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Coronavirus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as we all know is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Most people who fall sick with COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms and recover without special treatment. The

The virus that causes COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes or exhales. These droplets are too heavy to hang in the air, and quickly fall on floors or surfaces. You can be infected by breathing in the virus if you are within close proximity of someone who has COVID-19, or by touching a contaminated surface and then your eyes, nose or mouth.

A lockdown in Nigeria was however administered by Government authorities which has brought about many effects. Apart from the dire state of the healthcare system, 69 million Nigerians have no access to clean water. This invariably leads to water-borne diseases like cholera, which continue to break out as regular epidemics. Social distancing and self-isolation presuppose that people have enough space. In Lagos where we have over 100 slum areas, about 80 people can be found sharing a 10-room building with only two toilets and a bathroom being shared by all with no pipe-borne or treated water rapidly available.

It is very difficult for street workers and lawkers to get food as they are confined to their homes and have no other source of income or any other approach in getting their money. Many people in the country are suffering due to this lockdown and poor people have no food.

The price of crude oil tumbled like never before in the last 20 years. It went to as low as below \$20 per barrel from above \$60 just before the pandemic. It has never been this bad in the last two decades and this has made a mess of the Nigerian federal government's budget estimates for 2020, making salaries payment, debt obligations and other projections uncertain.

In his speech to the nation, the Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari acknowledged that the restrictions may make it hard for people to feed themselves and so "relief materials" would be distributed to communities around the states affected.

But the Nigerian government will have to take into account the country's peculiar economic circumstances when it implements its migrating measures. In particular, it must bear in mind the millions of Nigerian households whose livelihoods depend on the self-employed and small-scale entrepreneurs.

In general, COVID-19 pandemic lockdown has put many in uncomfortable situations. We hope as a nation that this pandemic should not only get better but should also or almost completely come to an end.