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**QUESTION**

Write a report on the Corona Virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

**A REPORT ON THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECT OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA**

In the past, there has been a lot of pandemics which have claimed the lives of hundreds of millions of innocent children and adults. The most current of them all, Coronavirus ( COVID 19 ), has now added to the list of the deadliest pandemics leaving the whole world in fear and anxiety. This virus has rapidly reduced the population of countries, suspended the productive activities in countries which have negatively affected the growth and development in those countries. This disease is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered virus called “Coronavirus”.

Coronavirus ( COVID 19 ) is a respiratory disease that affects people of all ages. Those with the highest risk of death are those that are 60 years of age and above. Also, it has been noticed that people who suffer from respiratory illnesses like asthma and other diseases like pneumonia, diabetes, and the likes are likely not to survive the disease. Some of the symptoms of the disease include fever, unnecessary fatigue, dry cough, shortness of breath/difficulty in breathing, aches and pains, sore throat, sudden confusion, digestive issues, lost of smell and taste and so on. Some safety precautions have been stated by WHO to people who have mild symptoms and are otherwise. Instructions are they should immediately self-isolate their selves and contact the COVID 19 emergency line for advice and instructions.

The WHO has also highlighted certain preventive measures which can slow down the rapid spread of the virus. Some of which include washing of hands frequently, sneezing and coughing into a handkerchief, complete abstinence from smoking and drinking or anything that might cause harm to the lings or the body in general and the most essential measure which is social distancing. Due to the dangerous and rapid spread of the virus and its increasing mortality, the countries of the world saw to it that this measure was effectively and immediately implemented which led to the general lockdown of streets, shops, and so on in all those countries.

The virus first came to Nigeria on the 27th of February 2020, in Lagos state. It was hosted by an Italian man who worked in Nigeria and returned from Milan since the beginning of the outbreak in December 2019. Presently, there are 541 cases of Coronavirus of which 166 have recovered and 19 recorded deaths.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Governors of states in agreement with the president of Nigeria, Mohammadu Buhari, have ordered a further two weeks of lockdown in addition to the previous two weeks ordered earlier. The lockdown, though implemented with the positive aim of preventing spread, has brought about negative effects on citizens of the country. Some of which include:

* Increased idleness and hunger which is as a result of jobs being stopped and wages and salaries not being paid. All these negatively affect the citizens.
* Increased in security in the country as a result of hunger and lack of jobs. People involve their selves in social vices like robbery as a means of survival.
* No economic development as a result of businesses shutting down due to lockdown enforcement. The lack of productive activities in the country will negatively affect the economic, thus worsening matters.

Some effective measures that could be taken by the government in increasing the ease with which citizens will survive in this unfortunate period include:

* Provision of foodstuffs and money to the citizens.
* Increased efforts to enforce the lockdown and prevent spread.

The country is in a state of economic and social instability, with the major aim of safeguarding as many lives as possible. With the help of NCDC and joint efforts of Nigerians in being safety cautious, this virus could be contained and cured in the country.