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**THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.**

The coronavirus pandemic is the defining global health crisis of our time and the greatest challenge we have faced since the *WORLD WAR* 2. The virus was first discovered in China but the World Health Organization declared it a *Global Emergency* when it started to spread to countries like The U.S, Italy and Iran. Many health official began preparing for it to become a pandemic.

**WHAT IS A PANDEMIC?**

A pandemic is more about geography and does not consider the severity of the disease. It specifically denotes a disease that spreads globally and infects a large number of people.

The W.H.O did not want to name it as a pandemic but because the novel virus spread to over 100 countries, on March11th, 2020 it was officially declared a pandemic. Our main concern is how the lockdown and restriction of movement due to the pandemic, affects Nigerians.

Nigeria implemented it’s lockdown in affected cities on the 30th of March, 2020 by 11: 00 local tine, 22: 00 GMT on Monday. It was supposed to last for two weeks but due to the rate at which case were rising it was extended BT two weeks in major cities, F.C.T Abuja, Lagos and Ogun state.

Many Nigerians complained that the lockdown would end the livelihood of some citizens because many people need to work daily in order to eat three or two square meals a day and limiting their movement will also limit their income. The main effect of this virus is obviously hunger. As if now, many people in this country do not even fear the virus what they fear is hunger. Many Nigerians feed from hand to mouth, that is less one dollar a day and if care is not taken the main cause of deaths will be hunger instead of the virus as people may think. It has also been said that during thus period of time there will be a big increase in crime. Take for instance the robbery that took place in Lagos and Ogun State. The most surprising part about the robbery is the number of people involve, a whooping 200 people. As far as I am concerned this robbery will affect both sides, the attackers and the attacked people. The former will face the law while the latter will loose their goods, now both sides are at loss.

The lock down is bound to have a huge negative impact on the Nigerian economy. The Health sector, Agricultural sector, Construction sector, Educational sector, e.t.c. are all linked to the economic sector of the country, so, with few sectors like the Health sector active, the economy is bound to fail. Now that almost every body is not going to work, the country will have to fall back on its saved up resources, and since nobody is working there will be nothing to replenish with, and nobody knows when the virus will leaves so that means pure economic failure.

Another factor is decline in craftsmanship. This entails that if people stay away from their work places or aren’t in practice for a long time or then some people might slack in their craftsmanship and will not be as effective as they we’re before the lock down.

Finally laziness and idleness. It is very obvious that during this period of lock down many will be very idle during this lock down some people will get used to the idea of doing nothing and become perpetually lazy and as they say an idle man is the devils work shop.

In summary, although this lock down is necessary it has many adverse effects. The government should endeavour to provide financial assistance for the citizens in order to curb the effects listed above.