rd 2020 was jointly organized by the ADDI, International Human Rights Commission-RFT, Team 54 and the Global Emergency Disaster Responder's Network. It was held to lay down the foundation for a follow up launching of the ADDI Developmental Partners initiatives to address the Coronavirus Pandemic.

During the debut Press Conference, Her Excellency Ambassador Arikana Chihombori Quao MD in her keynote address stressed the fact that if these steps were not taken now, a third of the population of Africa and other developing nations could be wiped out because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

It has become apparent that the strategies used in developed countries, such as washing hands frequently and social distancing would not work as effectively in countries that have problems with water supply and overcrowding of dwellings. Many of these people would not be able to self-quarantine for extended periods of time as they make their living on a day to day basis in order to provide for their families. There is a serious likelihood of this Coronavirus causing death via mass starvation in underdeveloped Nations in addition to its direct death toll.

A new model needs to be devised specifically for these populations and this coalition is coming together for that purpose. This is an effort that is being led by the distinguished immediate past African Union Ambassador to the United States and Founder of the African Diaspora Development Institute (ADDI), Her Excellency Ambassador Arikana Chihombori Quao MD.

By planning short and long term measures to mitigate the COVID-19 scourge on impoverished Nations, ADDI will act as a central command center for the voices of the African Diaspora in this venture in order to benefit the whole Continent of Africa.

Pooling funding and logistics are seen as one of the first interventions needed to defeat this pandemic in these countries. As such, the primary task of the ADDI as a central command center

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will be to ensure that resources are mobilized and deployed where they are needed the most. If this does not happen, catching COVID-19 whilst living in an underdeveloped Nation could be a death sentence.

In this regard, the African Diaspora Development Institute (ADDI), under the leadership of Her Excellency Ambassador Arikana Chihombori Quao MD has embarked on diaspora mobilization for the purchase of masks, gloves, ventilators and other necessities required to fight and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Africa.

Her Excellency Ambassador Arikana Chihombori Quao MD made it clear that we all have a common enemy, and now is the time to come together and unite. Unity is the key. It's time for the African Diaspora to come together to help provide the financial resources for the supplies our brothers and sisters working in healthcare in these countries will need now and in the future.

To donate go to <https://ouraddi.org/donate/>.

The next live press conference on Facebook is on Friday 10th, April 2020.

Time : 10am to 12pm EST

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