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WRITE A REPORT OF NOT MORE THAN TWO PAGES, ON THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTIONS OF MOVEMENTS ON NIGERIANS.

Corona virus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered Corona virus, in which the first case was from Wuhan China in December 2019. Most of the people who are infected by this type of Corona virus (COVID-19) are more likely to experience mild to moderate symptoms and recover without needing any special treatment. An individual can be infected by this strain of virus through droplets which can mainly be generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes or exhales. Due to the fact that these droplets are unable to hang in air, they tend to fall on surfaces till and unsuspectful person comes in contact with the droplets on the surface.

However, due to the high rate of confirmed cases of people infected with COVID-19 (2,375,443), majority of the countries around the globe have decided to go on a lockdown including Nigeria . This is to keep the citizens safe as well reduce their chances of coming in contact with anyone that might be infected with the virus. Although, many Nigerian citizens have different feelings about this lockdown, which includes: how people would be able to have access to food items, how they might be able to sell to put food on their table or if Corona Virus (COVID-19) is actually in Nigeria .

Although, the Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari announced a 14-day extension and stated that “it is a matter of life and death and therefore the lockdown was necessary”. The nations response was that the lockdown as well as restrictions of movement could definitely add to the hardship of millions of Nigerians living hand to mouth. Often less than one dollar a day, as it is a known fact that many Nigerians depend on daily wages, they have to go out to buy food and put on their table.

This has therefore been a cause for concern for a lot of Nigerians as the robbery rate are starting to increase day by day. This case can be linked to how these robbers have to way to feed themselves and as now resorted to robbing people's houses, as a faster way to get money.

Another concern about the lockdown is the fact that it could open the door for an increased generator pollution. With Nigeria's struggling national grid lacking in capacity to power the entire country , generators are being used as an alternative by a large population of Nigerians. Given the unreliable supply of electricity, many citizens staying at home are more likely to use their generator overtime. This will therefore increase the generator pollution in their various residential areas.

In terms of restriction of movements, many Nigerians said they wished there was no restriction of movements, instead the government could have distributed safety equipments such as medical gloves and nose masks to all citizens of Nigeria as well as PPE's to all medical staffs. Notwithstanding the fact that this is something possible, there are still a high chance of people misusing this privilege when given a chance which could further increase the confirmed cases of Corona virus (COVID-19) in Nigeria.

Conclusion:

The lockdown as well as the restriction of movements across Nigeria should be imposed strictly as looking at the numbers of confirmed cases across the world as well as the death rate is frightening. This is because other countries with moderate to superb health cares still battle badly with coping with the treating the confirmed cases of Corona virus (COVID-19). Now, comparing this with the state of the health care system of Nigeria or even Africa as a whole; handling this virus will definitely be a tedious job if it gets out of hand. Therefore, the lockdown as well as restriction of movements in Nigeria should not seem as a problem as long as the Nigerian government ensures that they do their part, which involves taking care of their citizens needs such as food, and electricity and a better health care system just like how it's done in other western countries.