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## REPORT ON COVID - 19

Covid - 19 is a highly contagious virus disease that is said to have originated in Wuhan, China. Also, many believe that it originated from bats, although the immediate source of the origin is not known. The corona virus receives its name from the halo or crown (Corona) that is seen when the virus is viewed by an electron microscope. However, there is no clinically approved antiviral drug or vaccine available to be used against it i.e. there is no cure or treatment for it, but there are many people ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments.

Covid - 19 is transmitted primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It can also be transmitted by body contact or fluids.

The symptoms of corona virus are, fever, tiredness and dry cough. Other symptoms people experience are aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhoea and shortage of breath. On average it takes 5-6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show; however it can take up to 14 days.

While some western, traditional or home remedies may provide comfort and alleviate symptoms of covid-19, there is no evidence that current medicine can prevent or cure the disease as mentioned earlier. But however there are ways to prevent covid-19 which are;

- i) Keeping a safe distance from the infected persons.
- ii) Washing your hands often.
- iii) Covering your mouth when coughing.
- iv) Calling NCDC if symptoms persist.

Covid-19 has also caused a great impact in most countries, which also affects the citizens. Hence, the effects of covid-19 are:-

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i) It leads to lockdown in most countries

Due to the covid-19 lockdown, economy activities have been stalled, like those that go out on daily basis to earn a living cannot do such again because of the lockdown. The lockdown therefore has also aggravated the hunger among people in the society e.g. people going on protest in Lagos due to hunger. Also as a result of lockdown, small and medium scale Enterprise (SME) that employ one or two people have closed down because they are not open for business, hence they have laid off their workers.

ii) Increase in crime rate

Due to covid-19 pandemic, crime rates in most countries have increased like armed robbery, rape, murder, etc. Also people that do such crimes are trying to get food and money for survival.

iii) Depression in economy of Nation

Due to lockdown in many nations, Economic activities have been stalled. E.g. some economies like UK have been lockdown for over three weeks, so financial experts project that most economies may go into depression.

iv) Due to shortage of PPE (personal protective equipment), health workers are contracting covid-19 and eventually some of them die. This will also lead to depletion of health work force. In addition, the health systems are overwhelmed due to share number of those infected e.g. ~~USA~~ US, over 500,000 infected and over 100,000 are dead. In Nigeria, currently, 621 are infected, 21 deaths and 170 recovered.

v) It wipes out a particular segment of generation due to the fact that they have reduced immune system.

vi) Stigmatization

This is the act of treating someone or something unfairly by publicly disapproving of them. e.g. like some countries, tests were conducted and when the results came out, some people were tested positive, while some people were tested negative. However the ones that were tested negative were stigmatized by their families and other people in the society.