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**ASSIGNMENT: REPORT ON THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT AND LOCKDOWN ON NIGERIANS**

We have all come to have knowledge of the pandemic bane of mankind known as the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The virus’ first outbreak was recorded in Wuhan, China; towards the end of 2019. It was declared a public health emergency of international concern by the W.H.O on 30 January 2020, and recognized as a pandemic on 11 March 2020. Since April, more than two million cases have been reported in over 200 countries, and more than 130,000 deaths have been recorded worldwide. More than 500,000 people have recovered, though there is possibility of relapse or infection. The virus is often spread between people of close proximity, through small droplets or coughs, sneezes or speech. People can also be infected by touching a contaminated surface and then their face. The virus can survive for up to 3 days on surfaces. Common symptoms include fever, coughs and shortness of breath. Aggravations or complications lead to pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome. There is no known vaccine or specific treatment and primary treatment is systematic and supportive therapy.

Preventive measures are regular hand washing, covering one’s mouth or nose while coughing or sneezing, social distancing and monitoring and quarantining of supposedly infected people. The pandemic has led to sever global socioeconomic distortion, global postponement or cancelation of events, global shortage of supplies, travel restrictions, curfews and stay-at-home orders, facility closures, global panic, xenophobia towards the Chinese etc. of recent the virus came to pitch its tent in Nigeria, and has done nothing less than wreak havoc.

Schools, offices, churches, mosques and other social gathering have been stopped. These days everyone is at home doing almost nothing, and not everyone has a job they can do online. Normally, people work to earn a living, but now that there’s no work, everyone is eating from what they’ve earned from and not expecting salary or wage. People are bored of staying at home without knowing what to engage in, and Nigerians as a people love to work. People are adding weight. The government had advised citizens to stock up before the lockdown commenced. However, this only favored salary earners as people who earn on a daily basis are the worst-hit by the effects of the lockdown. In earnest, the lockdown is really not favoring anyone. Foreign and imperial economies like the US UK the whole of Europe and Asian countries I also hit in this manner but they take precautions unlike in Nigeria even President Donald Trump also made a statement considering exercise despite the lockdown and other body workouts permits during this period.

Back in Nigeria, Key states like Lagos, Ogun and the F.C.T have extended their lockdowns, leaving its inhabitants bitter and lamenting, because of their outstanding rate of the spread of the coronavirus. the palliatives and other relief items that were supposed to be given to the poor and needy in this situation are short in supply donations have been made from foreign bodies into the country yet people are still hungry because they lock down does not recognize their hardship, everything is done for public peace and coexistence.

The indigents and homeless of the Nigerian society are the most at the loss, the Corona virus outbreak in Nigeria has made things much difficult for them and many have even suggested that the coronavirus outbreak and all its stipulations will not kill faster as hunger and poverty of the weak in the class society. Meaning of begging, and some social medias kids have shown some group of persons turning into arm robbers to Rob people of their goods due to the lock down because of the outbreak. I'll give the government thumbs up to the advertisement they have made an other enlightenment programs they have shown so far to members of the Nigerian society even to those that are deficient, internally displaced and more others.

I would like my concluding paragraph of this report to go straight to the government and to the mass media that they should work harder in providing all the medical equipment that will be necessary to tackle this virus and then look at the poor in the society. There is enough money in the country, so it should be used judiciously to tackle this problem and to everybody the general public they can also help in maintaining the social distancing gap of six feet apart from each other, the tradition of wearing masks as it has been accustomed to all of this period, the tradition of washing hands frequently and using alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Furthermore I would like to thank and appreciate the health workers - national health service in particular all over the world that are putting themselves in the front line to tackle this problem and above all the world should go and be submitted to God in their different religions to restore the world to calm because through God according to the Christian faith all things are possible.