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The 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic is an ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The outbreak was identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. The World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020 and recognised it as a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

The first confirmed case of the pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 in Nigeria was announced on 27 February 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive for the virus caused by SARS-CoV-2. On 9 March 2020, a second case of the virus was reported in Ewekoro, Ogun state, a Nigerian citizen who had contact with the Italian citizen.

As at 30 March, Federal Government announced the locking down of Lagos state, Ogun state and the FCT, for a period of two weeks from 11pm on 30th March, ordering citizens of the affected areas to stay in their homes, banning travel to or from other states and announcing the ~~the~~ shutdown of businesses and offices, and other states decided to implement the lockdown in their places.

One of the major challenges the Federal and state government have to deal with during this lockdown is insecurity; most of the criminals are those who depend on daily income for food. In some community they do vigil daily because of the high rate of crime.

As the lock down to curtail the pandemic comes into place, the round table is starting our conversation towards the often addressed consequence of incidents like this on our most vulnerable population, women, children, the physically challenged, the old and the unemployed.

The economy affects men, women and other members of the society able or disabled. However it is factual that women, children and the vulnerable groups due to the pre-existing economic and social conditions are often worse affected.

In a developing economy with very poor infrastructure like Nigeria, living for most people is on a substantial level. Most people earn and spend on a daily basis as the economy nears a total lockdown, this groups are virtually without any hope of substance in any economy that gives virtually no support to most citizens.

Some of the women before now where both financially dependent and have lived under certain levels of violence at home, they now realise that the idea of a lockdown creates an enclosure that now literally locks up a cat and a mouse. If a man is the breadwinner he is probably used to going out early everyday and coming back late at night, now with a twenty four hours stay at home, domestic violence, physical, sexual, verbal and emotional are on the increase, Men could be victims too and in a society that bullies meant to be men might suffer in silence but we equally know that women, the physically challenged and children suffer more domestic violence often.

The financial predicament of most Nigerians at this time is better imagined than seen, given that most of them due to the socio-cultural structure ~~are~~ are disempowered financially.