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The Corona Virus Pandemic

According to worldometer, as at 12:59 GMT of April 18, 2020, there was 155,205 deaths to corona virus and there are currently 2,269,630 confirmed cases in 210 countries and territories. The daily death growth factor is at an exponential growth rate.

What is this virus that is popularly believed to be the gate way to the end of humanity? From where did it originate? Who created it? How does it spread? Most importantly, how can we tackle it?

According to World Health Organization, Corona Viruses are a large family of viruses that are known to cause illnesses ranging from common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The first case of corona virus was in Wuhan, China on the 31st of December, 2019. Despite the rumours of the China government being the ones who created this virus, what we are truly certain of is that this virus wasn’t created in a lab and has a natural origin.

Contrary to the myth, corona virus s not air-borne but it can persist on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days. Like any other virus, corona virus is only active when it enters the body and that is through the nose, eyes and mouth. That is why it is important to wash your hands with soap and water or make use of an alcohol-based rub.

Due to the rapid spread of this virus, social distancing is being observed worldwide. The government of most countries has made it compulsory that citizens remain indoors till this pandemic is over. According to World Health Organization, there is no cure yet but victims ae being treated by administering to them, the drugs that will fight the symptoms of the corona virus.

In as much as the lockdown and restriction of movement has its merits it also has its demerits. A large percentage of Nigerians like hawkers and bus drivers who live on the money they make daily will have no means of surviving. This will leave them with no choice but to steal and kill to survive. There is a rumour going around that the supposed palliatives that are being given to the citizens are just for publicity sake. It was affirmed that some citizens of the country were being given twenty thousand naira while pictures were being taken, when actually the twenty thousand naira was a façade because those citizens were only given two thousand naira from the twenty thousand. Because of this, just as many people who are dying from the pandemic are dying from the evil claws of hunger.

As the saying goes, “An idle mind is the devil’s workshop”. During this period, scammers are on the rise and youth misuse the internet. This lock down has even affected school calendars and has delayed the progress of students.

This pandemic will eventually affect the standard of living of Nigerians. Government purchases on medical infrastructure and no money is coming in through exports. Therefore, the only place our economy is going is downhill.

If we are being honest with ourselves, this pandemic is not the only crisis our country is faced with at the moment and when it’s all over, we will be left with a country in disarray.

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