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**WRITE A REPORT OF NOT MORE THAN TWO PAGES, ON CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENTS OF NIGERIANS.**

**INTRODUCTION**

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). But the COVID-19 is a new virus which has been introduced to humans for the first time.

Cases of Covid-19 first emerged in late 2019, when a mysterious illness was reported in Wuhan, China. The cause of the disease was soon confirmed as a new kind of coronavirus, and the infection has since spread to many countries around the world and become a pandemic.

On 11 February the World Health Organization announced that the official name would be covid-19, a shortened version of coronavirus disease 2019. The WHO refers to the specific virus that causes this disease as the covid-19 virus.

This is not the formal name for the virus – the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses calls it the “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2”, or SARS-CoV-2, because it is related to the virus that caused the SARS outbreak in 2003. However, to avoid confusion with SARS the WHO calls it the covid-19 virus when communicating with the public.

The most reported symptoms include a fever, dry cough and tiredness, and in mild cases people may get just a runny nose or a sore throat. In the most severe cases, people with the virus can develop difficulty breathing, and may ultimately experience organ failure. Some cases are fatal in most cases they develop pneumonia and if not treated on time die. The virus can also be asymptomatic, causing no noticeable illness in some people – but these people are still contagious and can spread the virus. Once symptoms develop, a person’s viral load declines steadily, and they become increasingly less infectious. However, people appear to keep shedding the virus for around two weeks after they recover from covid-19, both in their saliva and stools. This means that even once a person’s symptoms have cleared, it may still be possible to infect other people. People with mild or no symptoms can have a very high viral load in their upper respiratory tracts, meaning they can shed the virus through spitting, touching their mouths or noses and then a surface, or possibly talking. The new coronavirus has also been found to persist for days on surfaces, though that doesn’t necessarily mean these virus particles could still infect other people. That could be diminished by ultraviolet light.

**EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA**

The Federal Ministry of Health had confirmed a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) case in Lagos State, Nigeria. The case, which was confirmed on the 27th of February 2020, was the first case to be reported in Nigeria since the beginning of the outbreak in China in January 2020. The case was an Italian citizen who works in Nigeria and returned from Milan, Italy to Lagos, Nigeria on the 25th of February 2020. He was confirmed by the Virology Laboratory of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, part of the Laboratory Network of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control. The patient was clinically stable, with no serious symptoms, and was being managed at the Infectious Disease Hospital in Yabba, Lagos.

The Government of Nigeria, through the Federal Ministry of Health has been strengthening measures to ensure an outbreak in Nigeria is controlled and contained quickly. Which has led to the emergency lock down announced by the president in three states, Lagos, Abuja and Ogun states.

This lockdown has affected the country both rich and poor, affecting mostly as poor, as people can no longer go out to make ends meet or fend for their families as some people earn their wages daily. While the market women and men can no longer sell their goods leading to wastage and no gain or profit it has also led to criminal acts as people have become desperate. People now rob houses and people on the street to get something for themselves.

Although the government has tried its best to see to provide for the mass, as usual those in power are still seeking to gain profit from it. Some are even distributing only to their party members or those not even in need of it.

### **CONCLUSION**

The world at large is going through a lot right now as it is the worst we have ever seen, but every country is trying its best in order to try and curb it and also protects its citizens. What I am saying is that Nigerians though the times are hard should help one another and try to understand the importance of the lockdown and bear with it so that in the end we will all come out of this with joy and laughter.