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Write a 2 page report on Corona virus pandemic and its effects of lockdown on Nigerian citizens

### Corona Virus, "A Hindrance To The Way of Life of Nigerian Citizens"

Recently, a new disease was discovered and this was the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) which is said to be caused by the Corona virus. Although, most people infected will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover but the aged are more prone to death. It is highly contagious and spreads primarily through droplets of saliva, or nose discharge from an infected person. It enters through the eyes and the mouth. It originated from China, in a seafood market called Wuhan and so far it has claimed the lives of 80,000 people in China. This disease is far and fast spreading and many countries eg Russia, France, Italy, The US and the UK are at a high risk of these disease. Many have died from this virus. In Russia and France over 6,000 people have been confirmed Corona positive. This is a major problem in the world.

However, measures have been taken globally to reduce its spread and that's where Nigeria comes in. Nigeria is an African nation and one of the most populated black nations in the whole world. This looks bad, but Nigeria has surprised the world with a total of 498 people corona positive, 159 of these people have recovered and only 17 deaths of those infected. Other African countries like Egypt are also not suffering from many casualties. Not only that government leaders have also done their part to reduce the spread of this virus. There has been a government decree on the citizens of Nigeria to be under lockdown. Borders and markets have been closed, most jobs have also been stopped temporarily with exception of medical and oil companies. Airports and sea ports have been closed

down and Nigeria no longer imports foreign goods. All citizens are advised to stay at home for 2 weeks although it has been extended imprudently.

This may be the right thing to do, however, Nigeria is a third world country and cannot adequately provide for its citizens, hence many cannot go to work and are in danger of starvation. Mr. Ogunsoba, a citizen of Nigeria, precisely Lagos stated that citizens "Fear hunger, not the virus". This is to show that many families are in danger of hunger and starvation and the lack of income is disheartening.

Secondly, a great rise in the level of air pollution. There is now a high demand for generators and petroleum due to fact that Nigeria is not known for steady electric power. Many are relying on generators and studies show that the "rate of pollution will last longer than the lockdown itself". Countries such as China and India have seen a 25% decrease in Nitrogen oxide gases in the air which is the opposite for Nigeria.

Thirdly, a delay in the educational development of Nigerian citizens. Schools, Nursery, Secondary, Primary, Tertiary Institutions have been shut down till further notice and this is wrongly affecting the growth of the country. I as a student can beat my chest and say that the delay in the curriculum due to this disease, is very heartbreaking. Take for example exams such as WAEC and NECC have been delayed, entrance exams into secondary schools and universities have also been delayed in order to properly practice social distancing. We can't do anything about it, which makes matters worse.

In short, unless the Nigerian government find a better way around this pandemic, things will continue to take a turn for the worst not the better. A really well known quote says: "At first you don't succeed, try and try again". If we can work harder, be more careful and also if the Nigerian government can be better organised, then that is a step in the right direction. Today like many other countries, our lives are in danger but is that all that matters. We have to think ahead of the problem or a little bit outside the box. So I ask you, "what is the next step?"