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QUESTION

STATE The effects and Restrictions of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Nigerians.

EFFECTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA

Corona virus has made more impact on the society and daily activities of individuals and Nation as a whole than initially predicted. The virus which originated from Wuhan, China has spread to over 200 countries and over 2 million cases has been recorded and over 100,000 lives has been claimed. The virus according to WHO is a pandemic as it spans across continents. The virus has not only affected the physical well being of humans but also the social and economic well being.

Some of its effects is the lockdown of countries. Citizens are advised, persuaded or even forced to stay at home in order to inhibit the spread of the virus because the virus is easily transmitted. Lockdown of the country means no ^{physical} social interaction between people, without social interactions, Economic, Educational, Religious and so many other societal systems can barely function.

Economically the virus is a strain on the treasury of nations as so many countries have spent so much money in research to find the cure, production of masks, Equipment of hospitals etc. The virus also affects citizen because citizens can hardly work without work there is no income in their households which inevitably leads to hunger and poverty. But not work also leads to the countries with Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

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Educationally, ~~at home~~ students now take online classes so as to meet up with the school curriculum and to avoid setbacks. The Online classes seem as the best available substitute to learning in the school environment but it is no where as effective. Students require physical attention from their teachers and other staff in order to learn effectively as they can't get this at home. Corona virus has inhibited the gathering of students in Academic settings and has presented E-Learning as the next available substitute. E-Learning is hardly as effective and this could affect students in terms of assignments, tests and exams.

All religious gatherings have been halted indefinitely till the country is cured from this pandemic. The religious/spiritual needs of citizens is very important and necessary for their emotional and mental health.

The country is susceptible to crime and other vices which may arise among hungry youths, hence after a period of time is an inevitable result of not being able to work. Once the citizens become hungry they rebel against constituted authority and their sole focus is to feed by any means necessary. Crimes such as robbery, destruction of government infrastructure and so on has already been recorded and is increasing during the period of the lockdown.

The virus has affected citizens, society and the nation as a whole in so many ways. These effects and restrictions may worsen until the country is cured from the virus and daily activities of individuals can continue.