



# Excerpt from the Statment by Premier of the Virgin Islands Honourable Andrew A. Fahie

## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE COVID-19 UPDATE PART 2

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**“Stay with God and remain COVID-19 FREE!”**

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As Premier, I stated to all these organisations and elected officials that funding was made available to assist them with ensuring that families and individuals in need get the necessary food supply to sustain them during this 14-day curfew.

As a Government we thank the following organisations for joining with Government to help the community.

- Family Support Network
- Social Development
- The Rotary Club
- Red Cross
- Other civic minded organisations

I also thank all my Government members, all 13 elected Representatives for assisting in this important time when our people needed us now more than ever.

I am glad that many persons were able to take advantage of this measure that was led by your Government.

### COMMUNITY BENEFIT

**I want to say at this time, during this 14-day curfew no one is alone.**

I am pleased to say that a lot of persons for one reason or another were assisted and were able to benefit from it.

- They truly had a need for themselves
- They truly had a need for their children
- They truly had a need for their family
- They truly had a need for their mothers, fathers or persons around

They were able to be assisted with all hands on deck.

### WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

- For the seniors home alone. We are with you, but more so God is with you.
- Single mothers with children. We are with you, but more so God is with you.
- Single Fathers with children. We are with you, but more so God is with you.
- Those home alone. Hang in there. We are with you, but more so God is with you.
- For all of us in the BVI who have children abroad and we are worried about them. God is with us. God is with them. God is with you, and where you are God is and where God is, all is well.

### BVI CHAIN OF LOVE

Can I remind you that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link?

Wherever there are weaknesses in our BVI chain of love it must be highlighted, addressed and remedied.

One of those weak links that has come to my attention is that we have a small pocket of abuse at home. Worst yet, where it does exist our males are being reported to be the ones at fault.

### ONE-ON-ONE

I want to speak you my brothers directly.

You must stop it. Stop it. This cannot be.

You cannot be abusing our females, it is wrong. You cannot be abusing our children; it is wrong.

God did not put you in the role where you are to be abusive. You are there to build stronger homes and stronger families, not to be a stronger monster. This type of behavior will not be tolerated.

Whether it be sexual abuse, physical abuse, mental abuse, do not abuse.

Ladies and gentlemen only share BVILOVE.

### ACTION POINTS

- While you are home, pray more. Talk more. Resolve more. Love more.
- While you are home get to know each other.
- Let us now turn our houses into our homes because a house is only the four walls, but a home is where there is peace and positive relationships.
- Read your Bible or a good book.

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Let us get each other through this mentally, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

We want when COVID-19 is finished that the BVI would have conquered the virus and all the negativity will be gone from our islands.

We will have better relationships, stronger bonds, stronger relationship with GOD and a stronger economy.

I want to encourage us to take care of each other so that we all cross the finish line together.

- As your Premier, I pray to God that under your Government's watch, that we do not lose one single life in the BVI to COVID-19. For us to get that done, all of us must obey the measures that are put in place for our safety.
- It hurts my heart to put all these measure in place to keep us all safe, but better we be safe than sorry.
- Nonetheless, like the rest of the world it creates another issue of economic proportion that we have to deal with afterwards.
- However, once you are alive and have the Faith in GOD, then we can deal with anything that comes our way and turn it into a brighter day.