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**THE CORONA VIRUS PAMDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT OF NIGERIANS**

**OVERVIEW OF THE CORONAVIRUS:**

 The corona virus (**COVID-19**) is an infectious disease caused by the newly discovered **CORONAVIRUS.**

The Coronavirus is from a large family of viruses known to cause respiratory infections in human beings ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and the most recently discovered, COVID-19.

The new virus and disease were not very known before, until the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. A person infected with the virus may become symptomatic is an estimated range of 1-14 days, the symptoms may include; fever, tiredness and dry cough. The disease has no cure for now but can be prevented by taking precautions such as; washing your hands regularly with soap and water for not less than 20 seconds, sneezing or coughing into bended elbows, wearing a face mask, using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, avoiding crowned places, staying at home when feeling sick, and avoidance of touching your nose, eye, mouth without washing or sanitizing your hands, etc.

The COVID-19 disease is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or nasal discharge.

**Effects of the Coronavirus and restriction of movement in Nigeria.**

The Coronavirus has caused more adverse effects than good effects in Nigeria, some which has been listed below;

1. The Covid-19 has caused an educational disruption: The impact of school closures in over 100 countries that have implemented the decisions around the world has impacted over half of the global students’ population. These educational disruptions are being escalated particularly for the most vulnerable members of the society.
2. Effects on the economy: Nigeria still sluggishly grasping with the recovery from the 2016 economic recession which was a fall out of global oil price crash and insufficient foreign exchange earnings to meet imports, with the emergence of the COVID-19 disease and its increasing incidences in Nigeria has called for drastic review and changes in the earlier revenue expectations and fiscal projections.
3. Effects on the health sector: The virus is also taking its toll on health facilities and infrastructures across the globe especially in Nigeria where the health facilities are not sufficient
4. The virus and restriction of movements has also reduced the availability of food: Due to the restriction of movement, some Nigerians are not able to go out and purchase food stuff which is increasing the rate of hunger.
5. The Coronavirus has also increase the rate of unemployment: Most Nigerians which get their income and livelihood from transport have been unable to get income. And also due to the economy instability, some industries cannot pay their workers especially those that own their own business.
6. Effects on the religion: Due to the spread of the disease, religious leaders have been asked to suspend all religious gatherings and most church services have been televised for people to continue their various religious activities.