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What is a pandemic?

A pandemic describes an infectious disease where we see significant and ongoing person-to-person spread in multiple countries around the world at the same time. The last time a pandemic occurred was in 2009 with swine flu, which experts think killed hundreds of thousands of people.

Pandemics are more likely if a virus is brand new, able to infect people easily and can spread from person-to-person in an efficient and sustained way. Coronavirus appears to tick all of those boxes.

With no vaccine or treatment that can prevent it yet, containing its spread is vital.

Coronavirus are a large family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as middle East Respiratory syndrome (MERS) and severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

There are various symptoms but, It depends on the virus, but common signs include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. The coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) has had an effect on livelihood, in the ways human relate to their businesses.

As the country's confirmed coronavirus cases escalated, the federal government announced a 14-day lockdown of three cities with the highest cases: Lagos, Abuja and Ogun State. During this period, movement has been restricted; shops, worship centres and businesses will remain closed. Domestic flights have been stopped including private planes. The military is out on the streets enforcing the lockdown and protecting food relief centres against looters. This is what is going on in the country due to the pandemic. There is no stream of income for the average man as his or her means of livelihood as been restrained, religious and social gathering has been restrained as people no longer have the full liberty to interact with each other as they stay in their respective homes.

Some parents are not able to provide for their wards and by this predicament their wards remain hungry and malnourished. The only set of people that are not on lockdown are those in the media industry, like the broadcasters, Journalist, and those in those that work in the print media houses that publish newspapers, books and magazines. Companies that are in the business of food production and processing and also the petroleum industry are exempted.