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QUESTION

Write a report of not more than two pages on the corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movements on Nigerians.

Human coronaviruses, first characterized in the 1960s, are responsible for a substantial proportion of upper respiratory tract infections in children. Since 2003, at least 5 new human coronaviruses have been identified, including the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus, which caused significant morbidity and mortality. A novel coronavirus outbreak was first documented in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019.

Coronaviruses are a large family of zoonotic viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to severe respiratory diseases. Zoonotic means these viruses are able to transmitted from animals to humans. Common signs of COVID-19 infection are similar to the common cold and include respiratory symptoms such as dry cough, fever, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties. In most severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney, failure and death.

Moreover, there are a lot of effects of the lockdown concerning the case of COVID-19. We have economic effects, social effects, educational effects and many more. Economic effects include; anxious feeling among employees and they are being worried about their future, prompting many corporates to look for ways to keep the staff motivated. Onsite employees are under extreme worry of being infected by co-workers or customers. There is also loss of steady income for market. Personally as a student, I have been affected in the sense that my school has been shut down due to the virus and this has affected a lot of student because majority of them seem to prefer the physical teaching to the online teaching that is being done now. There are as well many other effects that has affected the country in general.

Furthermore, the restriction of movements on Nigerians has cause great harm to the people as the people are restricted to stay at home and not work which it has deprived a lot of them from their profit making jobs thereby increasing the number of crime rate. Take for instance, Lagos. In Lagos, there able recent cases of robbery and this is because of the fact that people have not being able to go to their various work place and they have to feed on something.

The best solution the country can employ is to have a cure to the virus as soon as possible in order for everything to be back to normal. It is as well advisable for citizens to maintain social distancing and keep themselves safe.