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**SOCIAL AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**

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**QUESTIONS**

Write a report, of not more than 2 pages on the Corona Virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians

**ANSWERS**

**A report on the Corona Virus pandemic and the effects of the restriction of movements and lockdown on Nigerians on the 15th of April 2020 by Mmachukwu Uzo-Nwosu.**

Corona virus is a virus that cause diseases in mammals and birds; humans included. In humans, this virus causes a respiratory tract infection that ranges from mild to moderate to severe. This virus first came to Nigeria on the 27th of February, 2020, in Lagos state, by an Italian man who works in Nigeria and returned from Milan since beginning of the outbreak in December 2019. There are currently 373 cases with 99 recovery and 11 deaths.

Due to the Corona virus pandemic of the country, Governors of various states, by the approval of the president of the country, have ordered a further two weeks lockdown of citizens residing in the states. This lockdown, though in favor of the people and government alike, has some negative effects for the country. Some of these effects include:

* Many citizens have become hungry and idle: About 69% of the Nigerian population is poor and eat based on the money they made during that day. This means that they are idle because they are not able to work daily. This makes them hungry as they are not able to buy food and stock up for the lockdown.
* Increase in insecurity in Nigeria: Many Nigerians are hungry and idle and so they engage in numerous crimes, such as robbery in order to get food. States such as Ogun and Lagos are greatly affected by these crimes. Over 2000 youths are engaged in the robbery, rape and other various crimes committed in these two states
* There is massive unemployment and loss of jobs for many citizens: Business of many people has closed and it will change after the pandemic, so employees are greatly affected as they lose their jobs due to the change, leaving many citizens unemployed.

**S**ome necessary steps can be taken to stop this pandemic. They include:

* Government should provide foodstuffs to the people of Nigeria who cannot fend for themselves to allow citizens maintain the lockdown imposed on the them.
* There should also be an increase in the police and navy force to enforce the two weeks lockdown on the citizens.

This current pandemic has caused fear, panic and hunger to fellow citizens, but with the hard effort of the NCDC and the government and peoples, this virus could be sustained in our country.