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Dear Members,

We wish to update you with the actions we have taken recently.

1. We have written to the Health Minister, The Right Honourable Mr Matt Hancock again yesterday (letter attached) with our concerns regarding the high mortality rate of BAME medics and health care workers. As you can see in our letter to the Minister of Health the statistics of the impact on BAME health care workers due to COVID-19 is changing every day.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Prime Minister, Simon Stevens (Chief Executive Officer of the NHS), Dr Chaand Nagpaul (BMA Council Chair) and the National Press.

2. The BMA has invited BIDA to work with them on the issue of the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the BAME population and healthcare workforce. Dr Chandra Kanneganti (National Chairman) and Dr Ashish Dhawan (National Secretary) are now part of this panel. We will keep you all updated on the findings of this investigation.
3. We would also like to inform you all that our office bearers have been actively representing BAME Medics & Health Care staff in various media interviews including Television, Radio and the Press. Links to the same will be shared in a separate email over the weekend.
4. Just a reminder that our fundraising page is still open (see link below) and although we have raised close to £14,000 we need to keep the momentum going to help our colleagues, some of whom would be in dire need.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bida>

5. We would also like to reiterate that the BIDA organisation is here to help in this time of the Covid-19 crisis. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via email if you have any relevant issues/concerns and we will do our utmost to help.

Stay safe
BIDA National Office Bearers

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