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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.

**ANSWER:**

CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.

The world is surviving on the surface with this deadly virus which has no found cure yet. People are trying to find a way to live since the coming of a world enemy called **CORONA VIRUS**. The virus seems to have put a lot of people in the state of confusion while others in their early grave. Humans have been deprived of their rights because of the lockdown that has been put around. Our daily routine all vanished away, bringing to a compulsory holiday. People are not sure how long the virus will rage for or if the world will ever remain the same.

The rapidly evolving situation of COVID-19 has seemed to have given the world a pause. Everywhere you look, everywhere you turn you see or hear different news about the virus, most of which are incorrect. This wrong information has put people in a state of fear and stigmatization. This is surely a trying time for the globe at large. Nigeria in is paths taking drastic measure to stop the spread of the virus as it cripples into the world’s economy.

This pandemic and the lockdown have affected Nigeria and its citizens at large. The restriction on movement is causing human to spend recklessly to buy food just to eat and survive. There are low expectations of future income for those who are on a short term contract basis. The pandemic will bring about investment made by firms to be hindered because of the uncertainties of how long the virus will last.

Although many businesses have been shuttered or left operating a low capacity mode in the past few weeks especially in Lagos, the new restriction order will see many more businesses shut down with the exception of hospitals, medical and healthcare establishments; food processing distribution and retail companies; petroleum distribution and retail entities; power generation, transmission and distribution companies; private security companies and the press. These businesses will however be monitored.

The three major affected states are some of the most populated states in Nigeria hence demand for food has risen high. The president has assured Nigerians that food processing, distribution and retail companies are exempted from the lockdown. Most people too in those affected states are individuals too who rely on their daily salary to feed themselves and their families. Young men who work on a daily basis for money are left without anything to feed themselves. This has led to the continuous news of robbery attacks in Lagos and Ogun State. Therefore, the governments have decided to distribute food items to as many people that are in need of them.

The lockdown may spike security concerns as security agents would be tasked with the double duty of enforcing the restrictions while protecting lives and properties. A few security challenges have been reported in other African countries that have imposed similar restrictions. For example, in Rwanda, the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to impose a lockdown, police have denied that two civilians shot dead Monday were killed for defying the new measure, saying the men attacked an officer after being stopped.

Indeed all lives matter, but it is safe to say that priority will be given to corona virus cases. The healthcare sector will be overwhelmed as doctors, nurses, and other healthcare practitioners are working round the clock to save lives of corona virus patients as well as those with other health challenges.

Citizens of Nigeria are still locked behind the gates of their houses as instructed by the federal government of Nigeria. Fear has gripped the hearts of many; Christians have risen up in prayers. We believe that soon this enemy called **CORONA VIRUS** will become history.