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Write a report, of not more than two pages, on the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

**CORONA-VIRUS A PANDEMIC**

**INTRODUCTION**

 “This deadly Corona virus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease having eaten deep into the world and caused numerous death of which the origin and the cure is obscure is now declared a Global pandemic” says the World Health Organization (WHO)

Corona virus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered corona virus. Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to **moderate respiratory illness** and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to **develop serious illness**.

**THE FIRST CORONA VIRUS CASE**

A 55-year-old individual from Hubei province in China may have been the first person to have contracted COVID-19, the disease caused by the new corona virus spreading across the globe. That case dates back to Nov. 17, 2019.

That's more than a month earlier than doctors noted cases in Wuhan, China, which is in Hubei province, at the end of December 2019. At the time, authorities suspected the virus stemmed from something sold at a wet market in the city. However, it's now clear that early some infected people had no connection to the market. That included one of the earliest cases from Dec. 1, 2019 in an individual who had no link to that seafood market.

Scientists now suspect this corona virus, originated in a bat and somehow hopped to another animal, possibly the pangolin, which then passed it on to humans. The disease is now spreading between people without any animal intermediary.

Now, doctors and scientists are trying to trace the virus back to where it originated to learn more about its spread. If, for instance, doctors can find the earliest cases, they may be able to identify the animal host where the virus lurks.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA**

The Federal Ministry of Health confirmed a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) case in Lagos State, Nigeria. The case, which was confirmed on the 27th of February 2020, is the first case to be reported in Nigeria since the beginning of the outbreak in China in January 2020.

The case is an Italian citizen who works in Nigeria and returned from Milan, Italy to Lagos, Nigeria on the 25th of February 2020. He was confirmed by the Virology Laboratory of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, part of the Laboratory Network of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control. The patient is clinically stable, with no serious symptoms, and is being managed at the Infectious Disease Hospital in Yaba, Lagos.

**EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS**

On 13th of April 2020 the president of Nigeria renewed the two weeks lock down in Lagos state, Ogun state and the Federal Capital Territory in Abuja and this has spike a lot of grumbling by the people

The effect of the lock down and movement restriction is obviously not a good action because it has disrupted virtually everything in the country speaking of closure of schools of which will cause an alteration in the school calendar, it has affected the market in the sense that those who feed through daily means will have to suffer for daily bread, ban on gathering like church services and mosque gathering and any other gathering respectively, even the law makers cannot meet at their respective assembly. The president has no other choice than to restrict movement of people so as to limit the spread of corona virus

**CONCLUSION**

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol based rub frequently and not touching your face.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes, so it’s important that you also practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow).

At this time, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments.

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