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  **The 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic** A precise number of eighteen days have gone by, with the majority of various countries of the earth locked away mandatorily in their homes hoping to keep safe from this fear engulfing pandemic called COVID-19 or casually known as the Corona virus.

The corona virus is one of the “SARZ" family of viruses called COVID-19 it is a newly discovered virus that targets the human lungs and causes difficulty in breathing. Most times, the early symptoms of this virus include a regular common cold with dry coughing , shortage of breath a fever or sometimes may show no symptoms at all, while later effects cause pneumonia which is more disadvantageous to asthmatic patients, the aged and infants.

Just like all other viruses, it has spikes all around it which enables it stick to places and surfaces but the COVID-19 has spikes that enable it to also stick on to the cells in the lungs. The virus cannot survive under a degree of even 26/27 c° so it is not airborne, when a person who has it sneezes with it, it takes about 10 feet before it drops to the ground. When t drops on a metal surface it lives for twelve hours when it drops on fabric or linen it also stays for about six to twelve hours, and when on the hands, it stays for only ten minutes. Humanly, within a space of ten minutes so much can happen, that is why now, with much effort from the World Health Organisation it has become common knowledge to wash your hands more regularly and use alcohol based sanitizers often. The virus needs involuntary assistance in moving about till it gets to it target point the lungs, that is why we are encouraged to wear face masks to avoid touching the face as it can enter the body through the eyes nose or mouth.

 With the nature of the virus now explained above, it is almost impossible to stay safe without contacting it if various measures are not taken, of which the most effective is quarantine and a lock down. This tragic situation is almost a helpless one because patients cannot come in contact with their loved ones nor family members, they are isolated from what is left of the public at centres distanced with no contact except the doctors and nurses assigned.

Currently, a cure for this pandemic is yet to be discovered the best that can be done is supportive treatment before fate decides what next. The reality of this whole situation is how much of world organisations have been shut down the actual engines running the globe have been put on hold, Education, recreation, businesses and the daily human social routine. Just like a caged bird, man was made to socialize to procreate team up and to live together. Its is indeed an ironic situation because the only way to survival at this point in time is to do the exact opposite.

 Taking Nigeria as a case study, one of the many underdeveloped countries in Africa daily battling with providing the least basic human necessities, insecurity, unstable government, political feuds and to say the least, resource allocation. At such a time like this families would need to gather the lot for the days ahead and plan a survival strategy. The kind of time dreaded by the many families living in the slums making a survival of the streets that are no more and managing to rest their head at night at an overly populated area and the motto is social distancing? A little underestimating I must say. How about the literacy level these families going about their lives hardly even knowing the causes and effects of this so called virus, what to do and what not do. With this state of the hundreds of such families all over the globe, if the pandemic should last even up to a decade, the fate of many countries may already be predictable.

 Nevertheless, a lot of survival techniques have been employed, with the evolvement of time over the years technology has left the world a ton of survival ethics that can actually take us a long way,up tongue extent that one can actually carry out their basic tasks by just tapping a screen or engaging voice recognition through artificial intelligence on every smart phone today. Electricity supply one of the major resource running the earth today is also gracing this modern time with its efficiency because most technologies today which seemingly make the world a better place cannot run without it. Effectively also Education has kicked of on technological platforms and also news updates, entertainment and so on.

But the big question today is... how long will these technologies last? with no more human efforts guiding its proficiency, no much manual means of making money and so on...how long will we survive this pandemic? And how long will it take to disperse?

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