**The Corona Virus Pandemic and the Effects of the Lockdown and Restriction of Movement on Nigerians**

The corona virus also known as the covid-19 are a large family of viruses which affects the human respiratory organ (the lungs), thereby causing respiratory infections , these can range from the common cold to more serious diseases such as, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome(SARS)and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome(MERS). It can be contacted by touching or coming in contact with infected persons or surfaces and can be spread by releasing of droplets from coughing or sneezing or even saliva particles that are released during communication. They are also said to be zoonotic, that is, it can be transmitted between animals and human.

The disease broke out in a city located in China called Wuhan. The first case was discovered on December, 2019. Due to the deadliness of the disease and the easy method of its transmission, the Chinese Health Organisation advised that the china residents make use of masks and gloves to reduce the spread of the virus, and a lockdown was also ordered by their government so as to make it easier for the medical teams to go from house to house in order to discover all possible cases of the virus.

Though the virus was discovered to break out in Wuhan, the medical team have been able to overcome the disease as they have been able to cure all those who had the disease except those who lost their lives in the course of treatment. Before the disease was overcome in Wuhan, it was spread to other nations of the world (Nigeria to be precise) by travellers who are ignorant of them having the disease. After discovering the first case of the virus in a state in Nigeria known as Lagos state on the 28th of February, 2020, several preventive measures were administered to Nigerians such as washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds and applying the hand sanitizer also.

The total number of cases in Nigeria now sums up to 493 cases, to reduce the speed at which the pandemic (the corona virus) spreads, the Nigerian Government also decided to follow the measures taken by the Chinese to curb the spread of the disease, so the government instructed the total lockdown of the Nigerian states so as to reduce or totally the spread of the disease and the effects on the life of those who are affected already.

The total lockdown or restriction of movements of the people has caused a lot on the lifestyle of people, though the lockdown has helped in reducing the rate at which the pandemic (corona virus) spreads, because people who may have contacted the disease in one way or the other have been denied the ability to relate with individuals so they won’t be able to spread the disease from themselves to others without their knowledge, this restriction also have some negative effects which it has caused upon the Nigerians.

Amongst the consequences is idleness among the Nigerian youths who have lost their jobs to the pandemic which has gone across the nation causing every inhabitant of Nigeria to either work from home for those that do online jobs or leave their offices indefinitely. Some other citizens have settled for indulging in illicit or morally unacceptable jobs for example stealing to get food items or money to buy food items since they can no longer go to their workplaces with an assurance of receiving salaries.

All gatherings for occasions such as sporting activities(visiting the stadium to watch a match or game), parties, clubbing, ceremonies and even going to religious places of worship (churches and mosques) have been banned for the period of the lockdown and this has caused a lot of negative beliefs amongst the people like the lockdown is part of the missions of the anti- christ in order to stop the Christians from praying to their God.

The hooligans who have no home but find themselves a place of sheltr on road sides or underneath bridges have resorted into robbery to occupy themselves for the night since no person must be seen outside their homes. Those who even had some place to work decently have lost the opportunity and resolved into violence.

A lot has also been complaining on the uneffectiveness of the government, in an interview, a Nigerian said “nothing has been supplied to us by the federal government without them being ignorant of the command by the president for every Nigerian inhabitant to stay at home”. Another said “ The government is not taking care of populace at all, no basic provision, not even food to those who can’t move out of their house at all”.

In conclusion, we remain fully persuaded that together we will overcome this pandemic (corona virus).