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THE CORONA VIRUS

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

Due to the rapid spread of the virus, various countries including Nigeria ordered her citizens to stay indoors. 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 its citizen belongs to the class division and this has various effects on the citizens.

Some effects caused by the lockdown and restrictions of movement has caused in so any problems in Nigeria some include;

HIGH CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES: some Nigerians generate income on a daily basis from blue collar jobs like moulding of blocks, selling of goods, carrying of building materials. During the cause of the lockdown, there has been unavailability of jobs. The government on the other hand do not care for the needs of these people hence, they decide to engage in criminal activities to feed themselves resulting to a steady increase in crime especially in lagos and ogun state

HIGH COSTOF LIVING: due to the lockdown there has been an increase in the cost of living. People who earn on a daily basis are currently jobless and can’t afford to pay for their house rent and buy food. Those selling use this as an opportunity to exploit causing a hike in price of goods in the market which also result in stealing.

INCREASED VIOLENCE: due to the lockdown, there has been an increase in the number of security personal found on the streets .some of these officers abuse their powers and beat up citizens most citizens retaliate .the rate of violence has risen to a great extent. There have also been reported sightings of jungle justice since the lockdown. People who are caught stealing are beaten mercilessly by the citizens.

There was a declaration of 14 days lockdown in all the states in Nigeria however, due to the continuous rise in number of cases everyday there has been an extension in various states possibly until a certain cure is found.