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**Study report on the corona virus pandemic and its effect**

The corona virus disease also known as COVID-19 is a worldwide epidemic which has taken many nations and world powers by surprise. But what exactly is COVID-19 and how did it come into the limelight in such a short period of time.

COVID-19 is a disease that was identified in the late 2019 and was declared a pandemic on March 11.the disease is an international and national public health emergency. The source of the corona virus is believed to be a wet market in Wuhan which sold both dead and live animas including fish and birds.

The animal source of COVID-19 has not yet been identified, but the original host is thought to be bats. Bats were not sold at the Wuhan market but may have infected live chickens or other animals sold there.

**Symptoms**

Just like any other virus there are symptoms which could be physically seen and used to identify an infected individual. Initial symptoms include fever, dry cough, tiredness and general feeling of being unwell. Other symptoms are emerging such as loss of taste and smeel and stomach problems.

**How the virus spreads**

Like cold and flu bugs, the virus is spread via droplets when a person coughs or sneezes. These droplets land on face and surfaces and are picked up on the hands of others and are spread further. People catch the virus when they touch their infected hands to their mouth, nose or eyes.

**Effects of the virus on Nigeria**

Apart from the usual effects such as the death of citizens and collapse of the Nigerian economy due to the COVID-19 is the lockdown procedure put in place by the government to curtail the further spread of the deadly virus. Although other nations have good reports on their lockdown like cleaner air and streets Nigeria is facing the exact opposite. It is well known that the power sector in the country is in shambles now citizens are forced to stay home meaning more generators will be active for longer hours. These generators give of a harmful gas which degrades the atmosphere around us. Most people need these generators to work from home others for preservation of certain items while a few need it to pass the time.

Another problem acquainted with the lockdown is the fact that the government has made no provision for individuals who make a living daily such as labourers and traders. This set of individuals has been forced to stay home without food or money. Most of them violate the stay at home order with zero regard to the consequences and are still punished severely even knowing their situation. This has led to brawls between security officials and civilians resulting in injuries, damage to property and death on both sides. Tempers have recently subsided but with the addition of extra days added to the already disapproved isolation period on citizens they are bound to start up again and this time might be worse.

**Preventive measures against COVID-19**

* Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time.
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
* Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
* Do not reuse tissue after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
* Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.

The corona virus is currently one of the worst disasters faced by mankind claiming thousands of lives worldwide and over a million infected. Both young and old, black or white are prone to this deadly virus and all must play a part to ensure its eradication before it is too late.