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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

ANSWER.

The virus referred to as Corona or COVID 19 as it is it is sometimes is no longer a stranger to the world as it has basically most of the world to a complete stand still due to the absence of a reliable cure. Although it had been recorded that this virus had broken in China at during the last months of 2019, in less than 6 months the virus had affected the whole world with Nigeria recording its first case in March. This outbreak has led to the tireless efforts by various health organizations both individually and collectively to get the cure as the deaths have been growing at quite an alarming rate. We understand that the deadly virus could be contracted to breathing of droplets from an infected person. It is also said that the temperature of the atmosphere can determine the probability of the virus being able to successfully make any impact on individuals, however we have been advised to follow or rather introduce some precautionary measures so as to reduce or even stop the spread of the virus. Some of which include; regular washing of hands, using of hand sanitizer, drinking a lot of water, eating fruits that contain vitamin C and avoid public gathering which the government then imposed a lock down on the country for weeks now and its effects is as follows:

Firstly, Schools, offices and gathering place has been stopped. Most schools and offices adequate resources that can enable their employees and pupil carry out their activities online, money is constantly being lost without a source of gain, people who work as a mean sof livelihood are left idle worrying about how to fend for themselves as well as their families, salary earners are left wondering where the next month’s will come while those who earn on a daily basis are stuck without any means of provision. People are left without a form of engagement except for their constant mind battles within themselves on how this lockdown would affect themselves. This idea of a lockdown can only favor some people but it is all a question of how long. The government on their part have failed to ensure that the citizens are not too affected by the lockdown especially states like Lagos where business is most prominent. The schools are left without even knowing how to go about the promotion of their students as most of them had not even taken their exams when they had been evacuated from their respective schools. However its also good to look on the bright side of this as this enables parents to actually bond with as most of them are always too busy to be physically involved in the lives of their children. It also gives the hard working employees a chance to rest as most of them are constantly working year after year without a proper break. However the government would have to find a way to ensure that this “compulsory break” would not cause them to financially become unstable at the end of the period. But so far we have seen little efforts being made by the government to aid the citizens in need

States like Lagos, Ogun and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja have been given extra weeks on lock down. This has stirred anger and lamentations amongst the inhabitants of the previously mentioned states because the majority is rarely able to afford another few weeks without funds which the government has done nothing to help with. It is almost understandable that they would fail to see this lockdown working for their benefit as Nigerian government who claimed to be feeding over two million households whilst the same Nigerians who they claim to be helping fail to see any effort made by the government. It is almost as though they tell the average citizen one thing whilst keeping the truth under wraps. A valuable example is in the fast rising numbers of infected citizens. As serious as this pandemic is, it is quite alarming that no footage or at least actual proof has been revealed showing proof of infected people. One can almost doubt that the numbers are even true. Another example is the long list of contributions made by various private individuals and companies for the welfare and care of the citizens during this period. However no improvement has been seen amongst the citizen. The security of the citizens have also been placed in jeopardy as various group raids have been taking place especially in Lagos and Ogun State. All these problems make individuals wonder exactly what the government is trying to do to minimize the negative effects of this period on the citizens. We haven’t even gone on the effects to take toll once the lockdown is over. Problems like inflation of products, increase in unemployment rates due to companies being unable to pay salaries.

In conclusion, I feel that if this lock down prolongs, there will be protests and agitations among the Nigerian citizens and disorientate the structure of the country leaving our trust in God and aid from international bodies. In truth the fear of this pandemic would have been a lot less given that the citizens trusted the medical system in the country. Unfortunately they are not to be blamed as the attention given to our medical structure is nothing to write home about. So while we watch and observe the turnouts we can only hope for greener pastures as soon as we are rescued from this pandemic. But this would only be possible if the government can buckle up and come up with strategy that will not only be of benefit to them but the entire country but I fear that this can only happen when they also are affected with the various problems normal citizens face as part of their everyday lives.