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QUESTION: Write a report of not more than 2 pages, on the Corona virus pandemic and the effect of lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

The Corona virus(COVID-19) is an epidemic that could become a global pandemic emerged in a densely populated manufacturing and transport hub in central China and has since spread to 29 other countries and regions (as of 20 February 2020), carried along by Chinese new year and international travel.

In contrast to the Western Africa Ebola emergency of 2013-2016-more deadly but less contagious, arguably more isolated, and eventually contained in part by richer countries putting money into Africa. COVID-19 presents larger more interdependent countries with management dilemmas.

These are trying times for billions of people around the world. In the `wake of the coronavirus pandemic, nations are taking measures to combat the deadly disease as it spreads rapidly and cripples the global economy.

Consequent to the rise in the number of affected cases of coronavirus in Nigeria, the president of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari has ordered a lockdown in Lagos, Abuja and Ogun(the most affected states in Nigeria). The lockdown will take effect from 11pm on Monday,30th March 2020.These measures, president Muhammadu Buhari, warned will cause all inconveniences to many people.

Effect of the lockdown and restriction of movement on the lives of Nigerians in the affected states are as follows:

1. **Businesses will shut down:** Although many businesses have been shuttered or left operating a low capacity mode in the past few weeks, especially in Lagos, the new restriction order will see many more businesses shut down with the exception of hospitals, medical and health care related establishments; food processing distribution and retail companies; petroleum distribution and retail entities; power generation and so on. These business will however be monitored.
2. **Food price hike**: The three affected states are some of the most populated states in Nigeria hence demand for food will be high. The president assured Nigerians that food processing, distribution and retail companies would be exempted from the lockdown.  
   Buhari also promised that relief materials will be provided for residents of satellite and commuter towns and communities around the affected states.
3. **Security Concerns:** The lockdown may spike security concerns as security agents would be tasked with the double duty of enforcing the restrictions while protecting lives and properties.