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CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

The Corona Virus (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered Corona Virus. The virus affects the respiratory organs on the person infected and can be easily transmitted through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when a person sneezes. Although there is no cure yet, the rapid spread can be curbed by washing your hands with soap and water, using alcohol based hand sanitizers and as well as social distancing.

Due to the rapid spread of the virus, various countries including Nigeria has ordered her citizens to stay indoors. Although this is considered taking the right steps to battle this pandemic, the government of Nigeria tends to forget that Nigeria is a third world country and majority of her citizens belong to the class division and this has various effects on the citizens.

Some effects which lockdown and restriction of movement has caused in Nigeria are countless but some of them include;

High Criminal activities; Some Nigerian citizens generate income on daily basis from little dollar jobs like moulding of blocks, selling of goods, carrying of building stocks. During the course of this lockdown, there has been unavailability of jobs. The government on the other hand do not care for the needs of the people, hence these persons without jobs do not have what to eat. In response to the laxity of the government they have resulted to crime. There has been a steady increase of crime in Lagos and Ogun state particularly high cost of living. Due to the lockdown there has been an increase in the cost of living. People who are able to go to the market find it difficult to purchase what they need with the

money they have in hand. Some people no longer work and hence do not earn money hence they find it difficult to make purchases with the little they have.

Those who sell also use this opportunity to exploit others although it cannot be helped because these are difficult times for everybody. It is also because of the restriction of movement and it is to their advantage because people have little or no choice on where to purchase their essential need from.

Increased Violence; due to the lockdown, there has been an increase in the numbers of security personnel found on the streets. Some of these officers abuse their power and beat up citizens. Citizens on the other hand often take laws into their own hand and retaliate; the rate of violence has risen to a great extent in Warri, Delta state.

There has also ^{been} reported sightings of jungle justice since the lockdown. People who are caught stealing are being beaten mercilessly by fellow citizens. Although things are hard, this is the time to display love and affection towards one another.

The partial lockdown in some part of Nigeria poses many difficulties as most Nigerians feed on daily income. Lagos state has been on lockdown since over 14 days and the governor has really helped in distribution food items for poor people. Also properly cook your eggs and meat and eat food rich in vitamins to strengthen the immune system. Avoid hugging or shaking of hands or any any form of cuddling because the infected might not show any symptoms.

We should all try to follow the precautions and I am sure we could fight this Corona Virus.