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## Aflao calls for relief after closure of border

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**R**ESIDENTS of Aflao in the Volta Region have made an impassioned appeal to the government to send them relief items due to the closure of the border.

Aflao, the busiest border town, was closed down following the directive of the government aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19.

The former Assembly Member of the

Duta Electoral Area, Mr Foga Nukunu, in a press briefing yesterday, said the closure of the border was like a complete lockdown of Aflao.

"Our very survival in Aflao is contingent on the activities in and around the border," he added.

He stated that just closing the Aflao border and other entry points was not enough, but that, "there should be more in addition to it. Closing the border must go with relief items and other humanitarian interventions."

Mr Nukunu, therefore, appealed to the government to make special provisions for Aflao border residents

and other border towns.

### Smuggling people

Mr Nukunu said they had learnt some people in border communities were smuggling people across the border into Ghana and into Togo.

"We are aware their illegal activities and open defiance is due to the current

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economic situation (no food, no money, no business and hunger), brought about by the closure of the border and entry points," he stated.

He, therefore, appealed to all border communities to

desist from smuggling people across the borders because it was very dangerous and it would result in the spread of COVID-19 in the country.